

Frank Weikart

Frank Weikart was a young St. Louis native signed by the Whites in December of 1887. He played with the Little Rock team in the Southwestern League in 1887, where he was both a second baseman and a pitcher, described as “so swift that none of the Southwestern League catchers could hold him.” He played in three games with the Whites in Spring Training in the outfield. At the end of March, he was released by the club. The Globe Democrat reports he received a telegram on April 6, the Republican reports that he was released on April 7, and the Globe-Democrat reports he left town on the evening of April 7 to go to Houston to join the Texas League club there. It is unclear if he received a better offer from Houston and asked to be released, or if he was released and got the offer. Either way, he played with Houston and then San Antonio during the 1888 season. He played 21 seasons in the minors through age 43, finishing his career as a player/manager in Galveston in 1907 and 1908. Baseball-Reference credits him with almost 1200 games and over 4000 Abs for his career, although records are not available for some seasons.

Weikart was one of three players (the others being Pete Sommers and Jerry McCormack) to appear in a Spring Training game with Whites, but not to appear in a league game. While the other two had cards in the Old Judge cards set in which they were identified with St. Louis, Weikart did not, suggesting that he was released before the cards were produced.

Spring stats for the Whites

Date	Opponent	Pos.	AB	R	BH	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	K
3/25/1888	Browns	rf	3	0	0				0		1
3/27/1888	Browns	rf	3	0	0				0		2
3/29/1888	Browns	rf	4	0	1				0		2
Totals (3 G)			10	0	1				0		5

Recorded one putout, with one error and no assists

EDWARD WEIKART
is a St. Louis boy and spent nineteen years of his life on Grand avenue near Sportsman's Park. He is now 20 years of age, and the year just past was spent with the Little Rock team of the disbanded Southwestern League. Weikart is an infielder of some capacity, and will also wear a white stocking uniform the coming season.

given the better he gets.

Weikart and Careby, the battery of the Western Athletic Club, of St. Louis, have joined the Hot Springs team.

The New York club has offered Richard-

Times-Picayune (New Orleans) June 1, 1877

Mr. Frank Weikart, second baseman and pitcher of our last year's base ball club, has been signed by President Von der Ahe for his Western League club. Frank is a fine ball tosser and a hard hitter, and will be in the big clubs in two or three years hence. He led the Southwestern League in batting and led the second basemen in fielding. He is also one of the swiftest pitchers it has ever been our pleasure to see, in fact he was so swift that none of the Southwestern League catchers could hold him.

Arkansas Democrat (Little Rock), December 17, 1887

THERE is a telegram at this office for Frank B. Weikart.

Globe Democrat April 6, 1888

Philadelphia Ledger.

—Frank Weikart has been released by the St. Louis Whites and a chance is offered to some of the Texas league clubs to secure a good pitcher and outfielder.

—The *Sporting News*, out to-day, has a 4x10

April 7, 1888 St. Louis Republican

FRANK B. WEIKART, late of the St. Louis Western Association Club, left last night for Houston to join the Texas League team there.

Globe Democrat April 8, 1888

Fred Mann Released.

The weeding-out process has begun at Sportsman's Park, and will continue from this on. Weikert was released some time ago and went to Fort Worth. Yesterday Fred Mann, the right fielder, was released. Lyons has been playing such good ball that there

Globe Democrat April 23, 1888

Joe Murphy will not play with the Browns under the name of Ashland.

From the present outlook Jimmy Williams' boys will trouble all the teams the coming season. They seem to be hitting the ball in the nose, fielding in good shape and running the bases like good fellows.

Frank B. Weikart, who was released by Manager Loftus a few days since, has gone to Houston, Tex., to join the Texas League team in that city.

Sporting Life April 18, 1888

WEIKART MAY MANAGE LOCALS

Shreveport, Oct. 6.—Frank Weikart, the popular, hard-working, consistent and honest first baseman of the Shreveport baseball club, who finished the season with New Orleans, has returned home. Weikart has been playing the national game since 1887, when he commenced his professional career with Hot Springs and finished the season with Houston, of the Texas league, which year professional ball was inaugurated in the Lone Star State.

Weikart, though next season is six months off, already has an offer. The management of the Vicksburg team of the Cotton States League

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Weikart and His Bride.

Yesterday morning Frank Weikart, the hard-hitting, fast fielding first-baseman of Bob Gilks's Shreveport team, with his bride, left the Windsor Hotel and moved out to the residence of James S. Keyton, 942 Adams Street.

With his customary taciturnity Frank Weikart has sprung a surprise not only on Montgomery but on the Southern League and the world of baseball. On Monday, the 20th day of February, there was a quiet wedding in the study of Dr. E. L. Hill in Eufaula. "The high contracting parties," as they say in the society write-ups, were Miss Zennie L. Ardis of Montgomery and Frank Weikart of Shreveport.

The mysterious bobbing in and out of Montgomery of Weikart has been frequent of late years. He has at last shown his hand.

Way back through the vistas of memory one recalls Frank Weikart doing just about the fastest bit of fielding at second base ever done in Montgomery. It was in 1892, a pretty far cry, those thirteen years, that Frank was doing the second base work for Charlie Levis. He had the reputation then of being one of the fastest men in the Southern League. While he is a good bit older—a man is naturally older with thirteen years trailing after him—he is the same athletic ball player now that he was in

FRANK B. WEIKART PASSES SUDDENLY

Once Leading Baseball Player;
Rites From Leak Chapel
Today At 5 P. M.

Frank B. Weikart, 68, employe of the City Sanitary Department for many years, and at one time a prominent baseball player for Shreveport in the Southern Association, died suddenly early yesterday morning at his home, 221 South Jackson Street. Although Mr. Weikart was reported to have told several friends last week that he was not feeling well, he continued his work with the sanitary department.

Mr. Weikart began his baseball career in the Eastern League, but later, because of his hitting ability, was promoted to the Southern League. In 1905 he came to Montgomery from St. Louis as second baseman for the Montgomery club of the Southern League. After playing for several years with the local club, he went to Shreveport, and for five years, as a member of that city's club in the Southern League, starred on the baseball diamond.

He was sold to the Louisville Colonels, then in the National League, but he returned to the Southern League without having played for the Louisville club.

Mr. Weikart became connected with the city's sanitary department in 1911. He left the department four years later. In 1919 he resumed his work with the city, and remained on the sanitary department's payroll to the time of his death.

Last night he was praised for his services to the city both by Walter Brassell, sanitary department supervisor, and Mayor Gunter.

Funeral will be held from the Leak Chapel at 5 p.m. today with Dr. Richard Wilkinson, rector of St. Johns Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood.

Surviving are his widow, a nephew, Joe Molton, of St. Louis, and a niece, Mrs. Sid Hill, of Michigan Cty., Ind.

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