Frank D. Wells

Des Moines & Sioux City 1888

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team. If he is as effective during the coming season as he was last year, the Mile waukees will find him a valuable man.
Wells first played ball in Frankfort, Ry., in the Inter-State league, in 1885.

When that league broke up he went to Paducah, Ky., where he distinguished himself by pitching a fine game against the blacklisted team of St. Louis. The game was called after fourteen innings on account of darkness when the score stood 4 to 4. During the season of '85 he pitched nineteen games, winning seventeen, losing one and tieing one. In 1886 he pitched inseventeen games, winning seventeen, losing one and tieing one. In 1886 he pitched for the Atlanta, Ga., team, which won the Southern league pennant. He pitched in seventeen games which were won and four which were lost. In one game he pitched against the Charleston club and not a hit was made off him, and the only man who went to first base got there on balls. In '87 he played with the Des Moines team. He won twenty-eight out of thirty-eight games pitched for that team. Last season he started in with Des Moines, but was sold towards the close of the season to Sioux City for \$500. Wells has played every position on the ball field except behind the bat. In a game that he pitched several years ago against the Dayton club he struck out nineteen men, his catcher, Schildknicht, having twenty-one put-outs te his credit. Wells was born in Louisville twenty-six years ago. He stands 6 feet 7 inches and weighs 150 pounds. He is a potter by trade.

Frank Wells identified as a potter, born 26 years ago, in the Milwaukee Daily Sentinel March 18, 1889. That puts year of birth in 1863 or so.

ISpecial to the Courier-Journal. I FRANKFORT, April 25.—The Capital City Base-ball Club for the coming season has been strengthened by securing the following players, all of whom, excepting Buttimer, of this city, and Hammond, who lives in Henry county, are from Louisville: Frank Wells, p. and l. f.; Luke Shulknechdt, c. and r. f.; Martin Little, p. and l. f.; G. W. Hammond, c. and r. f.; W. Cornock, s. s.; James Long, lb.; Frank Buttimer, 2b.; Will. Shinkle, 3b.; John Edwards, c. f. The season will open next Friday at Lex-

The Courier-Journal (Louisville) April 26, 1885

Frank Wells and Jack G. Wentz, the battery from Louisville, Kentucky, arrived this morning from the east. They are a muscular pair, and look like they could knock a ball clear over the fence.	row. Frank Wells, the Louisville pitcher, has suddenly disappeared. It is believed he has gone to join the Savannah club.
Decatur (IL) Weekly Republican May 13, 1886 A NEW PITCHER SHGNED. Atlanta has signed a new pitcher, Frank Wells, of Decatur, Illinois. He was signed upon the recommendation of Monk Kline, who asserts that he is one of the best in the country.	Decatur Daily Republican May 14, 1886 FRANK WELLS, the Louisville boy who was signed to pitch for Atlanta, is a midget in size, but he has a record. THE Metropolitans are deprived of the ser-
The Macon Telegraph May 15, 1886	St. Louis Globe Democrat May 26, 1886

Charlie Williams and Frank Wells are the two youngest men in the Atlanta champions—both being 21.

Atlanta Constitution August 30, 1886 – Age 21 in 1886 implies birthdate of 1865 or so

MANAGER RYAN returned yesterday from his trip east, and reported the prospect for Des Moines securing a winning nine for next year as being good. Among the players secured are Frank Wells, who has been pitching in the Atlanta nine during the past season, and to whose excellent work is due much of the credit for their gaining the pennant of the Southern League. George Whiteby who has been the leading fielder and batter of the New England League, during the season just finished, and E. E. Sutcliffe who caught for the Chicagos during '85, and who has been	by and played with Atlanta, the Southern League champions of last season. He is five feet seven inches in height and weighs 145 pounds. When Atlanta secured him they were second in the race, Savannah being first. Wells beat them in two series, out of nineteen games winning fifteen, and the championship for Atlanta. He is remarkable for his nerve and staying qualities, which won for him seven fourteen and fifteen inning games last season. He is a prize, and much is looked for from him this season.
Des Moines Register Oct 22, 1886	Des Moines Register Feb 10, 1887

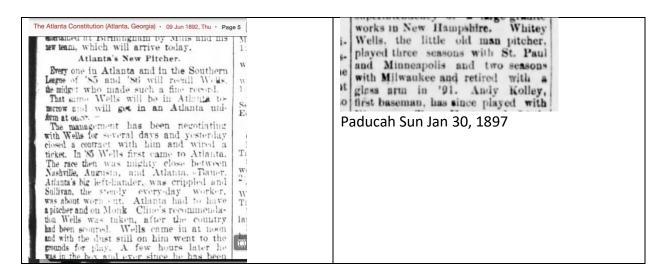
The full list of rising young Louisville players who have made contracts for the coming season is as follows: Leve Shreve, pitcher, Baltimores; August Weyhing, pitcher, Philadelphias; Ed Cline, right field, and Jack Beilman, catcher, both with the Mobiles; C. C. Reising, pitcher, Hastings, Neb.; John Corbett, short-stop, LaCrosse; Wm. Shenkle, pitcher, H. Smith, pitcher, Hirk Burnett, catcher, and Frank Reccius, second base, all with Milwaukee; Ed Sproats, pitcher, Denver; John McCloskey, catcher, and Red Ehret, pitcher, both with St. Joseph: Dienst, catcher, Evansville; Charles Hamburg, left field, Buffalo; Frank Wells, pitcher, Des Moines. Besides these, Frank Adams, pitcher; Ed Bowman, pitcher, and Tom Ferrell, catcher, will doubtless make contracts this week.

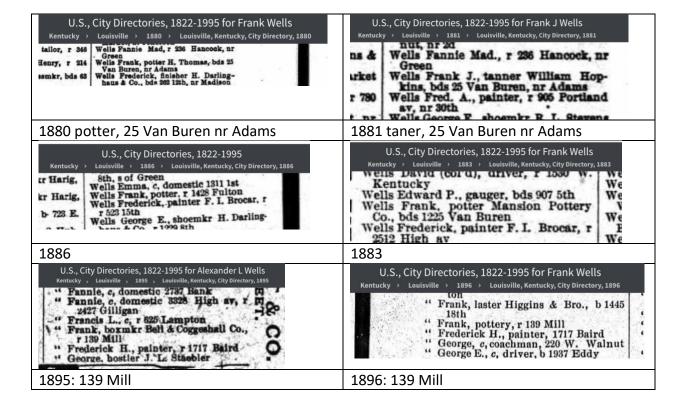
Louisville Courier Journal March 16, 1887

patrons of the Western association games. The team is well provided with pitchers. First on the list is William Shenkel, who played with the Milwaukee boys last year. He is a south-paw twirler. Then comes Frank Wells, of last year's Sioux City team, who is a right-handed pitcher, young and active, and a fair batter and base runner. Of the last twenty-one games that Wells picched he won four-teen. Clark Griffiths, of last year's Milwaukee team, will be signed shortly. He did excellent work last season, and a stood fourth in the Western association.	St. Paul vs. St. Joseph. The first meeting of the St. Paul and St. Joseph teams on the St. Paul grounds will occur this afternoon, St. Paul had the hardest fight to beat the Missourians of any team it met on the trip, and once had to play ten innings. The games hereafter will be called at 4 o'clock. Today's batteries will be Mains and Broughton and Klopf and Shellhasse. The base ball motor will leave for the grounds at 3:45. Some new timber will be added to the St. Paul team at once. Rudolph Kemmler and Pitcher Wells have been signed, and an attempt is being made to secure McGarr, who is now playing with Kansas City.
St. Paul Globe Jan 20, 1889 — Signed by Milwaukee not specially effective, but most of the safe drives of the Colorado batsmen were made after chances had been made to retire the side. Wells, the new acquisition of the St. Paul team, pitched the seventh and eighth innings, and was hit sately but twice. The features of the contest outside of those already mentioned were the batting, catching and throwing of Dolan, and a fine fly catch by Murphy. The score follows: St. Paul. A B B B B B P O A E Hawes, 1b.	St. Paul bas signed pitcher Frank Wells.
St. Paul Globe June 16, 1889 Wells on BBRef is wells-014	Buffalo Evening News June 23, 1889

inning at Minneapolis, on the morning of the 4th, he tore open the wound and had to retire. He won't be able to pitch for a week. Wells works hard, but doesn't seem to get back his old strategy and speed. He is full of malaria, and must get it out of him before he can do good work again. Both Mains and Tuckerman are in good form, and only need good tielding he-

St. Paul Globe July 6, 1889





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Name: Frank Wells

Residence Date: 1887

Residence Address: 1219 Van Buren

Residence Place: Louisville, Kentucky, USA

Occupation: Potter

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for David Wells

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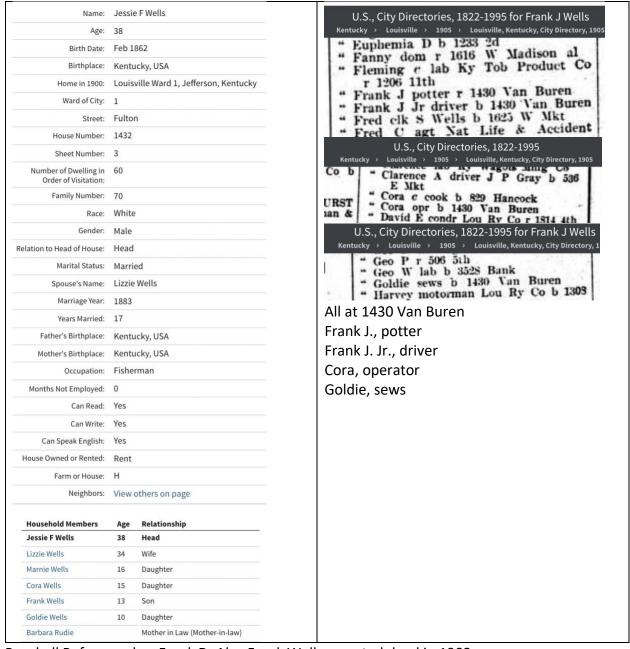
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Baseball Reference has Frank D. Also Frank Wells reported dead in 1903



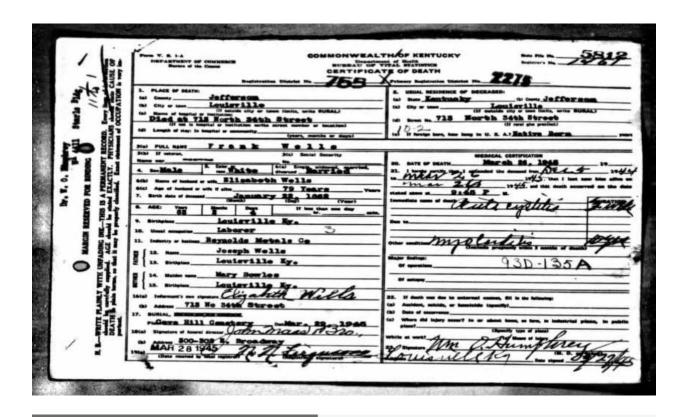
Franklin W. Sanderfer and Mattie Herrick. A. S. Hardin and Annie Thomas. Frank Wells and Lizzie Rudy. L. E. Linton and Julia Driscoll.



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1870 Census record



Frank Jessie Wells

BIRTH 22 Jan 1862

Jefferson County, Kentucky, USA

DEATH 26 Mar 1945 (aged 83)

Jefferson County, Kentucky, USA

BURIAL <u>Cave Hill Cemetery</u>

Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, USA

 PLOT
 SECTION 23 Lot 81-E1/2

 MEMORIAL ID
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MR. FRANK WELLS Burial Date: 03/26/1945

Age:83 Gender:Male Ethnicity:White

Spouse's Name:Elizabeth Wells Father's Name:Joseph Wells

Father's Birth Location:Louisville Kentucky

Mother's Name: Mary Bowles

Mother's Birth Location:Louisville Kentucky

Family Members

Spouse



Elizabeth *Rudi* Wells 1866–1946

Children



Mamie *Wells* Clark 1884–1939



Cora *Wells* Monahan 1885–1976



Frank Wells 1887–1919



Goldie *Wells* Brown 1889–1974

Name:	Frank Wells	
Age:	19	
Birth Date:	Abt 1861	
Birthplace:	Kentucky	
Home in 1880:	Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky, USA	
Street:	Vautriran Street	
House Number:	25	
Dwelling Number:	261	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Father's Birthplace:	Kentucky	
Mother's Birthplace:	Kentucky	
Occupation:	Laborer	
Months Not Employed:	4	
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1880 Census Record - Address is 25 Van Buren street, so Census indicates 1861 DoB

Probably not Frank Wells, the pitcher...



Aged Man's Sudden Death.

Jackson, Ky., Dec. 26.—[Special.]—Mr. Frank Wells died suddenly last night and was buried by the local Masonic lodge this afternoon. Mr. Wells was an old man and much respected.

Louisville Courier-Journal Dec 27, 1902

Of all the old team, only one member is dead. That is "Dad" Wells, another of the pitchers, who died recently at his home in Louisville, Ky.

Des Moines Register June 15, 1903

Democrat and Chronicle (Rochester, New York) • 13 Mar 1890. Thu •

have to jump in and play games at once. They are all working hard, and by March 28th will be in first-class condition. '' "Tell me something about Wells, your trial pitcher. '' Is : "He is a law clerk at Ogdensburg, 21 years old, five feet ten inches in height and weighs 175 pounds. I saw him pitch last fall and was well pleased with his work. He pitched twenty-six games last year and won them all. He comes with the club alv simply on trial and I am going to work him tic in the exhibition games for all he is worth. If he shows up well, all right, if not the expense won't be much. '' "How about the exhibition games?"

—Manager Powers last night released Pitcher John Wells. Mr. Powers says Wells is a good pitcher for some minor league but that he is hardly speedy enough for the American.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle June 9, 1890

Dunkirks go to M. adville on Monday. Wells, a new pitcher, arrived here last night.

The Erie Dispatch quotes the OBSEL-VER'S articles about Umpire Hope and

Dunkirk Evening Observer June 14, 1890

The New York & Pennsylvania league now has four pitchers from the big leagues Jones of Bradford from last season's Pittsburg National league team. Abbott of Jamestown from Toledo, American association, Meadville has Mays of Columbus and Dunkirk has just signed Wells from the Rochester American Association team.

Martin Flannigan of Toledo has been

Dunkirk Evening Observer June 28, 1890

Base-Ball Notes.

Waterbury has signed the following players: Lachance, Wells, Dowling, McAlency, Hickey, Siefke, Leahey and Kievney. The terms of Condoff and Mahoney, a well-known New Haven battery, have been ac-cepted. Wells is a promising young pitcher. In 1889 he shut out the Rochester American

Association team without a hit.
W. H. Kidd, the Wesleyan University
twirler, has signed with New Britain. Waterbury was after him.

Hartford Courant April 30, 1891