

## Frank D. Wells

### Des Moines & Sioux City 1888

#### Register Batting

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Year	Age	AgeDif	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS	TB	GDP	HBP	SH	SF	IBB	
1886	--		Atlanta	SOUA	B		19	63	10	13	1	0	0		1					.206		.222		14						
1887	--		Des Moines	NWES	N/A		50	203	32	72	9	2	1		28					.355		.433		88						
1888	--		2 Teams	WA	A		32	126	126	15	27	4	0	0	2								31							
1888	--		Sioux City	WA	A		26																							
1888	--		Des Moines	WA	A		6																							
1889	--		Milwaukee	WA	N/A		1		3	0	0	0	0	0	0					.000		.000		0						
1890	--		Dunkirk	NYPL	N/A																									
1891	--		Waterbury	CTST	E																									
<b>Minors (3 seasons)</b>							<b>Minors</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>							<b>14</b>							
<b>Other (3 seasons)</b>							<b>Other</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>							<b>88</b>							
<b>All Levels (6 Seasons)</b>								<b>102</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>							<b>102</b>							
<b>A (1 season)</b>							<b>Minors</b>	<b>32</b>																						
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<b>E (1 season)</b>							<b>Minors</b>																							

Frank Wells was one of the best pitchers in the Western association last season and the regularity with which he defeated the Milwaukee team is one of the most prominent features in the history of last season's



team. If he is as effective during the coming season as he was last year, the Milwaukeees will find him a valuable man.

Wells first played ball in Frankfort, Ky., 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 tying 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, Schildknight, having twenty-one put-outs to his credit. Wells was born in Louisville twenty-six years ago. He stands 5 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.

The Inter-State League.  
 [Special to the Courier-Journal.]  
 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 Shul-knecht, 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

<p>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.</p>	<p>ed row.          its Frank Wells, the Louisville pitcher, has suddenly disappeared. It is believed he has gone to join the Savannah club.</p>
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Decatur (IL) Weekly Republican May 13, 1886

Decatur Daily Republican May 14, 1886

<p>A NEW PITCHER SIGNED.          Atlanta has signed a new pitcher, Frank Wells, of Decatur, Illinois. He was sigled upon the recommendation of Monk Kline, who asserts that he is one of the best in the country.</p>	<p>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-</p>
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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

<p>THE DES MOINES NINE.          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</p>	<p>Frank Wells, pitcher, is from Louisville, 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.</p>
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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: Love Shreve, pitcher, Baltimores; August Weyhing, pitcher, Philadelphias; Ed Cline, right field, and Jack Bellman, 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 pitched he won fourteen. Clark Griffiths, of last year's Milwaukee team, will be signed shortly. He did excellent work last season, and 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

St. Paul Globe June 5, 1889

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 safely 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	R	I	B	S	H	P	O	A	E
Hawes, 1b...	5	1	2	1	7	1	1				
Murphy, cf...	4	1	2	0	3	1	0				
Carroll, rf...	4	1	0	1	1	1	2				
Reilly, 3b...	5	1	1	0	3	1	0				
Werrick, 2b...	1	2	0	0	4	5	2				
Wagehubst, ss	3	0	1	0	1	2	1				
Farmer, lf...	4	0	1	0	1	0	0				
Broughton, c...	3	0	0	0	2	2	1				
Mains, p.....	3	0	0	1	0	1	1				
Wells, p.....	1	0	0	0	2	0	0				
Totals .....	33	6	7	3	24	14	8				

DENVER.	A	B	R	I	B	S	H	P	O	A	E
Dalry'le, lf&3b	5	1	1	1	6	2	1				
McClellan, 2b	3	3	3	0	4	3	1				

St. Paul has signed pitcher Frank Wells, late of Milwaukee.

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 fielding be-

St. Paul Globe July 6, 1889

The Atlanta Constitution (Atlanta, Georgia) · 09 Jun 1892, Thu · Page 5

arranged at Birmingham by Mains and his new team, which will arrive today.

**Atlanta's New Pitcher.**

Every one in Atlanta and in the Southern League of '85 and '86 will recall Wells, the midget who made such a fine record. That same Wells will be in Atlanta tomorrow and will go in an Atlanta uniform at once.

The management has been negotiating with Wells for several days and yesterday closed a contract with him and wired a ticket. In '85 Wells first came to Atlanta. The race then was mighty close between Nashville, Augusta, and Atlanta. Bauer, Atlanta's big left-hander, was crippled and Sullivan, the steady every-day worker, was about worn out. Atlanta had to have a pitcher and on Monk Cline's recommendation Wells was taken, after the country had been scoured. Wells came in at noon and with the dust still on him went to the grounds for play. A few hours later he was in the box and ever since he has been

works in New Hampshire. Whitey Wells, the little old man pitcher, played three seasons with St. Paul and Minneapolis and two seasons with Milwaukee and retired with a glass arm in '91. Andy Kolley, first baseman, has since played with

Paducah Sun Jan 30, 1897

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

Kentucky > Louisville > 1880 > Louisville, Kentucky, City Directory, 1880

tailor, r 346 Wells Fannie Mad, r 236 Hancock, nr Green  
Henry, r 214 Wells Frank, potter H. Thomas, bds 25 Van Buren, nr Adams  
semkr, bds 63 Wells Frederick, snisher H. Darlinghaus & Co., bds 262 12th, nr Madison

1880 potter, 25 Van Buren nr Adams

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Frank J Wells

Kentucky > Louisville > 1881 > Louisville, Kentucky, City Directory, 1881

ns & Wells Fannie Mad., r 236 Hancock, nr Green  
rket Wells Frank J., tanner William Hopkins, bds 25 Van Buren, nr Adams  
r 780 Wells Fred. A., painter, r 905 Portland av, nr 30th  
t nr Wells George E. shoemkr R. L. Stevens

1881 tanner, 25 Van Buren nr Adams

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995

Kentucky > Louisville > 1886 > Louisville, Kentucky, City Directory, 1886

tr Harig, 8th, s of Green  
kr Harig, Wells Emma, c, domestic 1311 1st  
b 723 E. Wells Frank, potter, r 1428 Fulton  
Wells Frederick, painter F. I. Brocar, r r 523 15th  
Wells George E. shoemkr H. Darlinghaus & Co., 1999 8th

1886

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

Kentucky > Louisville > 1883 > Louisville, Kentucky, City Directory, 1883

Wells David (cord), driver, r 1830 W. Kentucky  
Wells Edward P., gauger, bds 907 5th  
Wells Frank, potter Mansion Pottery Co., bds 1225 Van Buren  
Wells Frederick, painter F. I. Brocar, r 2512 High av

1883

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Alexander L Wells

Kentucky > Louisville > 1895 > Louisville, Kentucky, City Directory, 1895

" Fannie, c, domestic 2737 Bank  
" Fannie, c, domestic 3328 High av, r 2427 Gilligan  
" Francis L., c, r 825 Lampton  
" Frank, boxmkr Bell & Coggeshall Co., r 139 Mill  
" Frederick H., painter, r 1717 Baird  
" George, hostler J. L. Staebler

1895: 139 Mill

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

Kentucky > Louisville > 1896 > Louisville, Kentucky, City Directory, 1896

ton  
" Frank, laster Higgins & Bro., b 1445 18th  
" Frank, pottery, r 139 Mill  
" Frederick H., painter, 1717 Baird  
" George, c, coachman, 220 W. Walnut  
" George E., c, driver, b 1937 Eddy

1896: 139 Mill

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  
 Kentucky > Louisville > 1898 > Louisville, Kentucky, City Directory, 1898

" J. Cook, floor finisher W. H. McKnight Sons & Co., b 1719 Maple  
 " J. Frank, potter Mansion Pottery Co., r river, e of Ohio  
 " Kean B., clk g. w. f. a. o. Sou. Ry. Co., r N. A

Name:	Jessie F Wells
Age:	38
Birth Date:	Feb 1862
Birthplace:	Kentucky, USA
Home in 1900:	Louisville Ward 1, Jefferson, Kentucky
Ward of City:	1
Street:	Fulton
House Number:	1432
Sheet Number:	3
Number of Dwelling in Order of Visitation:	60
Family Number:	70
Race:	White
Gender:	Male
Relation to Head of House:	Head
Marital Status:	Married
Spouse's Name:	Lizzie Wells
Marriage Year:	1883
Years Married:	17
Father's Birthplace:	Kentucky, USA
Mother's Birthplace:	Kentucky, USA
Occupation:	Fisherman
Months Not Employed:	0
Can Read:	Yes
Can Write:	Yes
Can Speak English:	Yes
House Owned or Rented:	Rent
Farm or House:	H
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>

Household Members	Age	Relationship
Jessie F Wells	38	Head
Lizzie Wells	34	Wife
Marnie Wells	16	Daughter
Cora Wells	15	Daughter
Frank Wells	13	Son
Goldie Wells	10	Daughter
Barbara Rudie		Mother in Law (Mother-in-law)

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Frank J Wells  
 Kentucky > Louisville > 1905 > Louisville, Kentucky, City Directory, 1905

" Euphemia D b 1233 2d  
 " Fanny dom r 1616 W Madison al  
 " Fleming c lab Ky Tob Product Co r 1206 11th  
 " Frank J potter r 1430 Van Buren  
 " Frank J Jr driver b 1430 Van Buren  
 " Fred clk S Wells b 1625 W Mkt  
 " Fred C agt Nat Life & Accident

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995  
 Kentucky > Louisville > 1905 > Louisville, Kentucky, City Directory, 1905

Co b " Clarence A driver J P Gray b 538 E Mkt  
 URST " Cora c cook b 829 Hancock  
 an & " Cora opr b 1430 Van Buren  
 " David E condr Lou Ry Co r 1814 4th

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Frank J Wells  
 Kentucky > Louisville > 1905 > Louisville, Kentucky, City Directory, 1905

" Geo P r 506 5th  
 " Geo W lab b 3528 Bank  
 " Goldie sews b 1430 Van Buren  
 " Harvey motorman Lou Ry Co b 1308

All at 1430 Van Buren  
 Frank J., potter  
 Frank J. Jr., driver  
 Cora, operator  
 Goldie, sews

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



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

## Frank Jessie Wells

BIRTH 22 JANUARY 1862 • Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky, USA  
 DEATH 26 MARCH 1945 • Louisville, Jefferson, Kentucky, USA

### Family

**Parents**

**Joseph Henry Wells**  
1835-1872

**Mary Bowles**  
1839-1894

**Siblings**

**Martha Wells**  
1857-

**Charles Wells**  
1859-1870

**Ella Belle Wells**  
1869-1888

**Jenny Wells**  
1870-1873

### Spouse & Children

**Elizabeth Lizzie Rudie**  
1865-1946

**Marnie Wells Clark**  
1884-1939

**Cora Wells Monahan**  
1885-1976

**Frank Wells Jr**  
1887-1919

**Goldie Wells**  
1889-1974

<https://www.ancestrylibrary.com/family-tree/person/tree/59891037/person/44054878132/facts>

Wells Joseph	37	M	M	Carpenter	100	Kentucky
— Mary	28	F	M	Keeps house		Kentucky
— Athy	12	F	M	at home		Kentucky
— Franklin	7	M	M			Kentucky
— Ella	3	F	M			Kentucky
— Jenny	3/2	F	M			Kentucky

1870 Census record

Form V. S. 1-4  
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 Bureau of Vital Statistics  
 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Registration District No. **755** X  
 Primary Registration District No. **2276**

State File No. **5812**  
 Registrar's No. **1267**

1. PLACE OF DEATH:  
 (a) County **Jefferson**  
 (b) City or town **Louisville**  
 (c) Name of hospital or institution (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL)  
**Place at 715 North 54th Street**  
 (If not in hospital or institution, write address number or location)  
 (d) Length of stay: In hospital or community (years, months or days)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:  
 (a) State **Kentucky** (b) County **Jefferson**  
 (c) City or town **Louisville**  
 (d) Street No. **715 North 54th Street**  
 (e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A. **Native Born**

3(a) FULL NAME **FRANK WELLS**  
 3(b) If veteran, Name and Service No. 3(c) Social Security No.

4. Sex **Male** 5. Color of hair **White** 6(a) Single, widowed, divorced, or other **Married**

6(b) Name of husband or wife **Elizabeth Wells**  
 6(c) Age of husband or wife if alive **79 Years**  
 7. Birth date of deceased **January 22, 1862** (Year) (Month) (Day)

8. AGE: Years **82** Months **2** Days **4** If less than one day state.

9. Birthplace **Louisville Ky.**  
 10. Usual occupation **Laborer**  
 11. Industry or business **Reynolds Metals Co**

12. Name **Joseph Wells**  
 13. Birthplace **Louisville Ky.**  
 14. Maiden name **Mary Bowles**  
 15. Birthplace **Louisville Ky.**

16(a) Informant's own signature **Elizabeth Wells**  
 (b) Address **715 No 54th Street**  
 17. BURIAL, INTERMENT OR CREMATION  
 Place **Cave Hill Cemetery** Date **Mar. 26, 1945**  
 18(a) Signature of funeral director **John Mason Pro.**  
 (b) Address **300-302 W. Broadway**  
 (c) Date **MAR 28 1945**  
 19(a) Signature **M. J. Ferguson**  
 (b) Address **Louisville Ky.**

20. DATE OF DEATH **March 26, 1945**  
 21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from **Dec 14 1944** to **Mar 26 1945** and that death occurred on the date stated above at **Place P.**  
 (Specify cause of death) **Arteriosclerosis**  
 Other conditions **myocarditis**  
 Major findings: **93D-135A**

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:  
 (a) Accidents, violence, or homicide (specify)  
 (b) State of consciousness  
 (c) Where and injury caused by or about train, or fire, or industrial process, or public place?  
 (Specify type of place)  
 White at work? **Mr. P. Humphrey**  
 23. Signature **Mr. P. Humphrey**  
 (b) Address **Louisville Ky.**

Dr. F. O. Humphrey  
 State of Ky. 11/15/45  
 MARGIN RESERVED FOR RECORDS  
 N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK.—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item should be carefully reported. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

# Frank Jessie Wells

**BIRTH** 22 Jan 1862  
 Jefferson County, Kentucky, USA

**DEATH** 26 Mar 1945 (aged 83)  
 Jefferson County, Kentucky, USA

**BURIAL** [Cave Hill Cemetery](#)  
 Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, USA


**PLOT** SECTION 23 Lot 81-E1/2

**MEMORIAL ID** 86511685 · [View Source](#)

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

Detail Source

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
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>

A handwritten census record from 1880. The record is on a grid with columns for name, age, sex, color, and occupation. The entry for Frank Wells is highlighted in yellow. The name 'Wells Frank' is written in the first column, '4 m 19' in the second, 'Beard' in the third, and 'Laborer' in the fourth. There are checkmarks in the first two columns.

1	✓	Wells Frank	4 m 19	Beard	Laborer	✓
2	✓	Edwards Pat				

1880 Census Record – Address is 25 Van Buren street, so Census indicates 1861 DoB

Probably not Frank Wells, the pitcher...

The Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky) · 17 Nov 1895, Sun · Page 12

**Bough Place.**  
—Frank Wells and Miss Maggie Baker are to be married this evening in the Christian church at Edwardsville by the Rev. Mr. Flickner.

**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



Frank Wells did not pitch with Dunkirk or Waterbury...

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. ”

“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 simply on trial and I am going to work him 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? ”

both persons.

—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 Meadville on Monday.  
Wells, a new pitcher, arrived here last night.

The Erie Dispatch quotes the OBSERVER's articles about Umpire Hope and says: “Ah, that's Dunkirk.”

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 accepted. 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