

FRANK L. SMITH

Major League Baseball

Born: November 24, 1857, Fonthill, Ontario, Canada

Died: October 11, 1928, Canandaigua

Cemetery Location: Section 11 Lot 227

Frank Smith was born on Tuesday, November 24, 1857, in Fonthill, Ontario, Canada. Smith broke into the big leagues on August 6, 1884, with the Pittsburgh Allegheny's, now known as the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Smith played catcher and outfielder for the Allegheny's. He didn't make the majors until he was 26 years old and that lasted just ten games, all with the Allegheny's. He made seven starts as a catcher and played one game at each of the three outfield spots. He went 9-for-36 at the plate with eight singles and a triple. Frank Smith never hit a double. Oddly enough, he has double grave markers at his site. Hmmm!



The 1884 Pittsburgh Allegheny's struggled in their third season as they cycled through five managers, while finishing 11th with a record of 30-78. Ed Smartwood had the highest batting average at .288, while Frank had an average of .250. On the mound Fleury Sullivan was Pittsburgh's top pitcher with 16 wins.

Little is known of his life after baseball, but this... Frank met and married Henrietta (Etta) Senglaub in Canandaigua where she had spent her whole life. Henrietta was one of ten children born to Henry and Mary (Wirtz) Senglaub who had emigrated from Germany in the mid 1800's. Henry was a saloon keeper and cabinet maker. It is assumed that Frank and Henrietta never had any children.

Frank spent his adult years as a painter in the Canandaigua area. He passed away in October 1928, at the age of 70, due to heart issues. Henrietta joined him in eternal rest in April 1936.

