



2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

Moses W. Adley

Moses Adley was born in Waterford, Maine. He was farming in Sauk Center, Stearns County, Minnesota, in 1862 when he enlisted with the Battery. He was single, had blue eyes, light hair and a light complexion. He was 5 foot, 8¼ inches tall.

On June 24, 1863, Moses was sent to the field hospital where he remained until he returned to duty on September 22, 1863. He returned just after the battle at Chickamauga Creek.

Moses re-enlisted in Rossville, Georgia. In December of that year, he was detailed to cut logs for the garrison in Tennessee. He reported back for duty on April 5, 1865 and was mustered out with the Battery in August of 1865.

Moses married Lucy on August 14, 1867 in Stearns County where he had returned after the war. Moses and Lucy never had children. By 1890, they had moved to Maine Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota.

In his application for pension, it was noted that Moses had lost an eye in an accident "36 years ago by an ox striking me with his horn", making the loss around 1856. This is probably incorrect as no mention of having only one eye was made in his military records and it is doubtful he would have been accepted into the service with only one eye. Moses claimed a disability for "chronic Diarrhea and piles, Rheumatism, Heart disease". A Battery comrade, Edward Bloomfield, signed an affidavit for Moses. Edward wrote that the illness Moses suffered was "caused by exposure in camp life, from which his health has ever since been impaired". Edward said it began while the Battery was near Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Moses was a member of the G.A.R., though the post he attended is unknown. He lived for a while with his brother in the state of Washington and was living with his niece in Minneapolis when he died on April 9, 1905 – Appomattox Day.

He is buried in the southwest corner of the Silent Vale Cemetery in Maine where he shares a stone with his wife. The inscription reads: "Civil War Veteran".



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Death of Moses W. Adley

“The community was saddened when on Monday a telegram was received announcing the sudden death of Moses W. Adley, formerly of Maine but of late of Minneapolis, on Sunday April 9th. Mr. Adley lived for many years with his invalid wife in the town of Maine (Otter Tail County, Minnesota). Mrs. Adley passed away about ten years about and since her death Mr. Adley had gradually failed in health. He spent several years with his brother at Spokane, Wash., but of late years has made his home with relatives in Minneapolis. Mr. Adley was a member of the G.A.R. and highly respected by all who knew him. He had many relatives in Maine who will mourn his loss. Mr. Adley was about 75 years of age. The remains were brought to Maine on Wednesday and laid at rest by his wife's side. “

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