



## 2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

### Sundov Allickson

Private Allickson's Norwegian heritage and lack of education might explain the variations of his name found in Army records. Most records call him "Sander," spelled in multiple ways. Allickson, too, was spelled in creative ways with one "i", "e" instead of "l", and other variations. Since Sundov signed his enlistment papers by making his mark, he probably never knew how many ways his name was misspelled. Even his pension records have different spellings. Sundov did eventually learn to write, at least enough to sign his name, though the spelling changes even in his own signature. The tombstone over Sundov's grave is probably the best source for the correct spelling of his name as it was ordered by his wife and is the spelling used here. Yet even that spelling may be questioned as Anne signed her application for a widow's pension with an X.

Sundov was born in Norway in 1830. He came to America and settled in Minnesota where he took up farming in Winona County. On February 27, 1864, Sundov was living in Caladonia, where he enlisted in the Second Minnesota Battery to serve three years or the duration of the war. The office he went to for enlistment was in Rochester. The descriptive role showed him to be 30 years old, 5' 9" tall, with black eyes, sandy hair, and fair complexion. In reality, Sundov was 34 when he enlisted; whether it was a mistake or deliberate will never be known. The war ended before Sundov's three years were up and he was discharged with the Battery on August 16, 1865 at Fort Snelling.

A year later, Sundov was in Bratsburg, Fillmore County, Minnesota, where he married Anne on July 24, 1866. Together, they raised four children, but not in Fillmore County. Sundov and Anne moved on and finally settled in Chippewa County, Minnesota, taking a homestead near the town of Watson. Sundov made his living farming for the rest of his life.

In 1896, Sundov decided to apply for his veteran's pension. He claimed a disability for a "rupture of both sides." The doctor's examination agreed with Sundov, describing the hernias and certifying that they were Sundov's only disability. The doctor did note Sundov wore a truss and that he had "considerable pain."

Sundov's and Anne's children grew up and at least one lived near them. In 1904, Sundov went a short distance west, crossing the Minnesota state line into Rugby, Pierce County, North Dakota, to visit his child. The visit was to last two weeks, but Sundov became ill and died there on August 14th.



The cause of Sundov's death was listed as kidney disease. He was 74 years and four months old. His remains were laid to rest at the Norwegian Lutheran Church Cemetery in Tunsberg, Chippewa County, Minnesota. Sundov's obituary listed him as a veteran of the Civil War, a fact repeated on his gravestone in the words "Served in 2nd Minn. Art."

When he died, Sundov left Anne with "a life estate in 80 acres of land and personal property in the value of \$500." Her net income from this was estimated to be less than \$175 per year and there was no one legally bound to care for her. Anne petitioned to receive a widow's pension and signed her name with an X.

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