



2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

Isaac Baldwin

Isaac was born in 1840 in Ohio, son of Justus and Betsey Baldwin. They were a farm family, so it was natural for Isaac to take a job as a farm laborer by 1860. Little is known about him until he enlisted in the 101 Ohio Infantry regiment on August 4, 1862. His muster sheet indicated he was born in Huron County, Ohio, was 6 feet 2 ½ inches tall, a fair complexion with hazel eyes and sandy colored hair. His occupation was noted as farmer. His term of enlistment was three years.

Muster sheets show Isaac being detailed to the Second Minnesota Battery on June 29, 1863. The July-August muster sheet showed him still with the Battery and it is not clear when he returned to his own unit.

Isaac was sent to the hospital at Chattanooga, Tennessee in the late winter of 1864 and he died on March 11. The cause of death was small pox. Because of the contagious nature of his illness, it is likely his body was buried in the special small pox cemetery in Chattanooga, but records for this cemetery have been lost. There is no record of his final resting place.

Isaac was not married, but a pension application was filed for his mother. She was a widow and papers filed on her behalf stated she had no property and relied on the money Isaac had been sending her. The Pension Department granted Mrs. Baldwin a pension of \$8 a month.

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