



## 2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

### George Lamont Bartholomew

George was given his father's name as a middle name when he was born on April 11, 1835, in Ashtabula, Ohio. The family came to Minnesota and settled in the southern part of the state. George was living in Winona County when he enlisted in the Second Minnesota Battery. He was mustered in on January 28, 1862. He stood 5 foot, 8 3/4 inches tall, had brown eyes and brown hair with a dark complexion. He was married and listed his occupation as that of teamster.

Less than a month later, George's father, Lamont, enlisted in the Second Battery on February 20, 1862. The two served together for a few months.

George's military career was short lived. In April of 1862, he was hurt when his horse stumbled and fell on him. George was sent to the hospital and there remained until he was discharged in October. It was stated that his disability was "full" as the injury to his spine had caused him "incontinence of urine, with involuntary discharge from the bowels". The discharge papers were signed in Keokuk, Iowa.

George returned to Minnesota and his wife, Lovencha. They had been married on October 8, 1859, in Winona County. They had four children and by 1881, the family had moved to Elmore in Faribault County.

The injuries made working hard for George and he filed his original claim for a pension in 1880. His first payment from the Pension Department was \$6.00, a rate that soon changed to \$8.00 a month for disability. George appears on the 1890 census as having a disability involving his kidneys and living on a farm in Elmore. It seems unlikely that George did much farming as a neighbor's affidavit stated that George was confined to the house the greater portion of the time and had been for the eight years they knew the family. Lovencha's statement agreed and added that he was frequently confined to his bed, needed help dressing, special foods, and constant care. Lovencha included in her observation that George suffered from a great deal of pain.

They moved again to Badoura Township, Hubbard County, Minnesota, where they again lived on a farm. There were relatives nearby and this may be why they moved north.



As ill as George was, it was Lovencha who died first. George followed her a few months later, both in 1914. George's obituary said he was living at the family residence when he passed away on July 20, 1914. George and Lovincha were buried side by side in the Lemon Cemetery, Badoura Township, Hubbard County, Minnesota.

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