



2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

John Henry Church

John Henry Church was 19 years old when he enlisted in the Second Battery in February of 1864. He was a farmer in Pleasant Hills, Winona County, Minnesota, and received an enlistment bounty of \$300 for his service.

The Battery's descriptive rolls show John was born in Meigs County, Ohio. He was 5' 8" tall, had brown hair, hazel eyes, and dark complexion.

Having joined the Battery late in the war, John served with Battery I, Second Illinois Artillery while the reenlisting members went home for a veterans furlough. He served with the Illinois Battery through the hard fighting of the battles for Atlanta. In October, John went back to the Minnesota Battery where he served until the Battery was mustered out on August 16, 1865.



John returned to Winona County, but he would not live there long. He died at home before the year of 1865 was over. John is buried with his parents and several siblings in the Bush Cemetery, Pleasant Hills Township, Winona County, Minnesota.

Researched and compiled by the reenactors of the 2nd Minnesota Battery of Light Artillery. Visit our website at <http://www.2mnbattery.org> for more information about our soldiers and our organization.

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