



## 2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

### Tobias Claussen

Tobias was a 33 year old farmer born in Norway when he left his Minnesota home in Spring Grove to enlist in the Second Minnesota Battery. It was the draft rendezvous of 1864 and Tobias enlisted on September 2 at Rochester. After enlisting, the men were taken to Fort Snelling and more complete physicals were given. Tobias passed. The descriptive roll said he was 5' 5-1/2" tall, with blue eyes, sandy hair and a sandy complexion. For his agreement to serve one year, Tobias was paid \$33.33, one third of his promised bounty.

The Battery was doing garrison duty in Tennessee when Tobias and other recruits joined them. There Tobias would stay until the war was over and the Battery went back to Fort Snelling to be discharged. He left the army honorably discharged on August 16, 1865.

It is the last known of Tobias. No other records have ever been found to tell of his life after the war.

*Researched and compiled by the reenactors of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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