



## 2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

### Robert DuMond

Robert DuMond had a confusing name for the record keepers of the Battery. The writing of his name almost always neglected to capitalize the "M", frequently doubled it, and even added the letter "r", making it "Drummond". Robert himself neglected to capitalize the "m" when he signed his enlistment papers into the Second Minnesota Battery on September 2, 1864. He enlisted for one year at Rochester, but claimed Utica, Winona County, as his home. At the time, he was 24 years old, married, had gray eyes, dark hair and a sandy complexion. He stood 6' 1" tall. He was a farmer.

Robert was not destined to be a soldier. He reported to Fort Snelling where he underwent another physical. This time, the examining surgeon refused to accept him into the service. Robert's discharge papers note that he was unable to serve because of "Hypertrophy of the heart, disability existed prior to enlistment. Could not have escaped the notice of the Examining Surgeon is unfit for Veteran Reserve Corps". Robert was discharged from Fort Snelling on December 10, 1864. His name was not borne on the muster roles of the Battery.

Included in Robert's compiled service records is a listing of the clothing he received during his short stay in the Army, along with the values assigned to each item.

One sack coat	\$2.65
One pair pants	4.15
Two shirts	2.84
Two pairs Drawers	2.00
Two pair stockings	.70
One blanket	3.60
Total:	\$15.94

His short time in the service notwithstanding, Robert was active in the Underwood Post #122 of the G.A.R. in Preston, Minnesota.

Robert was born at Hurley, Ulster County, New York, on October 12, 1838. He came west in 1857, and lived at Yorktown, Illinois. There, he married Delight A. Cambern on October 28, 1859. They had seven children. Four of them preceded Robert in death, two as infants.



In 1863, Robert and his family came to Carmonia, Fillmore County, Minnesota, where he took up farming. He returned to this farm after his discharge and they remained there until a year before Robert's death when they moved into the town of Preston.

Robert died on July 31, 1916. He was buried with much ceremony, six comrades of the G.A.R. Post acting as his pall bearers, in the Carmonia Cemetery, Fillmore County, Minnesota.

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