



## 2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

### Hugh Dunn

Hugh Dunn was a 30 year old policeman in St. Paul when he enlisted in the Second Battery on March 31, 1864. He enlisted for three years or the duration of the war and received a bounty of \$300. He was 5' 11" tall, had blue eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion. He had been born in Ohio and claimed Rose, Ramsey County, as his home in 1864.

Having had some experience with driving teams, Hugh was detailed to drive a six mule team while the Battery was on the march from Nashville to Chattanooga, Tennessee, in June of 1864. Hugh's pension application explained what happened about June 10th. "My team and load became lodged in a muddy place in the road. I was endeavoring to extricate them and in so doing my left hand was caught between the wheel and wagon box and was crushed and was treated therefore by the Battery surgeon, Hospital steward, and by a citizen Physician...and at a private house five miles west of Chattanooga...where I remained three months."

Despite the injury, Hugh was promoted to the rank of Corporal in the Battery on August 14, 1864. The Battery saw little active service in the last months of the war and Hugh remained with the Battery until it was mustered out in August of 1865.

On May 27, 1867, Hugh married Hattie Joy in St. Anthony. She may well have been the sister of Benjamin and Horatio Joy who served in the Battery with Hugh. Hugh and Hattie had three children, one girl and two boys.

In 1883, the family was living in Minneapolis, Hennepin County and Hugh received a pension of \$8.00 a month. His disability was for an "injury of left hand causing contraction of fingers, diar. and dis. of abdominal viscera". The intestinal problems were what finally caught up to Hugh. A doctor's certificate described Hugh as having been bed ridden for most of the last year of his life and for long spells before that. The doctor listed the cause of death as chronic diarrhea.



Hugh died November 2, 1884. He was buried in the Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery in Minneapolis. The old name of this cemetery was Layman's Cemetery as that was the name of the man who owned it when Hugh was buried there.

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