



## 2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

### Richard Duxberry

Richard Duxberry was born in England on November 14, 1833. He came to Minnesota and was farming in Harmony, Fillmore County, Minnesota, in 1864, when he joined the Second Battery on September 3. He was 31 years old when he enlisted for one year and received a bounty of \$100. Richard stood 5' 3" tall, had gray eyes, dark hair and a sandy complexion.

Richard served as a private until the Battery was mustered out on August 16, 1865, at Fort Snelling. He stayed in Minnesota, some fifty years in Spring Valley, Fillmore County, then moved to be with his son in St. Paul.

Richard applied for a pension and was receiving \$12 a month for rheumatism and heart disease. In 1892, he requested an increase in his pension, citing the times he had been sick during in the army and the treatment received under the care of Battery comrade Albert Gowdy. Gowdy acted as the Battery's hospital steward since they had no surgeon attached to the unit. Richard also claimed a loss of hearing due to his army service. This, Richard said, happened near Philadelphia, Tennessee, on the Fourth of July in 1865, while in the line of duty.



On December 7, 1907, Richard died at the home of his son in St. Paul. Richard was taken back to Fillmore County to be buried in the Big Spring Cemetery near Harmony. Richard has a large family stone, a head stone, and a military marker.

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