



2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

Henry J. Fall

The draft rendezvous at Fort Snelling late in the summer of 1864 brought many men into Minnesota units. One of those men was Henry Fall. Henry was mustered into the Second Battery on September 2, 1864. His enlistment was for one year, but the war ended and Henry only served eleven months.

Henry was born on March 15, 1845, in Syracuse, New York. When he enlisted, he was living in Taylor's Falls, Minnesota, and worked in the lumber camps on the St. Croix River. He had brown eyes, brown hair, and a fair complexion. He was 5' 5" tall and was single.

After the war, Henry was discharged at Fort Snelling and he returned up river to Taylor's Falls. There, he married Maggie Manning on August 10, 1867. Together they had three children. The family was living in Clear Lake, Wisconsin, when Maggie died in August of 1881. Left with three children, the youngest of whom was 3 years old, Henry didn't stay widowed for long. On June 2, 1882, he married Ida Gertrude Thompson in Valley City, North Dakota. He was not living there as he lists his places of residences as being in Taylor's Falls until 1878; Clear Lake, Wisconsin, until 1882; New Richmond, Wisconsin, until 1885, Lakeland, Minnesota, until 1895; and Hudson, Wisconsin, until at least 1912. Henry and Ida added two more daughters to the family.



Ida died in 1910 while she and Henry were living in Hudson, Wisconsin. Henry stayed there for a time, but eventually moved west. He may have gone to live near his sisters as three of his sisters were living in Everett, Washington, when Henry died there on May 30, 1921. Henry was laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery in Everett, block 30, lot 393. He shares a stone with his sisters, Martha Deering and Flora Saunders.

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