



2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

James W. Green

James Green was born in Bridgewater, Somersetshire, England, on March 7, 1840. He came to America when he was about 14 years old and worked at various trades in New York. He went west and settled in Detroit, Michigan, for two years, working on a steamboat line running between Buffalo and Chicago. He moved west again and began working in the butcher business and at his trade of carpenter in the town of Little Falls, Minnesota. In 1858, he bought a piece of land in section eight of Swan River Township, Morrison County, and began farming.

James was one of the early enlistees into the Battery, being mustered in on January 28, 1862. He was single, had hazel eyes, light hair and a light complexion. He stood 5' 3-1/4" tall.

The time James spent in the Battery was cut short by an injury. The *St. Cloud Democrat* newspaper included James in a list of soldiers "convalescing" on July 10, 1862. He was discharged at the Hospital in Keokuk, Iowa, on November 6, 1862. The reason for his discharge stated a bale of hay fell on him, causing a "rupture between the stomach and navel". The official term was "Ventral Hernia".

At the time of his discharge, a clothing list was prepared detailing how much clothing he had received and its value.

One Cap	\$.65
2 Sack Coats	5.30
1 Pr. Pants	4.25
2 Shirts	3.14
2 Pr. Drawers	2.00
2 " Stockings	.70
1 Blanket	3.60
Total:	\$19.54

James came back to Minnesota and his farm in Swan River and married Amelia Bailey from Missouri in 1868. They had four children.

James was working near his farm in September of 1895 when a large bear was spotted. He shot the bear and when dressed out, it weighed nearly 400 pounds. It was said that the bear was very fat, having fed on the sheep belonging to James and other neighbors for the past month or more. James sold the bear and it was taken to the St. Paul markets.

James was receiving a pension of \$10 a month in 1883 for his injuries sustained during the war. In 1907, James moved off the farm and lived with his son, Alfred, in the city of Little Falls. James died of old age and “valvular heart disease” on April 6, 1915. He was buried in the Oakland Cemetery, Little Falls, Morrison County, Minnesota.



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