



2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

John Gutteridge

When John enlisted on May 17, 1864, he was not the only member of the family in the Army. His father, Benjamin, was serving in Company H of the 9th Minnesota Infantry. Since John was only 19 years old, his mother had to give her consent before he could enlist.

I hereby certify I freely and voluntarily give my Consent to my son John Gutteridge enlisting in the scurvice of the United Stats and I further certify that his father is absent from home in the army and that I have good right to his time and that his is under my controle.

The note was signed Mary Gutteridge and dated May 12, 1864, in Camden, Carver County, "Minnsota".

John went to St. Paul to enlist. His enlistment was credited to Wanamingo, Goodhue County, for their draft quota even though he never lived there. John's descriptive list had him 5' 5" tall, with gray eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion. His occupation was farming. John had agreed to serve for three years or the end of the war.

John became sick on the way south to the Battery and he was sent to the hospital in Chicago, Illinois. He remained there until well when he again started for the Battery. He reported for duty on June 27, 1864. By September 12, John was back in the hospital, this time in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He stayed there almost week before returning to duty on the 18th.

In the spring of 1865, John was in a group of men assigned to Major Church for whom they cut logs for the garrison.

At the end of the war, John was mustered out at Fort Snelling. He went back to Carver County and lived in Young America for six years. He crossed over the county line to McLeod County in 1869 where he married Jane Ann Van Curler on June 18th.

The newlyweds remained in Carver County a couple years before moving to Stewart in Renville County, Minnesota. There they stayed until about 1900 when they moved to live near the town of Bruce, in Rusk County, Wisconsin.



John was at home on the farm on November 15, 1924, when he passed away. He was laid to rest in the Apollonia Cemetery near Bruce.

Throughout all of his military records and pension applications, John spelled his name “Gutteridge,” both when it was written by someone else and when he signed it himself. Yet, on his death certificate and his tombstone, the name is spelled “Gutheridge,” the spelling used by many other family members in the Bruce area.



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