



## 2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

### Daniel Hammond

Daniel was born in Norwich, New York about 1822. It is not known when he came to Minnesota, but just prior to his enlistment in January of 1862, he sold a tract of land he owned in central Minnesota to his brother, Silas Hammond. Silas paid \$400 for Daniel's land on January 7th.

Ten days later, on January 17, Daniel enlisted in the Second Battery. He was 40 years old. He had blue eyes, light hair and a light complexion. He was 5' 8-1/4" tall. His home at the time was Swan River, Rice County, Minnesota, and he was a farmer.

Daniel's career as a soldier was short. His discharge papers state he was taken sick just before the march on Corinth and was unfit for duty. His last day of duty was July 1, 1862. He was discharged at Jackson, Tennessee, on November 13, 1862. For some reason, Daniel's name was not dropped from the Battery's muster rolls until March 1, 1864. The mistake was probably caught as the organization of reenlistments was taking place.



Daniel returned to Minnesota and a new piece of land. The land grant act of 1855 gave land to veterans of the War of 1812. Nicholas Northrup had served as a private in that war and was entitled to land. The land Nicholas had was assigned to Daniel Hammond and it officially changed ownership on August 1, 1862. This land was again in the central part of Minnesota, probably not far from Little Falls. How Daniel managed to buy a piece of land while he was still in the army is unknown, but the documents are clearly dated and the land was legally Daniel's on August 1, 1862.

Nothing more is known of Daniel until his death. He is buried in the American Legion section of the Oakland Cemetery near Little Falls, Morrison County, Minnesota. He died on November 5, 1874. His brother, Silas, served in the First Minnesota Infantry and is buried across the path from Daniel.

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