



2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

Frederick E. Kintzel

When Frederick was mustered into the 101st Ohio Infantry, he told them he was 27 years old, had been born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and was a tailor. The recording officer noted that Fred was 5' 9" 1/2" tall, with black hair, black eyes and a dark complexion.

Family stories mostly back up what Fred told the recruiting officer. Fred was born in May of 1837 in Millersburg, Pennsylvania. It was said Fred left home at an early age, he is not listed with the family on the 1850 census when he would have been 15 years old. The family lost contact with Fred and it appears he never reestablished any connection to them. However, Fred does appear in the 1850 census living with another family in Dauphin County. The head of the household, Frederick Gibbert, was a tailor, so this could have been an apprenticeship of some sort.

Fred enlisted on August 2, 1862, at Bucyrus, Ohio, agreeing to serve three years. He received a bounty of \$100. In January of 1863, Fred was promoted to corporal. On the 25th of June, he was detailed to serve with the Second Minnesota Battery of Light Artillery. His name was noted in the morning reports of the Battery, but his arrival and departure were the only times his name appeared. Nothing indicates what he did with the Battery or if his assignment was voluntary.

Fred went back to his own unit on October 24, having served through the summers' battles with the artillery. In May of 1864, Fred was promoted to sergeant while the 101st Ohio was at Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia. A notation appears on the back of one of the monthly muster sheets in Fred's file noting that he was "a faithful and true soldier." This may have been made as part of an investigation, perhaps for a pension deposition. Fred himself does not appear to have applied for a pension.

Little more is known about Fred until his death in 1894. At the time, he was in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. He was laid to rest with a family stone that recorded his vital information in German rather than English. The stone shows Fred was married to Sophia who outlived Fred by ten years.



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