



## 2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

### Charles Lane

Charles was born in Sommerville, Massachusetts about 1842. He was working as a farm laborer in Anoka when he enlisted with the Battery in February of 1862.

He was 5 foot, 4 3/4 inches tall, had hazel eyes, dark hair and dark complexion. He was single.

Lane was promoted to corporal and re-enlisted with the Battery at Rossville, Georgia, in 1864. He received a \$35 bounty. On March 4, 1865, he was detailed to the Quartermaster Department where he served until the 28th of that month when he returned to the Battery. He served through the entire war, being discharged with the Battery in August of 1865.

After the war, he returned to Anoka. He was killed in 1881 when he fell from a wagon. He landed behind the horses and a horse kicked him in the head. Charles died within minutes. The notice in the paper was very brief.

*Anoka County Union  
September 2, 1881*

#### **KILLED**

*"Mr. Charles Lane, a well-known citizen of Champlin, was almost instantly killed yesterday. In some manner he fell off his wagon, behind his horses, and before he could get out, one of the horses kicked him, injuring him so severely that death ensued in a few minutes. We are obliged to go to press with only meagre particulars."*

Charles was buried in the Champlin Cemetery, Champlin, Minnesota. His grave is marked with a traditional white veteran's stone.

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