



2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

Samuel Markham

Samuel joined the Second Battery very early in its formation when he enlisted on January 14, 1862. He probably knew the men who would command the Battery since he came from Anoka County, Samuel came from a farm in the township of Ramsey.

The descriptive roll put Samuel at 31 years old and born in New York. He was 5' 7-1/2" tall, had gray eyes, black hair and a dark complexion. He was not married.

Samuel trained and went South with the Battery, but on June 29 he was admitted to Pope's Division Hospital in Farmington, Mississippi. At the time, his "complaint and dysfunction" was not noted. A few days later, Samuel was sent north on the transport ship, *City of Memphis*, to be cared for at the general hospital at Keokuk, Iowa. He was admitted there on July 10, but it seemed nothing could be done for him. Samuel died on August 30, 1862. The official cause of death was listed as "inflammation of the bowels" in one source. Another said it was chronic diarrhea.

Samuel was buried in the Soldier's Cemetery at Keokuk, Iowa.

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