



## 2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

### Samuel H. 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 said he was from a farm in the township of Ramsey.

The 1857 census for Anoka County does list a family by the name of "Markim" as living in the Town of Anoka. The legibility of the census is questionable and the information matching Samuel includes a column for sex. The individual in the census is marked as "female." This person is in a household with two other adults and two young children. No relationship to the head of household was asked in 1857 and the surname for the person, male, listed as the head of household is the only one that is not Markim. The three adults are all in their 30s. It is possible this female "H.R.Markim" is Samuel and the census has a mistake.

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 by 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 there 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. There was no pension claim made on Samuel's service.

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