



## 2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

### Isaac Martin

Isaac was born in Missouri in 1843 and came to Minnesota some years before the Civil War began. By August 18, 1864, when he decided to enlist, he was 21 years old and was farming. While he was credited for the draft quota to Amidor in Chisago County, it is doubtful if he actually lived there. He stood 5' 11" tall, had gray eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion. For his one year enlistment, he was paid a bounty of \$33.33 upon enlisting with another \$66.67 due him.

There were no big battles the Battery was involved in during the last year of the war, so Isaac did mostly garrison duty with some scouting details from time to time. His first duties with the Battery, however, were suspended as he was sent to the hospital at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on October 14. He did not stay there long as by the 16th, he was already back with the Battery, though he was listed as "present-sick" on the morning report. Isaac did recover and in March of 1865, he was among a group of Battery men to be detailed to Major Church to cut logs for the garrison.

With the end of the war, Isaac went back to Minnesota with the Battery and was discharged from Fort Snelling on August 16, 1865.

The timing of when he held his various jobs is somewhat unclear. For a while, he was an officer on the St. Paul Police force. He took up farming on Green Lake near Princeton, Minnesota, but also worked for ten years as the rural mail carrier for Princeton.

Isaac married Mary E. Murphy in 1870 and they raised four children. In 1899, Mary died. Three years later, Isaac married Estella Bacon. She was a widow with two daughters.

Early in the year of 1920, Isaac sold his farm and moved to Minneapolis. His daughter lived there and he died at her home on July 26. Estella survived him and made arrangements for him to be buried in Princeton at the Oak Knoll Cemetery.

Three other members of the Battery Isaac served in are also buried in that cemetery.



The obituary that appeared in the Princeton newspaper described Isaac with these words: *He was a man who had followed a life of industry and was honorable in all his dealings with his fellowmen. As a husband and father he was affectionate and kind, and was a true American citizen who will be missed by a host of friends. Isaac Martin was every inch a man.*

Researched and compiled by the reenactors of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Minnesota Battery of Light Artillery. Visit our website at <http://www.2mnbattery.org> for more information about our soldiers and our organization.

Updated: 30 March 2022