



2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

Ephraim H. Mattocks

Ephraim was born in Iowa and moved north to Minnesota by the summer of 1864. He was one of the men who joined the Second Battery from the draft rendezvous in the fall of 1864. His name was credited to the draft quota for Wilson in Winona County, but the land he was farming was in Ashland, Dodge County.

For his promise to serve in the army one year, Ephraim received a bounty of \$100, a third up front and the rest due later. He was 21 years old, had gray eyes, dark hair and a light complexion. He stood 5', 11" tall

The time Ephraim spent with the Battery was uneventful. He was never absent sick or sent on a special detail, he was never promoted. He simply served and was discharged at the end of the war on August 16, 1865.

The 1900 census shows Ephraim living in a rented house on Beaumont Street in Dallas, Texas, with his wife, Marcia. He is noted as a carpenter and his name is listed as Henry E. Mattocks. The census asked for the birthplaces of parents and while Ephraim's parents were born in Pennsylvania, Marcia's were born in Mississippi and she was born in Missouri. Marcia was a Southern girl. Nothing changed ten years later in the 1910 census.

Ephraim was admitted to the Old Soldier's Home in Leavenworth, Kansas, but how he got from Texas to Kansas is unknown. Records there show him married to



Marcia and their home was at 1523 Beaumont Street in Dallas, Texas. It gave his occupation as that of carpenter. The Old Soldier's Home records stated Ephraim could not read or write, but his enlistment papers did bear his signature and he told census takers in 1900 and 1910 that he could read and write. There is a pension index number for Ephraim, so he did file for a pension and receive it, but the file could be found at the National Archives as of 2010.

Ephraim's health was not good and at 12:05 p.m. on May 31, 1923, he passed away from "Chronic myocarditis" and the contributing "arterio sclerosis." His funeral was held three days later at the chapel in the Leavenworth National Cemetery where he rests among hundreds of other Civil War veterans.

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

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