

# Marshall Sherman

## **Born**

1823, Burlington, Chittenden County, Vermont

## **Conflict and Branch**

**Civil War** – Union Army – Private

## **Entered Service**

29 April 1861, Ramsey County, St. Paul, Minnesota

Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Minnesota Infantry

Transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Minnesota Infantry on

24 March 1864

## **Death**

19 April 1896, St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota



## **Early Years**

Little is known of Marshall Sherman's early years in Vermont. Documentation of parents and possible family members is unknown. The first indication of his arrival in Minnesota is the year of 1849 where he is employed as a house painter and in partnership with James McClellan Boal, beginning that year and into 1850.

Marshall was mustered into the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, on April 29, 1861, as a 37 years old private and stood 5' 6" tall, with a fair complexion, black eyes and black hair<sup>i</sup>.

## **War Years**

Marshall became one of the first to enlist in the Union Army from Minnesota. This would end up being a length of three years in which he fought at Bull Run, Ball's Bluff, The Seven Days, Antietam and Gettysburg.

The Army of Northern Virginia Confederate battle flag of the 28th Virginia Volunteer Infantry Regiment was captured by Private Marshall Sherman of Saint Paul, Minnesota, while serving with the 1st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company C, during Pickett's Charge at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 3, 1863. Private Sherman was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his gallantry at Gettysburg<sup>ii</sup>.

After his three-year enlistment was up he was one of only a few veterans of the “Old First” to re-enlist and form the nucleus of the First Minn Battalion. On August 14, 1864, at the battle of Deep Bottom, VA, he was shot in the left leg. The bullet broke two bones and was severe enough that it necessitated that his leg be amputated below the knee. This was done at Campbell Hospital. He was sent to the Soldier's Rest General Hospital in Boston. He was fitted for and on July 8, 1865, furnished with an artificial leg, which was made by Jewitt of Salem, Mass. Marshall was determined to be unfit for service in the Veteran Reserve Corps and was discharged for disability at Boston, MA, on July 25, 1865<sup>iii</sup>



### **Post War Years**

Marshall Sherman returned to a different life in St Paul. The life of a civilian crippled from the war, not unlike thousands of other veterans. At first he returned to his previous work as a painter. Later, he got into the life insurance business<sup>iv</sup>.

Eventually he was a representative for Fenton G. and Henry E. Warner in their business of Warner & Warner Fire Insurance and Loans, 30 East 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul, Minnesota<sup>v</sup>. He then was living at 96 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street in the city<sup>vi</sup>. Later Marshall was living at 656 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul as a boarder from 1893, 1894, 1895<sup>vii</sup> and 1896<sup>viii</sup>. When Marshall died on April 19, 1896, he was a member of the William Acker G.A.R. Post #21, which he had joined on July 19, 1870.

According to a newspaper account, the flag of the Twenty-eighth Virginia Regiment, along with the regimental flag of the First Minnesota, was brought by surviving colleagues, to Sherman's funeral which was held at the Lincoln Avenue residence<sup>ix</sup>.

Oakland Cemetery Association interment record indicates that Marshall Sherman, died of intestinal nephritis and is buried in the Soldiers Rest area of the cemetery, Block 41, Lot 17. Next of kin is listed as a friend, George Morton.

Many stories surround the various places that the flag had been stored. Currently the captured battle flag of the 28<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry remains in possession of the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul, Minnesota.



Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul, MN

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Photos: Marshall Sherman in front of flag, page 1 & Marshall Sherman with artificial leg, page 2  
<http://collections.mnhs.org/MNHistoryMagazine/articles/57/v57i02p058-073.pd>  
Photo of Headstone: <http://vermontcivilwar.org/get.php?input=50476>

## References

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- <sup>iii</sup> <http://1stminnesota.net/Marshall>
- <sup>iv</sup> <http://1stminnesota.net/Marshall>
- <sup>v</sup> Men of Minnesota, A Collection of Men Prominent in Business and Professions, Page 350, MHS
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