

# Military and Civilian Soldiers Killed in Renville County Battles

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## Battle of Redwood Ferry 5<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Regiment

- Capt. John S. Marsh, Co. B, age 28, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.  
First Sgt. Russell H. Findley, Co. B, age 40, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.
- Sgt. Solon A. Trescott, Co. B, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.  
Cpl. Joseph S. Besse, Co. B, age 26, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.
- Pvt. Charles R. Bell, Co. B, age 41, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.  
Pvt. Edwin F. Cole, Co. B, age 42, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.  
Pvt. Charles E. French, Co. B, age 18, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.
- Pvt. John Gardner, Co. B, age 27, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.  
Pvt. Jacob A. Gehring, Co. B, age 43, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.
- Pvt. John Holmes, Co. B, age 20, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.  
Pvt. Christian Joerger, Co. B, age 27, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.
- Pvt. Durs Kanzig, Co. B, age 27, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.  
Pvt. James H. Kerr, Co. B, age 18, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.  
Pvt. Wenzel Kusda, Co. B, age 22, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, body not found for burial.
- Pvt. Henry McAllister, Co. B, age 31, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, body not found for burial.
- Pvt. Wenzel Norton, Co. B, age 29, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.
- Pvt. John W. Parks, Co. B, age 20, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.  
Pvt. Moses P. Parks, Co. B, age 21, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.
- Pvt. John Parsley, Co. B, age 26, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.  
Pvt. Nathaniel Pitcher, Co. B, age 21, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.
- Pvt. Harrison A. Phillips, Co. B, age 21, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.
- Pvt. Henry A. Shepherd, Co. B, age 21, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, body not found for burial.
- Pvt. Charles W. Smith, Co. B, age 21, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Fort Ridgely.

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Pvt. Nathan Stewart, Co. B, age 21, battle of Redwood Ferry, Aug. 18, 1862, buried at Ft. Ridgely.

### Military Killed at the Battle of Birch Coulee 6<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Regiment

Sgt. William Irvine, Co. A, age 35, mortally wounded at battle of Birch Coulee, Sept. 2, 1862, and died the next day, buried in Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul.

Sgt. Benjamin S. Terry, Co. G, age 30, battle of Birch Coulee, Sept. 2, 1862, buried in Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul.

Cpl. William M. Cobb, Co. A, age 21, mortally wounded at battle of Birch Coulee, d. Sept. 3, 1862, buried in Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul.

Pvt. John College, Co. A, age 33, battle of Birch Coulee, Sept. 2, 1862, buried at Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul.

Pvt. George Colter, Co. A, age 18, battle of Birch Coulee, Sept. 2, 1862, may be buried in Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul.

Pvt. Cornelius F. Coyle, Co. A, age 30, mortally wounded at battle of Birch Coulee, Sept. 2, 1862 and died on Sept. 5, 1862 at Fort Ridgely. May be buried at Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul.

Pvt. Chauncey L. King, Co. A., age 18, battle of Birch Coulee, Sept. 2, 1862, buried on family farm in Homer Township, Winona County.

Pvt. Henry Rolleau, Co. A, age 25, mortally wounded at battle of Birch Coulee, Sept. 2, 1862. Died on Sept. 11, 1862 at Fort Ridgely and is buried there.

Pvt. William Russell, Jr., Co. A, age 18, battle of Birch Coulee, Sept. 2, 1862, buried at Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul.

Pvt. Henry Whetsler, Co. A, age 39, battle of Birch Coulee, Sept. 2, 1862, buried at Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul.

Pvt. Joseph Kellene, Co. A, age 33, attached to 6<sup>th</sup> Minnesota, mortally wounded at battle of Birch Coulee, Sept. 2, 1862, died Sept. 7 or 8, 1862, probably at Fort Ridgely. Buried in Maple Hill Cemetery in Minneapolis

### Militia or Armed Civilians Who Were Killed at Birch Coulee

Sgt. Robert Baxter, age 32, of St. Paul, with Cullen Guards, Sept. 2, 1862, buried in Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul.

Joseph W. DeCamp, age 35, of the Lower Sioux Agency, mortally wounded on Sept. 2, 1862, died on Sept. 5, 1862 at Fort Ridgely, buried in Valley Cemetery in Shakopee.

Joseph C. Dickinson, age 34, of the Lower Sioux Agency, Sept. 2, 1862, buried in Pioneer and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Jacob Freeman, of St. Paul, with Cullen Guards, Sept. 2, 1862.

Robert Gibbens, age 49, of St. Paul, mortally wounded on Sept. 2, 1862 and died on Sept. 6, 1862 at Fort Ridgely, buried in Oakland Cemetery in St. Paul. On Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, he had been saying prayers over the graves of the victims who were being buried by the Joseph R. Brown Burial Party.

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Stephen R. Henderson, of Beaver Falls Township, Renville County, Sept. 2, 1862, may still be buried on the battlefield.

David Holbrook, age 42, of Belle Plaine, Sept. 2, 1862, buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Belle Plaine.

Hubert Schmitt, age 30, of the Lower Sioux Agency, Sept. 2, 1862, buried in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Belle Plaine.

John E. Sherwin, age 32, of Belle Plaine, Sept. 2, 1862, buried in Riverside Cemetery, Monticello.

Peter Boyer, a member of the Renville Rangers, battle of Birch Coulee, Sept. 2, 1862, probably still buried on the battlefield.

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### Militia or Armed Civilians Who Were Killed at Fort Ridgely 5<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Regiment

Pvt. Mark M. Greer, Co. C, age 18, battle of Fort Ridgely on Aug. 20, 1862, and buried there.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Regiment

Pvt. Joseph (or Nicholas) Vanosse , Co. I, age 28, battle at Fort Ridgely on Aug. 22, 1862.

### Renville Rangers

Nicholas **Murnan**, civilian

**Battle of Redwood Ferry Marker located at battle site. Inscription: On or near this site, Captain Marsh and 24 men were ambushed and killed by Sioux Indians, August 18, 1862. Also killed was Peter Quinn, interpreter.**



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Morris Gildemeister, great-grandson of George Fredrich Rose, a teamster during the war, submitted an account of the Battle of Birch Cooley from an interview that ran in the Morton Enterprise in the 1920's. He also included an interview with George's wife, Johanna, who was an 11-year old refugee at the Hutchinson Stockade. These interesting interviews can be found in Volume 1, p. 45-48 and on our website.

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