

## Minor T. Thomas: 1830 – 1897



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Minor Thomas was born in Indiana in 1830. He came to Minnesota in 1854, and worked as a surveyor in Washington County from 1857 until the beginning of the Civil War. He also worked as sheriff.

He served as the **Washington County Surveyor from 1860 to 1861**. His survey records are not on file.

In 1861, he entered the Civil War as 2nd Lieutenant of Company B of the First Minnesota Regiment. He was injured at the Battle of Bull Run. In 1862 he was promoted to colonel of the Eighth Minnesota Infantry. At the time of his discharge in 1865, he was a brigadier general.

After the war, he continued his work as a surveyor and civil engineer in Minnesota, Louisiana, Michigan, Arizona, and New Mexico. Plagued by poor health from the war, he made deliberate efforts to relocate his work to warmer climates whenever possible.