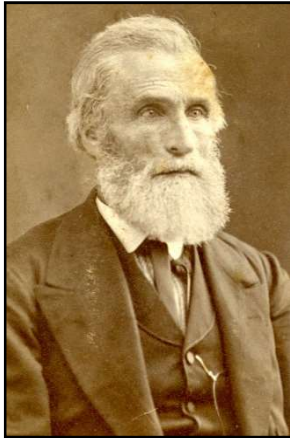


Harvey Wilson, District Surveyor, St. Croix County, Wisconsin Ty. 1847



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Harvey Wilson was District Surveyor for St. Croix County, Wisconsin Territory in 1847. At the time, St. Croix County included all of the land now encompassed by Washington County, Minnesota.

Survey No. 1, in Field Book A, was for a county road running from Stillwater to the “village of St. Pauls” for a distance of 17 miles, 238 rods, and 18 links. Wilson signed and dated the survey on April 20th, 1847.

Wilson surveyed and recorded a Plot of the Town of Stillwater in August 1848. In 1851, he surveyed a lot adjoining the north line of Stillwater for the site of the Territorial Prison. In his work around the county, he found and used many of the original government survey markers, replacing some of them with more permanent markers made of stone.

Washington County, Minnesota Territory was established in 1849 from that part of St. Croix County that lay west of the St. Croix River. Wilson continued to perform surveys in Washington County through 1851, as the District Surveyor for St. Croix County. This was followed by Aquilla D. Greeley, appointed as the first Washington County Surveyor in 1852.