

## Lewis W. Clarke, Washington County Surveyor



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Lewis W. Clarke was born in Wellesley, Massachusetts in 1852. He studied civil engineering at Boston Tech, later known as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or MIT. Clarke came to Stillwater, Minnesota around 1880 to practice civil engineering and land surveying. He served several terms as the Stillwater City Engineer and also as the County Surveyor.

Clarke was the **Washington County Surveyor from 1907 to 1909, and again from 1918 to 1929**. He often set cut stone monuments at government corners, and also used tapered concrete monuments, 4 by 4 inches on top, with a steel rod through the center. His survey records sometimes include hand-colored maps, and can be found in Surveyor's Record Book 1. Clarke was a highly respected surveyor, whose surveys continue to be a reliable source of survey information and boundary retracement evidence.

Following his sudden death in 1929, his son L. Norton Clarke became the county surveyor. Like his father, Norton was a land surveyor and civil engineer.