

Myron Shepard: 1832 - 1920



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Myron Shepard gained experience as a surveyor while working for several railroad companies in New York, Ohio, and Iowa. He arrived in Stillwater in 1856 where he continued to work as a surveyor and civil engineer.

In 1862, he entered the Civil War, serving with the First Minnesota Regiment, and attaining the rank of 1st lieutenant. After the war, he moved to the south where he worked as a county surveyor in Missouri. He returned to Stillwater in 1870.

Shepard was the **Washington County Surveyor from 1883 to 1888, and again from 1891 to 1892**. As the county surveyor, he preserved hundreds of U.S. corners in Washington County. Shepard typically set a stone monument at section corners using evidence from the original government survey. When no original evidence could be found, he used other accepted methods of corner restoration. Myron Shepard's surveys in Washington County are meticulously recorded in Surveyor's Record Book 1.

Shepard entered into a contract with the Surveyor General's Office in St. Paul on December 1, 1902. As a U.S. Deputy Surveyor, he surveyed an island in a lake in Section 27, T33N, R20W (Chisago County). The plat was signed by Surveyor General E.S. Warner on March 12, 1903.