

Crooks, Wm.

First engineer of the Minnesota and Pacific Railroad. He held this position for about a year, when David Shepard became chief engineer. In 1859 Crooks again became chief engineer, and continued to hold this office until the company ended. In 1862 he was appointed colonel of the 6th regiment. When he returned from the war, he was made chief engineer of the Winona Division of the St. Paul & Pacific Railroad. He also had a contract to construct the railroad

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from Delano to Breckenridge in 1869.

See account written by S.P.Folsom, attached to Report of Chief Engineer to the President of Minnesota & Pacific R.R. Co., January 12, 1858.

In 1873 Crooks was a partner in De Graff & Company. See: Copy, State of Minnesota, Jesse P. Farley, receiver vs. De Graff & Co., B.S.Russell and others. [August 9, 1875]