

Shepard, David Chauncey      May 9, 1898  
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D.C.Shepard to James J. Hill.

Born February 20, 1828 in Geneseo, N.Y.  
Educated at Temple Hill Academy, Geneseo,  
and Brockport Collegiate Institute, Brock-  
port, N.Y.

In 1847 was appointed to the Engineers  
Corps [of New York] by the govenor of N.Y.  
as assistant engineer and draftsman.

In 1851 resigned to work on surveys for  
the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad.  
Left to work on Erie Canal. Worked on

various railroads in construction work and in June, 1857 was appointed chief engineer of the Minnesota and Pacific R.R. Co.

In 1857 he located the lines of this railroad from Stillwater via St. Paul and Minneapolis to Breckenridge and from Minneapolis to Crow Wing.

From 1863-1870 Shepard became chief engineer during construction of various lines built in Minn. & Iowa by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

In 1870 constructed the Northern Pacific R.R. from Pacific Junction to Fargo.

In Feb. 1871 became general manager of the Northwestern Construction Co.

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Later he built the Manitoba Road from  
Havre, Montana to Everett, Washington and  
from Seattle to Fairhaven junction.

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