

N O R T H E R N P A C I F I C R A I L W A Y C O M P A N Y

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
VALUATION SECTION NO. 2 D  
GRANTSBURG BRANCH

PRE-INVENTORY INFORMATION  
GENERAL OUTLINE AND HISTORY OF THE WORK

This is a single track branch line running from Rush City, Minnesota to Grantsburgh, Wisconsin.

From Grantsburgh to the St. Croix River including the bridge over the river was built by the St. Cloud, Grantsburgh and Ashland Railroad Company. Construction was commenced in November 1878 and completed in January 1884. The money and construction material for this line was advanced by the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad Company, the engineering was also paid for by the same company. See Corporate History Page 144 and annual report of St. Paul & Duluth R.R. Co. year ending December 31st, 1881.

Between Rush City and the St. Croix River the line was built in the years 1881 and 1882. The grading was started by The Grantsburgh, Rush City and St. Cloud Railway Company but on June 19th, 1881 a lease was entered into with the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad Company by the terms of which the St. P. & D. R.R. Co. completed the construction and assumed the indebtedness for the work already done. See Corporate History Page 147.

It is not known by what forces the original construction work was done.

The country traversed was generally covered with heavy growth of timber at time of original construction. From Rush City to the St. Croix River the land is of a heavy clay; from the St. Croix river to Linds Spur, near mile post 10, the land is of shifting sand and from there to Grantsburgh the soil again becomes heavier.

The subsidence of the roadbed will be developed at time of Government inventory.