

# Henry Bosse



- Henry Bosse was born in Prussia Nov. 13, 1844, and immigrated to the United States in 1865. He began working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Chicago in 1874 and was soon transferred to the River and Harbor Improvement Office in St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1878, he transferred to the Rock Island District.
- Henry Bosse was a draftsman of the highest order and very knowledgeable of the Mississippi River topography. His Mississippi River map, revised in 1901, 1903-1905 and 1915, is still a valuable reference that captures the changes in the Mississippi River during the past 100-plus years.
- Henry Bosse photographed the Mississippi River valley during his surveys of the river. He produced several high quality albums of his photographs that are treasured by connoisseurs of vintage photography.
- The St. Paul District cares for one of three surviving Bosse photo albums. The inscription on the cover of the district's album states, "To U.S. Dredge William A. Thompson by Mrs. William A. Thompson."

