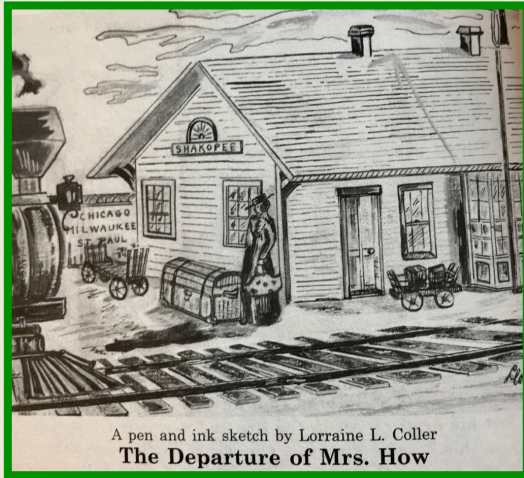


Sunday, December 24, 1893, and he was buried at Valley Cemetery in Shakopee.

Mary Robeson Sherrerd How ended up in the cities, and on February 9, 1899, she married Alonzo Phillips (1843-1932), son of John Wesley Phillips and Catherine Enslin. Mary died on December 5, 1928 in St. Paul. Mary was buried there in St. Paul. David Lennox How had a plot at Valley Cemetery for her, but she did not get buried here in Shakopee. Eventually, the plot was given to Sarah-Irène Faribault (1853-1924), a nurse and domestic servant at the How's home, and her remains was interned in the plot reserved for Mary Robeson Sherrerd How Phillips.



A pen and ink sketch by Lorraine L. Collier
The Departure of Mrs. How

The Shakopee Story by Julius A. Collier, II, included a summary of the time 1873 when Mary Margaret Robson Sherrerd How Phillips left their home on 2nd and Holmes Street and walked to the train station in Shakopee, where she headed to Chicago to meet J.B. Butterfield. The two of them left for a three month trip of 10,000 miles by rail and ocean steamer.



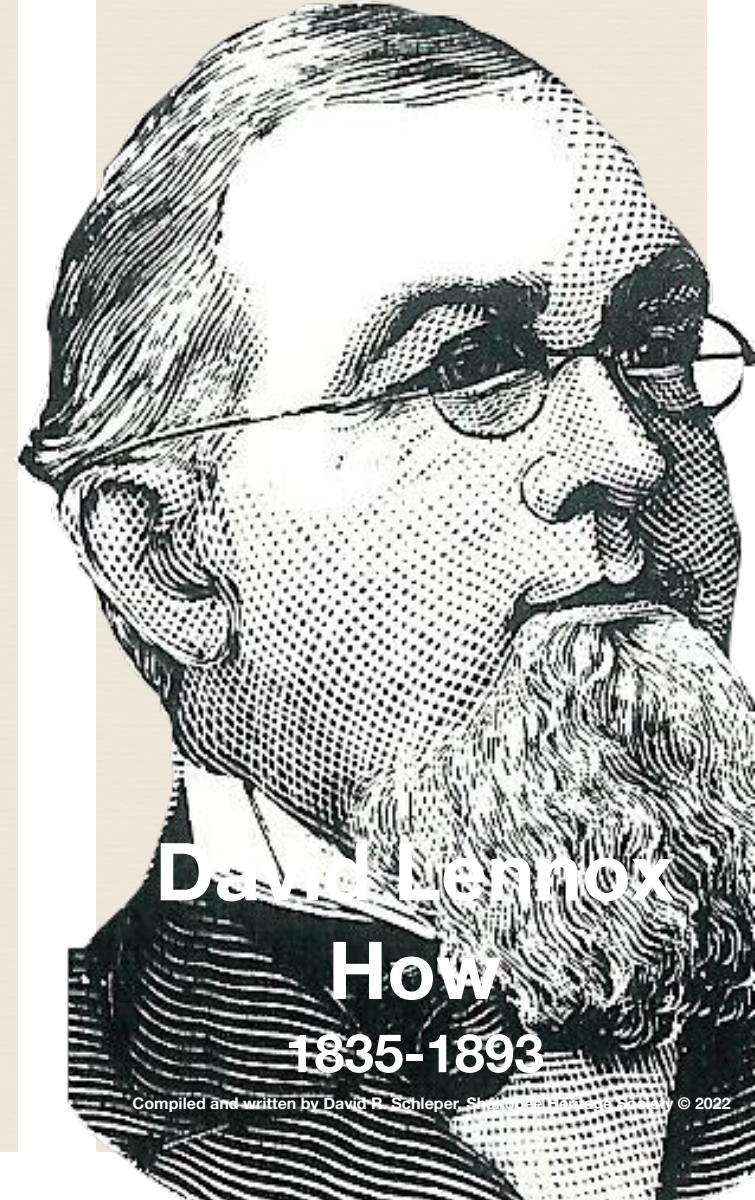
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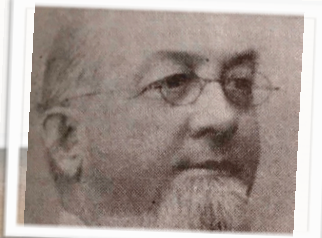


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David Lennox
How
1835-1893

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David Lennox How was born in Elbridge, New York on August 23, 1835. When he was 20 years old, David decided to striking out on his own. After two years in Adrian, Michigan, he headed on the Minnesota River heading to Shakopee in the new state of Minnesota.

On the Antelope, the slender town smoke stacks belched smoke. On the decks were a mixture of cargo and passengers, including Indian traders and settlers-colonists. David, age 22, was writing in his diary. "The scenery," he wrote, "is very beautiful and the foliage more forward than in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, or Indiana," noted in **The Shakopee Story** by Julius Coller II, pages 619-628.

In 1858, David Lennox How entered into a partnership with Dr. Josiah Schroeder Weiser (1832-1863) in owning a drugstore in Shakopee. The old drug store later became the Strunk's Drug Store. David also worked on several projects, including a Jordan flouring mill, a mill in Chaska, and a large mill in Shakopee.

At age 27, David Lennox How married 18-year-old Mary Margaret Robeson Sherrerd in 1862. Mary was born on February 13, 1844 in New Jersey. Her parents were William Maxwell Sherrerd (1805-1868) and Sarah Leeds Sally Bartow (1819-1896.). William ran the American Hotel in Shakopee. David and Mary moved into



David Lennox How started the Drug Store in Shakopee with Dr. Josiah Weiser in 1858. Later, David continue the store, and recruited his brother to work together. Later, it was sold to the Strunk family, and was located on the north side of First Avenue until 1972 (and then it moved to the location now of Pablo's.). The SHS picture shows the store in 1922.

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into the commodious Sherrerd brick residence on Holmes and Second Street, which is now torn down and is currently the Deco apartments. It was then called the How's residence, and the couple had one child, Jennie Sheered How (1864-1935.). Mary Sherrard How was pretty, talented, and entertaining. David How was always the center of social activities with grace, magnetism, and ready wit. David and Mary were popular at parties and dances.

In 1872, a fire broke out, and J.G. Butterfield lost a drafting set. In one hour, \$350 was raised to buy him a new set. The money was given to Butterfield, after a nice speech from David Lennox How.

On the morning of September 21, 1873, Mary Sherrard How went to visit a friend. When Mr. How telephoned to find out when she would be back, she was not there. Meanwhile, J.G. Butterfield told his friends in Shakopee that he was going to Vermont, but he didn't. He wrote his wife a letter saying they would never see each other again. Mary Sherrard How left her husband and child, and and J.G. Butterfield left his wife and 5 children.

Mr. Butterfield and Mrs. How left the state separately, but met in Chicago. Then the new couple went to New York, St. Thomas,

Panama, California, and back to Chicago. The people in Shakopee had a field day discussing what may have happened.

After 3 months, and 10 thousand miles by rail and ocean steamer, Mary Sherrard How arrived back in Shakopee. So did J.G. Butterfield. Mary How returned to David How, and J.G. Butterfield left Shakopee with his wife and family.

As far as it is known, neither Mary or David offered any information or explanation. They took up their lives. Parties started up again, and their child, Jennie, married Ernest Lionel Welch (1863-1934) on December 2, 1885 at the How's house on 2nd and Holmes Street.

On December 21, 1893, 20 years later, Mr. How ate breakfast and went upstairs. Moments later a shot was heard. The family rushed upstairs. David, sitting in the chair, grasping a revolver. The discharge from the 38 caliber weapon entered the right temple. He was dead.

David Lennox How had several business enterprises, and may have been overwhelmed and overdrawn on his accounts. The community was shocked. The funeral took place at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on