

## William Austin Shepherd Surveyor of Petersburg

On September 14, 1846, William A. Shepard (William Austin Shepherd) was employed to survey the town of Petersburg. The town was divided into 25 blocks. Each block had six lots 50 ft. wide and 100 ft. long and the streets were 60 ft. wide.

Shepherd, a native of Virginia, was born on March 20, 1810. He married Susan Austin on August 17, 1831, in Wilkes, North Carolina.

By 1846, the 36-year-old Shepherd was residing in Colorado County, Texas when he was hired to survey the town of Petersburg.

Note: While it is documented in the Lavaca County Police Court Minutes that William A. Sheppard (William Austin Shepherd) was employed to survey Petersburg, no copies exist of the survey notes or survey map showing the location of blocks and lots in Petersburg.

Shepherd resided in Colorado County, Texas until his death in July 1852.