

Bradford

- Bradford Township was established in 1875. It was named by the Reverend Charles Booth, an Episcopalian minister from Bradford, England. Rev. Booth took a claim in the township in the early 1870's.
- The Yankee influence is seen throughout the county. The first group of white settlers came from New England. They were enticed by tales of rich timber stands and plentiful, cheap land. Names like Stanford, Cambridge, Spencer Brook, Oxford and Bradford reflect the early New England presence.
- When one looks at a map of Isanti County, you would not guess that the county, at one time, represented the largest Swedish settlement in the country. But the Swedes arrived in the area after the earlier settlers from New England had already supplied most of the community names.
- The two areas of Isanti County that were settled by New England pioneers were Cambridge Village and the townships of Spencer Brook and West Bradford.