



DIAMOND LAKE AND ENVIRONS IN 1873

This map, drawn in 1873, shows what the area around south Minneapolis looked like at that time. Visible are the large letters "FIEL" which are part of "RICHFIELD", which this area was considered at the time. It's interesting to see that Diamond Lake Road (54<sup>th</sup> St.), Lyndale Avenue and part of Portland Avenue date back to that time (the thinner lines on the map are not roads, but property dividers.) There's a gristmill listed on the northern side of the creek on what is today 50<sup>th</sup> & Lyndale. It's been told that farmers would come from as far as sixty miles away to get their wheat ground to flour there. By this time there was also a school, a store, two churches, and a blacksmith. The black squares on the map seemingly represent these and scattered homesteads. Reputedly, farmers, cows and chickens were common in the area through the '20s. View this entire map online at: <http://www.mnhs.org/collections/digitalmaps/>

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