



DIAMOND LAKE AND ENVIRONS IN 1873

Obviously much has changed in 133 years, but perhaps most interesting is to see what has become of the lakes pictured in the 1873 map. Pearl Lake was transformed into Pearl Park. The eastern arm of Diamond Lake is now Todd Park. Mud Lake has become Veteran's Memorial Park. Mother Lake is a mere pond to what it once was with Taft Park occupying part of its former bounds. Grass Lake has met a similar fate with Richfield Lake Park taking over its former southern half. Most of this draining of the lakes and transforming them into parks apparently occurred in the years following WWII. By several accounts, those lakes now gone were quite shallow, swampy and no doubt unwelcoming to human habitation, but who can deny a longing to take a stroll through the land as it was in 1873? One final note: Lake Amelia (named for a Fort Snelling officer's daughter in 1819) was renamed Lake Nokomis in 1910 for a character in Longfellow's epic poem: "Song of Hiawatha".



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