A Familiar Site

In the spring of 1884, W.K. Menne, a Burlington photographer, perched atop this hill as the snow melted and snapped this pair of pictures looking at the view you are seeing today. Do you wonder if perhaps he climbed up onto the Webb’s newly built home to get an even better view?

The four aerial images to the right illustrate the land-use changes south of Burlington since the height of the Great Depression. How many differences can you find between when Oakledge was a resort in 1937 and a city park in 1999? Do the changes continue today? The red star in each picture marks the former location of the main house at Oakledge, now the location of the picnic shelter just behind you.

2015 - The landscape around Oakledge is mostly open. Neighbor houses to the east are set on a “grid pattern” of streets running at right angles to each other.

1959 - The landscape around Oakledge is mostly open. Neighbor houses to the east are set on a “grid pattern” of streets running at right angles to each other.

1982 - Quiz and around Oakledge is diverse, but the post-World War II properties of the 1950s. Oil tanks sit upon the north end of the property. Interim construction begins to the east.


Oakledge is an idyllic city park, a green expanse among the concrete roads of Burlington’s eastern neighborhoods.