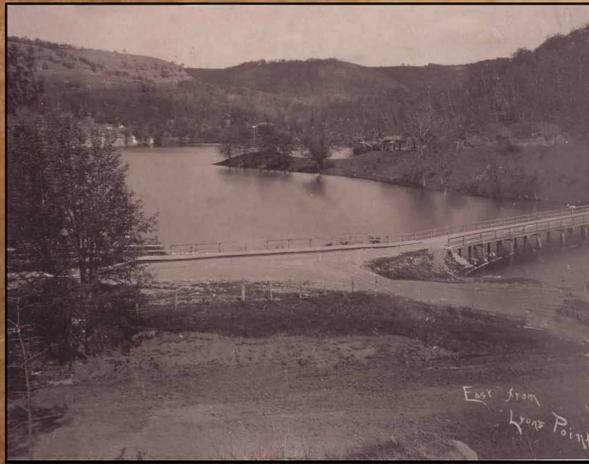


# LAKE COMO

Hokah Heritage Signs Project 2011  
Series of six signs depicting the  
City of Hokah's historic landmarks

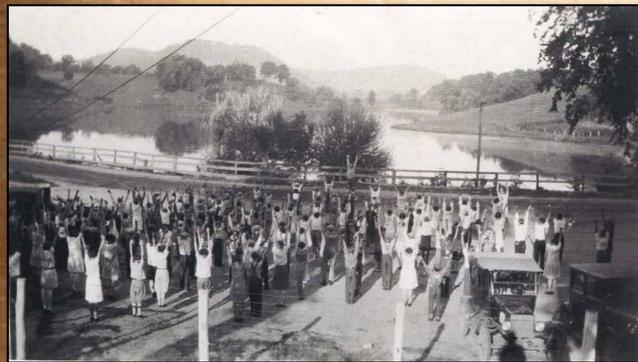


Original Lake Como, 1852-1909, viewed  
from hill above Legion Ballfield

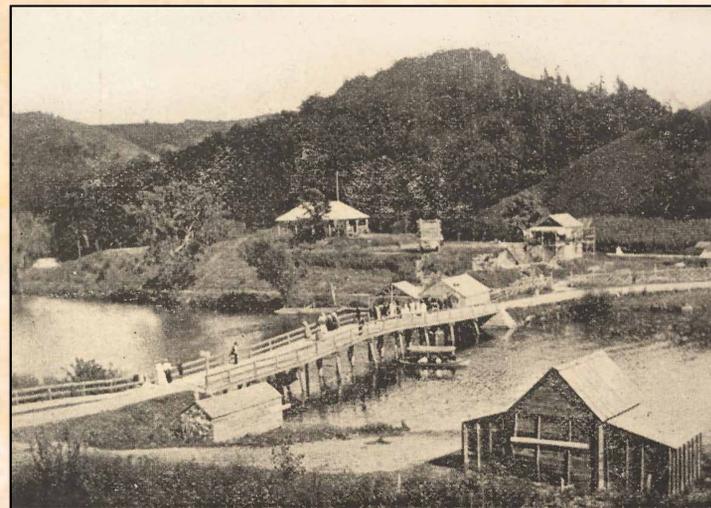
In August of 1909 the lake was lost to a flood. It was reported the lake rose 6 feet 6 inches and within an hour and a half of the dam going out the water dropped 18 feet 6 inches leaving the falls high and dry. Lake Como was rebuilt in 1922 and several cottages were built shortly after. By the late 1930's it filled with silt due to poor conservation practices. The lake bed is now home to Como Falls Park established in 1997, a municipal spring fed natural swimming pool built in 1968, fishing ponds, Legion ballfield, a recreation area that includes a mini golf, disc golf, driving range and volleyball courts in addition to fields for crops. In August 2007, a record 24 hour rainfall of 15.1 inches resulted in major flooding that damaged everything in the lakebed. The recreational facilities were all later repaired.



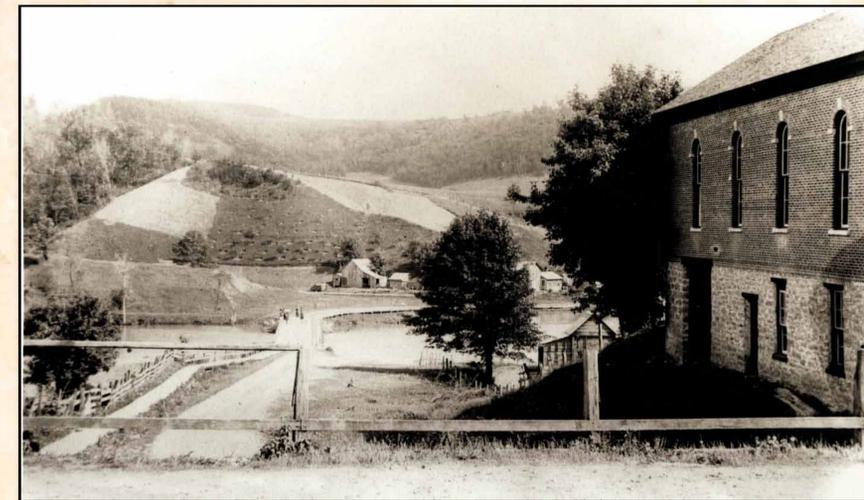
View in 1920's from bridge



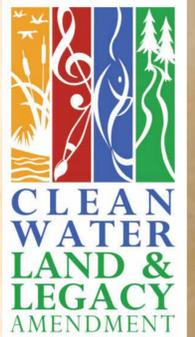
4-H Camp 1920's



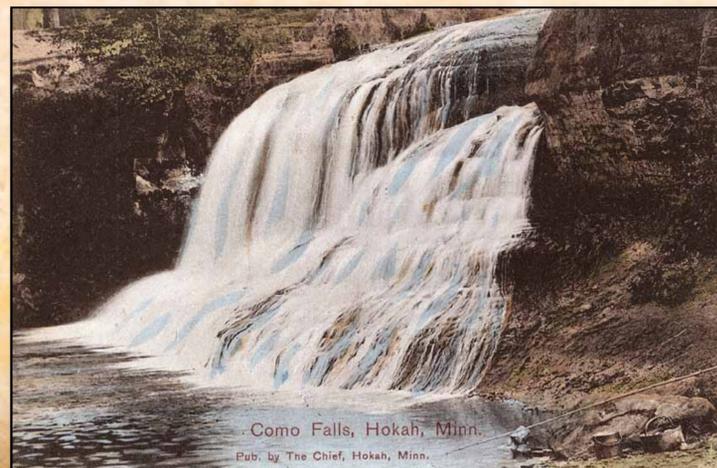
Pavilion on hill in center  
County 18 is located approximately on site of old bridge



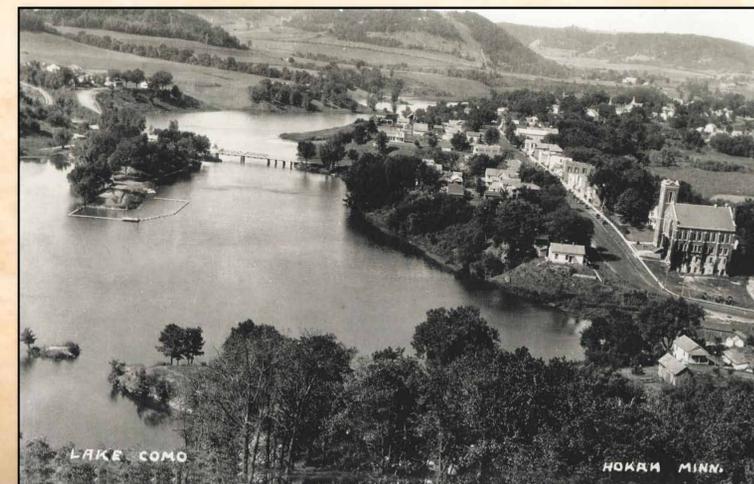
Town hall built 1875 and destroyed by fire 1913, located SW corner  
County 18 & Hwy. 44



Watering trough was on upper side of wall and  
fence now location of County 18 & Hwy. 44  
intersection



Como Falls, Hokah, Minn.  
Pub. by The Chief, Hokah, Minn.



1922 - late 1930's

