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Rice Lake (Ghost Town)

LOCATION: 10379 585th St, Claremont, MN 55924

STATUS: Private

TYPE: Historic, District

HISTORY: A post office was established in 1857 and discontinued in 1903. Rice Lake was a thriving village situated at the northeast side of the lake, established before Dodge County. The Methodist organized a church in 1857, and it is the only remaining building. The church used to be across the road from The Tiffany Lodge and the stagecoach stop. The village had a barbershop, blacksmith, sorghum mill, bootmaker, taverns, doctor's office, and hotel. Members of the Winnebago tribe were harvesting rice from the lake when the first settlers arrived. Rice Lake businesses continued for a short while until moving south to Claremont. Rice Lake was designated a Minnesota State Park in 1963.

OTHER RESOURCES:

<https://www.dodgecountyhistorical.org/>

PROPERTY PICTURES:



Rice Lake Church, 1973

Courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society



Rice Lake Church, 2021



Rice Lake Plaque, 2021



Rice Lake Church, 2021



Rice Lake Church Painting, 2021