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St. Paul in 1869, looking very much like a raw frontier town. This is Jackson, looking toward Seventh Street.

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Correction: Jim Sazevich, St. Paul's "house detective," points out that we led readers of the City Birthday Party edition of this magazine (published in the fall of 1979) to believe that the Jackson Street Methodist Church, built in 1856, is still standing. It is not. This last landmark in the Lowertown neighborhood (other than the Dahl house) was razed several years ago. Also, the house at 26 Irvine Park, identified as the William R. Marshall house, is known historically as the Henry Knox house. The house at 30 Irvine Park is the Parker-Marshall house, leased by Marshall from 1877 to 1880.

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The Ramsey County Historical Society was founded in 1949. Its chief function is to collect and preserve the history of the city and the county and share that history with the people who live here. The Society is the county's historian. It preserves those things from the past that are the community's treasures — its written records through the Society's library; its historic sites through establishment of the Irvine Park Historic District and its successful efforts to help prevent destruction of the Old Federal Courts Building, now Landmark Center. It shares these records through the publishing of its magazine, brochures, pamphlets, and prints; through conducting historic sites tours of the city, teaching classes, producing exhibits on the history of the city, and maintaining its museum on rural county history. The Gibbs Farm Museum, the oldest remaining farm home in Ramsey County, was acquired by the Society in 1949 and opened to the public in 1954 as a museum which would depict the way of life of an early Minnesota settler. In 1966 the Society moved onto the property a one-room rural country schoolhouse dating from the 1870s. Now restored to the period of the late 1890s, the school is used for classes, meetings, and as the center for a summer schoolhouse program for children.

Society headquarters are located in Landmark Center, an historic Richardsonian Romanesque structure in downtown St. Paul, where it maintains the center's only permanent exhibit, a history of the building during the seventy-five years it was the federal government's headquarters in St. Paul.

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