Edina Mill: The Grounds
For Nationally Famous Farming

**From Moo to You**

Today you may hear honks from cars passing nearby, but over a hundred years ago you would hear the sound of “moo” instead. Present-day Browndale Road recalls the bygone farm of the prominent Brown family. In the late 1900s, the Browndale Farm was a vast campus of buildings and a significant employer in the district. Its cattle and progressive farming methods made it famous.

Visitors and dignitaries from around the region and overseas came to admire its operations. And central to the farm’s success was the neighboring Edina Mill, which gave access to high-quality grains.

**Reminders of the Past...** The millpond—today little more than a swell in the creek—was at the farm’s southern edge. The mill’s dam and Browndale Bridge bounded the property. A second bridge allowed passage of pedestrians and cattle over the millpond. Present-day Bridge Street reminds us of the wooden structure that once crossed here. The image above shows the view from today’s Sunnyslope neighborhood looking towards the Browndale Farm.

The farm’s Scotch-bred Shorthorns and Jersey cattle were national prize-winners.