

# Relocation of IU changed shape of the city in 1900

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Dunn's Woods at the east edge of Bloomington changed the development patterns. Our hypothetical Van Winkle would be lost if he ventured east of Dunn Street, wandering from Park to Woodlawn through the university to Jordan Avenue, all once wooded areas. He would also be puzzled by the disappearance of the old

~~Dunn family homestead, which stood approximately where the Wildermuth Intramural Center is now.~~

Did a bolt of lightning change Bloomington's shape? Perhaps. The mere presence of the university made community development inevitable, but without that particular charge of electricity, the city boundaries might be in different places today.