

Pre-Industrial Changes to St. Anthony Falls



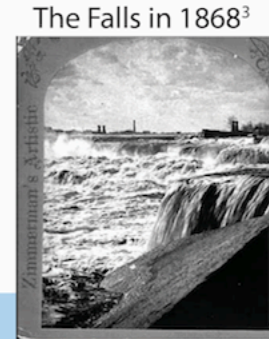
Hennepin Island from Main Street¹



The Falls³

Minneapolis Mill Company begins construction on a canal to divert water from the falls to be used for power²

Dredging of 4-foot channel begins downstream of St. Paul²

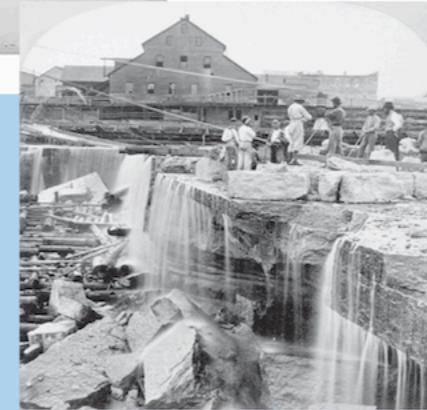


The Falls in 1868³

Congress authorizes dredging of 4-and-a-half-foot channel (also, further downstream), essentially directing them to "remake" the Upper Mississippi²

St. Anthony Falls Water Power Company builds the first dam at the Falls²

The West Side Milling District is created - running entirely on power from St. Anthony Falls²



Constructing the First Wooden Apron³

Tunnel built beneath the Falls to serve as downstream spillway²



1851 1854 1855 1856 1857 1858 1860 1863 1865 1866 1867 1868 1869 1874

East Side Sawmills³



The treaties at Mendota and Traverse des Sioux allow settlers to claim the west bank of the Mississippi River²

Dam project splits the water flow in half - east to west between Minneapolis Mill Company and St. Anthony Falls Water Power Company²

Construction begins on a suspension bridge connecting Minneapolis to St. Anthony (the first Hennepin Ave Bridge)²



First Suspension Bridge³

St. Anthony Falls³



Rivers and Harbors Act: Army Corps of Engineers begins determining how to establish a 4-foot continuous channel to be built downstream of St. Paul (beginning an era of manipulating the river)²

A water leak causes the limestone rivebed to collapse, along with the newly built tunnel²

Artist's Rendition of Minneapolis Waterfront¹

