



**RISLEY POND, 1911 photo, looking across the pond northwest-ward to Lake Street.** Trees have grown up along the pond since this photo was taken. The Manchester Land Conservation Trust acquired the pond, meadow, and forested uplands south of the pond in several parcels from 1986 to 2014. This property, now called Risley Park, comprises over 130 acres, and is open to the public for hiking, fishing, birdwatching (no motor vehicles). The Land Trust keeps the meadow open, and a farmer still cuts the hay in late summer.



**Jack Risley** (1894-1984), in a 1980 photo at the corner of Lake and Lydall Streets. The Risley family owned this property, and previous generations farmed the land north of the pond. In the 1940s, they grew strawberries in the meadow which you see to the right (west) of this sign.