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June 5, 1969

City Clerk-Treasurer
City Hall
Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that the name WRIGHT LAKE for a body of water in your city was approved by the United States Geographic Board Decision List 6802. The name had earlier been approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board (January 10, 1966).

The federal board's approval makes the name official nationally.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

JDH:pns

Wright Lake

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
Rm. 1040, GSA Building

FEB 26 1968

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

We are placing the geographic names you sent us with your letter of February 6 on our next docket for review by the Board on Geographic Names.

We are having some difficulty, however, in locating Wright Lake, within the city of Fergus Falls. Could you please send us an annotated map indicating just which lake is intended for this name?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

J. O. Kilmartin
Executive Secretary
Domestic Geographic Names

approved by USGB
Dec. list 6802

City of Fergus Falls

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA 56537

CITY HALL

DEPARTMENTS OF:

AUDITING
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RECORDS

OFFICES OF:

CITY CLERK-TREASURER
COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION
CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT
SEC. OF PLANNING COMMISSION

March 1, 1968

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary Minnesota Geographic Board
Cedar Street and Central Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

In reply to your letter of February 28, 1968, we are enclosing a copy of a map of the City of Fergus Falls showing Wright Lake marked in red.

Yours very truly,

Rodger A. Neumann

Rodger A. Neumann
City Clerk-Treasurer

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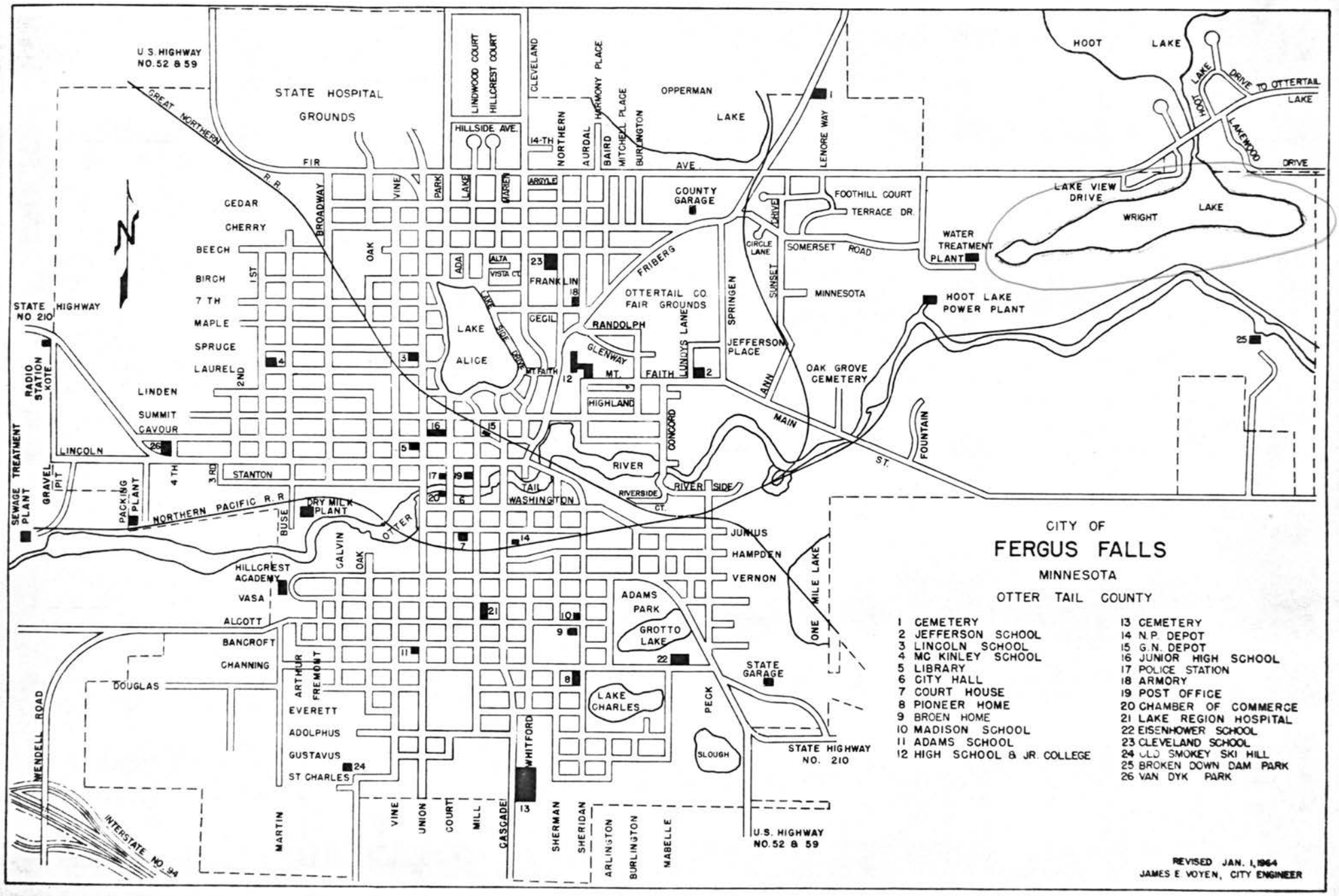
Enc.



Wright Lake outlined in red

February 28, 1968

Mr. Roger A. Neumann, City Clerk
Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537

Dear Mr. Neumann:

In 1966 we corresponded about changing the name of a body of water within the city of Fergus Falls from Stump Lake to Wright Lake, a change approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board in January, 1966.

To be accepted nationally this change must be acted upon by the United States Geographic Board in Washington. That organization has just informed me that the name will be considered at its next meeting, but that before it can act it must have a map of your city showing the location of the lake.

Can you supply me with such a map, or a Xerox copy of a map, showing that portion of Fergus Falls with the lake marked? Your prompt co-operation in this matter will be appreciated, since the board meets early in March.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

January 24, 1966

Mr. S. B. Johnson
County Auditor
Otter Tail County Courthouse
Fergus Falls, Minn. 56537

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to advise you that on January 10 the Minnesota Geographic Board officially approved a change in the name of a body of water within the city of Fergus Falls from Stump Lake to Wright Lake.

Enclosed is a signed copy of the resolution of the Otter Tail County Commissioners for filing in your office. The Minnesota Board's decision makes the use of this name official within the state. The decision will be forwarded to the United States Geogrphic Board which has jurisdiction over its use nationally.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

copy enc.

January 24, 1966

Mr. Rodger A. Neumann, City Clerk
Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537

Dear Mr. Neumann:

This is to advise you that on January 10 the Minnesota Geographic Board voted to officially change the name of a body of water within the city of Fergus Falls from Stump Lake to Wright Lake. The board regarded this change as both desirable and appropriate.

We are today forwarding to the Otter Tail County auditor the necessary signed resolution for filing in his office. The Minnesota Board's decision makes the use of Wright Lake official within the state. The decision will be forwarded to the United States Geographic Board which has jurisdiction over its use nationally.

Thank you for your help in assembling the necessary documents so that the state board could act on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

STATE OF MINNESOTA }
County of Otter Tail }

I, S. B. Johnson, Auditor of Otter Tail County, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have carefully examined the attached paper writing with the original thereof, which is in my custody as such auditor, and that such copy is a correct copy of such original, and of the whole thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Fergus Falls, this 8th day of December A. D. 1965

S B Johnson
Auditor

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVEDby the Board of County Commissioners of Otter Tail County, Minnesota,

THAT they concur with a resolution passed on May 4, 1964 by the Fergus Falls City Council changing the name of Stump Lake to Wright Lake. This approval of the change is given pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 378.01 to 378.06.

Adopted this 8th day of December, 1965.

James Bucholz
Chairman.

Attest:

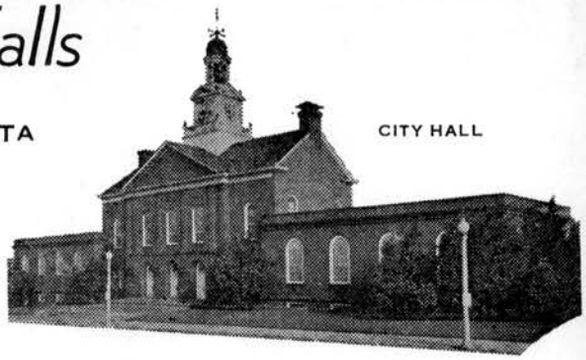
S. Johnson
Clerk.

MGB approved
Jan. 10, 1966

City of Fergus Falls

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA

56537



CITY HALL

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OFFICES OF:

CITY CLERK - TREASURER
COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION
CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT
SEC. OF PLANNING COMMISSION

December 15, 1965

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Cedar Street & Central Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

A few days ago we sent you certified copies of a resolution adopted by our City Council on May 4, 1965, renaming Stump Lake, Wright Lake. At that time we notified you that the County Auditor would send you certified copies of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. We have today received these resolutions from the County Auditor so are attaching them hereto.

Yours very truly,

Rodger A. Neumann

Rodger A. Neumann,
City Clerk-Treasurer

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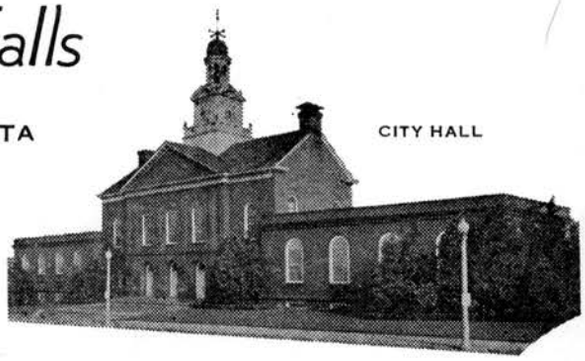
Encl. (2)

City of Fergus Falls

FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA



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SEC. OF PLANNING COMMISSION

December 13, 1965

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Cedar Street & Central Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

in reply to your letter of November 18, 1965 we are enclosing two certified copies of a resolution adopted by our City Council on May 4, 1964, renaming Stump Lake, Wright Lake. Since there was no petition presented to the Council requesting this change, we are also enclosing two certified copies of minutes of the Council meetings pertaining to this name change.

Our County Auditor has notified me that the County Board has taken action on this matter and if you have not already received certified copies of their resolution you will receive them soon.

Yours very truly,

Rodger A. Neumann

Rodger A. Neumann,
City Clerk-Treasurer

RAN:FP
Encl.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL)

I, Rodger A. Neumann, the duly appointed, qualified, and acting City Clerk of the City of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, do hereby certify that I am custodian of the minutes of all proceedings had and held by the City Council of said city, and that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Council at its regular meeting on May 4, 1964, that the same has not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect:

RESOLUTION RENAMING STUMP LAKE, WRIGHT LAKE

WHEREAS, some discussion has been held regarding renaming Stump Lake for the reason that the name is not appealing or attractive to the average individual, and

WHEREAS, the name Wright Lake would be more fitting and proper due to the endeavors and promotion of Vernon Wright and the benefits to the City of Fergus Falls due to his efforts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the name of Stump Lake be and the same is hereby discontinued and deleted from our records and in place thereof said lake shall be known as Wright Lake, and the Department of Rivers and Waters of the State of Minnesota be duly notified, said lake being in the corporate limits of the City of Fergus Falls.

The above and foregoing resolution was offered at a regular meeting of the City Council held on May 4, 1965 by Alderman Quarum who moved its adoption, seconded by Alderman Warren, and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Beck, Freye, Mel Olson, W.G.Olson, Warren, Quarum & Larson.
NAYS: None (Alderman Vollbrecht absent).

Whereupon the above resolution was duly declared adopted.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

Rodger A. Neumann, City Clerk V. I. Hanson, Mayor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this 13th day of December, 1965, and have hereunto affixed the seal of said city.

Rodger A. Neumann
City Clerk

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL)

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Rodger A. Neumann
City Clerk

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL)

I, Rodger A. Neumann, the duly appointed, qualified, and acting City Clerk of the City of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, do hereby certify that I am custodian of the minutes of all proceedings had and held by the City Council of said city, and that the following are true and correct extracts from minutes of various meetings as indicated:

April 20, 1964:

"Mayor Hanson informed the Council that Howard Sowden had suggested that Stump Lake be renamed Wright Lake in memory of Vernon Wright who was instrumental in creating the present Stump Lake. Alderman Warren recommended that some publicity be given to the possibility of renaming Stump Lake before any action is taken. It was decided to table the matter until the next Council meeting."

May 4, 1964:

"The matter of renaming Stump Lake was again discussed. Alderman Quarum offered a Resolution Renaming Stump Lake, Wright Lake, and moved its adoption. Motion was seconded by Alderman Warren and adopted."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this 13th day of December, 1965, and have hereunto affixed the seal of said city.

Rodger A. Neumann
City Clerk

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this 13th day of December, 1965, and have hereunto affixed the seal of said city.

Rodger A. Neumann
City Clerk

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
SAINT PAUL 1

May 13, 1964

City Council
City of Fergus Falls
c/o Roger A. Neumann
City Clerk-Treasurer
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Re: Stump Lake
Otter Tail County

Dear Sirs:

This is in response to your letter of May 7, 1964 and the attached certified copy of the resolution changing the name of this lake to Wright Lake, adopted by your body on May 4, 1964.

We believe it to be a desirable name change, but it appears that is should have been handled in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 378.01 to 378.06.

Thank you for notification. Since these names are not used on any of our maps or indexes, we will appreciate being advised of the location of the lake by legal description or in relation to streets.

Yours very truly,

Sidney A. Frellsen, Director
Division of Waters

JME:ms
CC- State Geographic Board

COPY

November 18, 1965

City Council of Fergus Falls
c/o Roger A. Neumann
City Clerk-Treasurer
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Neumann:

The Division of Waters of the Minnesota Conservation Department has informed us of the resolution of May 4, 1964, passed by the Fergus Falls City Council to change the name of Stump Lake to Wright Lake.

This is to inform you that the new name cannot be used officially in Minnesota until it is approved by the county board and by the Minnesota Geographic Board in accordance with the Minnesota Statutes 378.01 to 378.06.

If you wish this name to be changed, please ask your county board to act on the matter. If the county auditor will send us two certified copies of any resolution passed by the county board, the state board can then take up the matter.

In addition to the county's resolution, it will be necessary for you to send me a certified copy of the Fergus Falls Council's resolution as well as a certified copy of the original petition presented to the council, complete with the names and addresses of the signers.

Since the State Geographic Board will be holding one of its infrequent meetings in the near future, it would be well to get this matter cleared up. As it now stands, the name approved by your Council has noofficial status. If you can have the necessary documents in my hands by December 15, the State Board will act upon them.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

cc to: S. B. Johnson
County Auditor
Otter Tail County
Fergus Falls, Minn.

Geog Bd

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Administration

Commissioner N. T. Waldor
411 Highway

June 6, 1969

Russell W. Fridley, Director

GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

Enclosed is the basic law governing the State Geographic Board and the agenda for our meeting on June 24th.

Inasmuch as the functions of this board were transferred to the Conservation Department under the reorganization legislation recently enacted by the legislature, this will be the final meeting of the board as it is now constituted.

Also enclosed is the agenda for the meeting which is being planned for Tuesday, June 24th, at 1 p.m. in the Weyerhaeuser Room of the Minnesota Historical Society.

RWF:ALF Encl.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
Rm. 1040, GSA Building

JUN 12 1969

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary, Minnesota
Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
Cedar Street and Central Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55110

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

We enclose the Minnesota portion of Docket 127 for your information. We would appreciate your review of the entries and any appropriate comments.

The docket is scheduled to be considered by the Board on Geographic Names on July 8. Please notify us before that date if more time is needed for review.

Sincerely yours,

J. O. Kilmartin
Executive Secretary
Domestic Geographic Names

Enclosure

returned 6-20-69

Minnesota

Docket 127
(76 Names)

Released June 10, 1969
For consideration at the
July 8, 1969 Meeting

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242

Briefs on the following names have been prepared for consideration by the Board on Geographic Names. Any agency or person favoring or opposing the approval of any name or any variant of a name appearing on this list may submit evidence concerning it.

Unapproved variant names and spellings discovered in the research on a name are listed following the word "Not." These may include former names or spellings, names derived by the application of policies other than those approved by the Board, misspellings, and names misapplied to the subject of the decision.

An asterisk (*) preceding a name indicates that a name previously approved by the Board is to be reconsidered.

A dagger (†) indicates that the text of a previous decision is to be reconsidered.

If one or more words in the proposed name are not underlined, the use or omission of such word or words in that name is optional.

The entries below each name indicate the submitting person, or agency, and the most convenient source for locating the feature. Accompanying each name is a notation of the reason for its submittal, and pertinent facts concerning it.

THE NAMES ON THIS LIST ARE NOT YET DECISIONS AND
SHOULD NOT BE SO CONSIDERED OR USED

MICHIGAN (cont.)

Sage Lake (cont.)
USGS, Tawas City 1:250, to establish name as given in local use and as shown on AMS, State, and county maps; USGS State base and USFS map show variant; USGS reports lake named for Sage Lumber Co. about 1910; not in a USNF but shown on Huron NF map.

Sucker River: stream, 24 mi. long, heads at Nawakwa Lake at 46°32'45" N, 85°59'00" W, flows NNE to East Bay 2 mi. ENE of Grand Marais; Alger and Luce Cos., Mich.; sec. 4, T 49 N, R 13 W, Michigan mer.; 46°40'26" N, 85°56'33" W. Not: Sucker Creek.
USGS, Sault Sainte Marie and Marquette 1:250; relative to Blind Sucker River; name misapplied to Blind Sucker River [q.v.] on USLS charts; not in a USNF.

Threemile Creek: stream, 3 mi. long, heads at 46°42'24" N, 85°17'46" W, flows NNW to Lake Superior 3 mi. SW of Crisp Point; Luce Co., Mich.; sec. 16, T 50 N, R 8 W, Michigan mer.; 46°43'58" N, 85°19'20" W. Not: Carp River, Three Mile Creek.
USGS, Sault Sainte Marie 1:250; to standardize name for publication purposes; USGS reports proposed name is in local use; shown as Three Mile Creek on county map and as Carp River on Lake Survey charts; not in a USNF.

Two Hearted River: stream, 15 mi. long, heads at the junction of its North and West Branches at 46°35'28" N, 85°37'45" W, flows NE to Lake Superior 27 mi. ENE of Grand Marais; Luce Co., Mich.; sec. 27, T 50 N, R 9 W, Michigan mer.; 46°42'06" N, 85°24'52" W. Not: Big Two Hearted River.
USGS, Sault Sainte Marie 1:250; USGS reports that all highway signs use recommended form; USLS Charts show variant name; USGS, AMS, and USC&GS maps show proposed name; not in a USNF.

MINNESOTA

Necktie River: stream, 13 mi. long, heads at 47°24°23' N, 94°48'44" W, flows SSE to Steamboat Lake 9 mi. SSW of the village of Cass Lake; Hubbard Co., Minn.; sec. 26, T 144 N, R 32 W, fourth principal mer.; 47°15'25" N, 94°41'41" W. Not: Steamboat River.
USGS, Bemidji 1:250; to establish name reported in local use; USGS, AMS, USFS, and county maps show the name Steamboat River [q.v.] overextended up stream on Necktie River; not in a USNF but shown on Chippewa NF map.

MINNESOTA (cont.)

Steamboat River: stream, 3 mi. long, heads at Steamboat Lake at 47°16'10" N, 94°37'40" W, flows SSE to Steamboat Bay 11 mi. S of the village of Cass Lake; Cass Co., Minn.; sec. 4, T 143 N, R 31 W, fourth principal mer.; 47°13'25" N, 94°36'20" W.
DGN, Bemidji 1:250; to establish name and application in relation to Necktie River [q.v.]; not in a USNF but shown on Chippewa NF map.

MONTANA

Dead Horse Creek: stream, 6 mi. long, heads at 48°39'01" N, 144°23'34" W, flows NE to Coal Creek 7 mi. S of Polebridge; Flathead Co., Mont.; sec. 35, T 34 N, R 21 W, Principal mer.; 48°39'49" N, 114°16'42" W. Not: Deadhorse Creek.
USGS, Kalispell 1:250; submitted to establish spelling; USGS reports that the local people use the two-word form; the one-word form is shown on USNF and county maps; in Flathead NF.

† Dead Horse Ridge: ridge, extends NE-SW 2 mi., 9 mi. S of Polebridge; Flathead Co., Mont.; 48°38'22" N, 114°18'15" W [NE end], 48°37'12" N, 114°19'38" W [SW end].
USGS, Glacier National Park 1:125; 1911 decision revised to establish application; USGS reports that the recommended application was determined by consultation with local people and USFS personnel; a variant application is shown on USGS and AMS maps; in Flathead NF.

Finger Lake: lake, 0.9 mi. long, 1 mi. W of Radnor; Flathead Co., Mont.; sec. 22, T 33 N, R 24 W, Principal mer.; 48°36'44" N, 114°40'57" W. Not: Wall Lake.
USGS, Stryker 1:125; USGS reports that according to local people and the District Ranger this feature is called Finger Lake; shown as Wall Lake [q.v.] on USNF and county maps; in Flathead NF.

Fire Lakes: lakes, largest 0.2 mi. long, 3 mi. NW of Radnor; Flathead Co., Mont.; secs. 17 and 20, T 33 N, R 24 W, Principal mer.; 48°37'15" N, 114°43'15" W. Not: Fire Lake.
USGS, Stryker 1:125; USGS reports that local people and road signs refer to the group of lakes as Fire Lakes and not just one Fire Lake as shown on USNF and county maps; not in a USNF but shown on Flathead NF maps.

MINNESOTA GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

Agenda, June 24, 1969

1. Minutes of previous meeting – approved.

2. Consider the following petitions for name changes:

   a. Petition to change Nelson Lake to Barsness Lake, Pope County

   b. Petition to adopt Plaisted Lake as official name of a body of water in Washington County

Amundsen moved 2nd. & to Retain Nelson Lake in view of long usage

look + vote by July 1. Named for G.W. Plaisted pioneer settler.

3. Transfer of administration of geographic board from historical society to Conservation Department on July 1, 1969.

4. Other business

Savanna – discussed matter + suggest refer to responsible local historical group. 2 mov. & sec.

Kandiyohi – happy to consider. Refer to Swifallom.

June 25, 1969

Mr. T. R. Greeder, County Auditor
Washington County Courthouse
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Mr. Greeder:

Thank you for your letter of June 23 regarding the name changes originally submitted by the Washington County Board of Commissioners, April 2, 1963. I am sorry that I neglected to explain the matter. Your question is indeed justified.

Yes, there are discrepancies in the names. After investigation and research the Minnesota Geographic Board and the United States Board on Geographic Names voted to accept only one of the three names as submitted by the resolution -- Grey Cloud Channel. The other two suggested names did not follow either accepted usage or historical precedent. The state board agreed, however, that the various names for these bodies of water did cause confusion and it therefore acted to give official names to the features.

The full decision reads as follows:

BALDWIN LAKE in Mississippi River near Grey Cloud Island. U.S. Geol. Survey Quad, St. Paul Park, Minn. 1951 edition) T 26, 27 N, R 22 W between Lower Grey Cloud Island and western shore of Mississippi at the southern boundary of Washington County. To clarify name. Not Lake Baldwin, Lake Balden, Balden Lake, Moore Lake or Grey Cloud Lake. Baldwin Lake is name in use and it so appears in U.S. Geol. Survey and U.S. Corps of Engineers charts for the area. Approved by Minnesota Geographic Board Feb. 2, 1968.

MOOERS LAKE in Mississippi River between Lower and Upper Grey Cloud Island (Location same as above). To clarify name and correct spelling. The lake was named by J. V. Brower about 1903 (Memoirs, 6:42) for Hazen Mooers, a fur trader who had a post in the area. (Not Moore Lake, Baldwin Lake, Balden Lake, Balsam Lake or Medicine Wood Lake). Approved by Minnesota Geographic Board Feb. 2, 1968.

GREY CLOUD CHANNEL in Mississippi River at Mooers Lake in area described above. Not Grey Cloud Slough. Change suggested by Washington County Board, April 2, 1963. Approved by Minnesota Geographic Board Feb. 2, 1968.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Managing Editor

JDH:pns

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE (1867)

OFFICE OF
AUDITOR OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
T. R. GREEDER, AUDITOR

STILLWATER, MINNESOTA 55082
WHERE MINNESOTA WAS BORN

June 23, 1969

Minnesota State Geographic Board
Mrs. June D. Holmquist, Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

We received your letter of June 5th in regard to changes of names for bodies of water in the Mississippi River.

We have enclosed a copy of the original Resolution made by the County Board as there seems to be a discrepancy in the names.

Very truly yours,

T. R. Greeder

T. R. Greeder
County Auditor

TRG:mg
enc

June 5, 1969

Mr. Roy F. Johnson
County Auditor
Washington County Courthouse
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Sir:

This letter will inform you that the names Mooers Lake, Baldwin Lake, and Grey Cloud Channel for bodies in the Mississippi River were approved by the United States Geographic Board, Decision List 6802. The names were submitted by your county board and were approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board on February 2, 1968.

The United States Board's decision makes these names official throughout the nation.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

JDH:pns

February 6, 1968

Mr. Roy F. Johnson
County Auditor
Washington County Courthouse
Stillwater, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Johnson:

A signed copy of the resolution of the Washington County Board designating Mud Lake as BATTLE CREEK LAKE is enclosed for filing with the Register of Deeds in your county. This name change was approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board on February 2, 1968.

A second petition (copy enclosed) was also acted upon. Since the Mississippi River is under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Board on Geographic Names, the state board voted to forward this matter to the national group. The state board recommended that the three bodies be designated MOOERS LAKE (it was named by a fur trader and misspelled as Moore), BALDWIN LAKE, and GREY CLOUD CHANNEL. The U. S. Corps of Engineers and the U. S. Geological Survey must concur in changes made in the Mississippi River. We shall notify you when we learn the United States Board's decision concerning these three names.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

JDH:pns

Enclosures 2

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LAKE Geol. Survey 1950-51 + U.S. Engr. show Moore Co. WASHINGTON.

NAME MOORE lake REF UPHAM, (page)

PRON STATUS

OTHER NAMES MOOERS LAKE

EXACT SITE T 27 R 22

TWP AREA & DIMENS

GEN LOC west end of Gray Cloud island.

Description & Name Origin named for the early fur trader of this island, Hazen P. Mooers and it therefore be spelled as Mooers lake. Mapped by Hon. J. V. Brower as "Moore lake."

5-28- Longeway.

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NAME BALSAM LAKE (lake) CO Washington

1935 Report U.S. Army Engineers

PRON REF Upper Miss Riv. Chart 54 (page) 138

OTHER NAMES

EXACT SITE T 27 R 22

TWP AREA & DIMENS

GEN LOC Between upper end of Grey Cloud Island and the Mississippi River STATUS

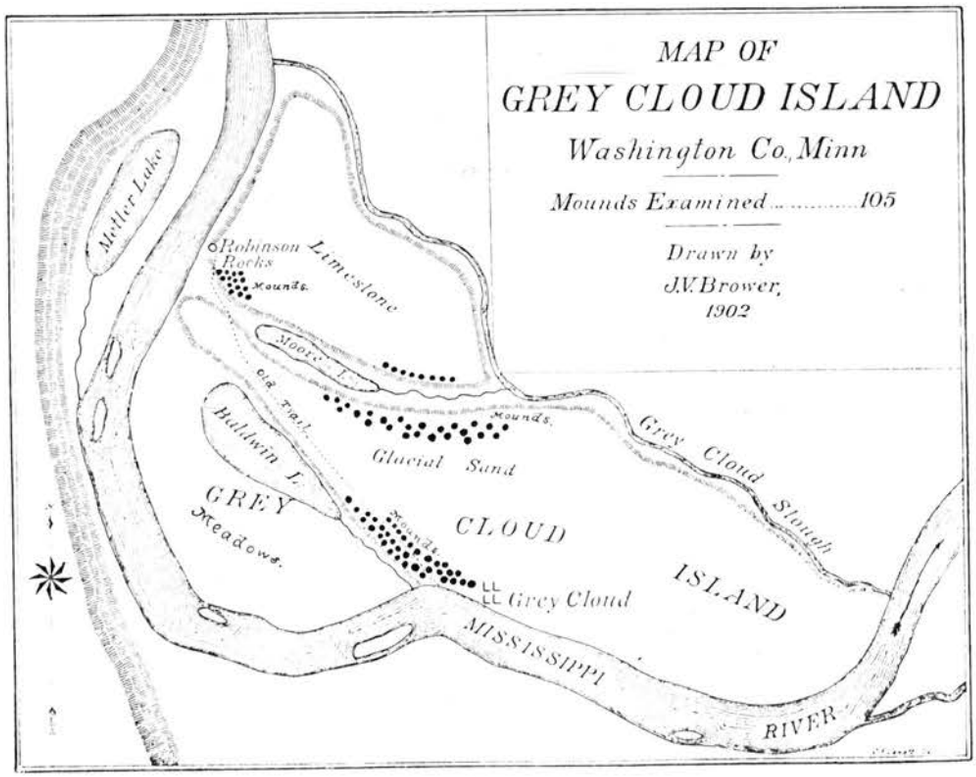
Name Origin & Remark:

Dec 20, 1940 S.M. Quigley

Browers, Memoirs, vol. 6

W. Warren, describing the attempt of the defeated Dakotas to regain their possessions, gives a vivid description of the battle of Crow Wing at pages 227–232, Volume V., Minnesota Historical Collections. I charted that battlefield in 1902 and found Warren's account of it correct.

The ancient Dakotas who occupied Sauk Valley had a canoe landing and camping ground on the narrow piece of land at the mouth of Sauk River which lies closely between the lower extremity of that stream and the west bank of the Mississippi. At the mouth of Crow River the



Sioux were frequent visitors, occupying the entire Crow River Valley.

From their "Anoka" on the west side of the Mississippi opposite the mouth of Rum River, which was one of their permanent camping grounds, they had an overland trail to Lake Minnetonka. At the mouth of Minnesota River and along the entire valley of that stream there were many sites of permanent habitation in early times. From that region they habitually went down the Mississippi to Kaposia in season, to

harvest wild rice in the White Bear Lake region, and the trail over which Accault and Hennepin were conducted to Mille Lac, past the present site of Centreville, was in part the wild rice trail of the Mendota and Kaposia people. Red Rock, at the old and picturesque granite boulder with its newly repainted red stripes and bands, renewed often, tells the silent story of many voyages down and up the Mississippi, for there is no mound group or ancient village site at that rock.

GREY CLOUD ISLAND.

At a great bend in the Mississippi sixteen miles below St. Paul the contours of topography forced the creation of several channels, one of which is now Grey Cloud Slough. That slough and the main channel of the river now segregate Grey Cloud Island, formerly the site of habitations of mound-building Siouan Indians, and later one of the sites of old furtraders' places of rendezvous. With Mr. J. B. Chaney's assistance I sketched the natural features of the island and counted the mounds we discovered along its stretch of about six miles. At Robinson Rocks we met Mr. Joseph La Batte, a native of the state, who gave a delightful description of occurrences during his early life. He knew the furtraders after whom Moore Lake and Robinson Rocks were named. The site of their establishment on the bank of the Mississippi is visible and there was a trail leading from their locality to the site of Grey Cloud, said by Mr. La Batte to have been named after a Sioux chief. There is no substantial proof, such as can be accepted as permanent history, indicating that this island was formerly Radisson's "Second Landing Isle." The mound groups of Grey Cloud Island indicate that there were three ancient settlements, the importance of which was in the following order: First, Grey Cloud; second, Moore Lake; third, Robinson Rocks.

POINT DOUGLAS.

With headquarters at Prescott, Wisconsin, the exploration of the region about the mouth of St. Croix River was proceeded with. There are twenty-six mounds and five embankments along the high hills

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NAME Baldwin Lake (lake) CO Washington
Mc Cauley Map Washington 3

PRON REF U.S.G.S. St. Paul quadrangle (page)

OTHER NAMES Baldwins Lake; Balden Lake

EXACT SITE sec. 25, 36 T 27 N R 22 W

TWP Cottage Grove AREA & DIMENS

GEN LOC STATUS

Name Origin & Remark: Not on map

Geol. Surv. 1950-51 Baldwin so does US Engineers

Cluto Club Map, 1928: Baldwin Lake
Upham, 573: Baldwin Lake. W. part Gray Cloud Island. Mapped by Hon. J. Brown
Winchell, 2: pl. 44: Baldwins Lake
Schwartz, Geol Mpls St Paul area, 198: Balden Lake
U S Army Engineers, 1935 Rept - Up. Miss Div - chart 54: Balden Lake

Geol. Survey 1950-51 — St. Paul Park
Inver Grove

Grey Cloud Slough

only 1 lake shown is Spring Lake

Moore Lake - e+w

Baldwin Lake - sw of lower G. Cloud Sl.

US Eng chart

Div of Waters

Geol. Survey — Baldwin + Moore shows o/1 in pool made by Hastings Dam

Balsam Lake — no record in Div of Waters

Corps of Engineers

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Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

November 18, 1965

Mr. Roy F. Johnson, County Auditor
Washington County Courthouse
Stillwater, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed is a formal petition of the State Geographic Board in the matter of Mud Lake in Woodbury Township about which we corresponded in September, 1964. Should the Washington County Board see fit to approve this petition, please send us TWO certified copies of any resolution the board may pass.

If your board can act on this matter before December 15, it can be placed on the State Board's agenda for final action at once.

Perhaps you and I can also clear up another matter involving Washington County. We have on file a notice of hearing on April 2, 1963, before your county board on a petition to change three names: Lake Baldwin (Balden, or Moore) to Grey Cloud Lake, to change Balsam Lake to Medicine Wood Lake, and to change Grey Cloud Slough to Grey Cloud Channel. We have no other documents regarding this matter.

Were these three names acted upon by the Washington County Board of Commissioners. If so, would you please send us two certified copies of the Board's resolution AND one certified copy of the original petitions or petitions on these three. The State Board cannot act on this matter until these documents are received, and until it acts the matter has no official validity.

Thank you for your co-operation in both these matters.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist, Deputy
Secretary, Minnesota Geographic
Board

No. 768—Certificate of County Auditor Authenticating Copy.

☆☆☆ BLANK BOUCHER MINNEAPOLIS

State of Minnesota,
County of WASHINGTON } *ss.*

I, ROY F. JOHNSON, *County Auditor of the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the annexed copy of* Resolution changing the names of lakes in Grey Cloud Island Township

with the original on file, pages 220-221, Commissioners' Records *in this office, and that the same is a true and literal exemplification thereof, and a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of each of said originals as the same appears upon the records and files of this office.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of my said office to be affixed at Stillwater, Minnesota *in said County this* 19th *day of* November, *A. D. 19*65

Roy F. Johnson
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By _____
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That Balsam Lake be changed to Medicine Wood Lake.

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WHEREAS, due notice of said hearing has been published and served according to law and that all interested parties have been duly notified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said bodies of water aforementioned

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Dated April 2, 1963

I. A. PETERSON
Chairman County Commissioners

Attest: ROY F. JOHNSON
County Auditor

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NEUMEIER, RHEINBERGER, ECKBERG & KIMMEL
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STILLWATER, MINNESOTA

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LYLE J. ECKBERG
HAROLD D. KIMMEL

HEMLOCK 9-6065
CAPITAL 5-9339

March 19, 1963

Director,
Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: In the Matter of the Change of Name of Certain Bodies of Waters lying and being in Grey Cloud Township, Washington County, Minnesota.

Enclosed and herewith served upon you, as a member of the State Geographic Board, is copy of Notice of Hearing in the above entitled matter.

Yours very truly,

Lyle J. Eckberg

LJE:lm
Encl.

Sent copy to Trellner 3-20-63

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition by more than fifteen (15) legal voters residing within the County of Washington, Minnesota, have filed a petition with the County Board of Commissioners for the County of Washington, Minnesota, for the change of names of certain bodies of water lying within the Town of Grey Cloud, County of Washington, State of Minnesota, said proposed name changes are as follows, to-wit:

That Lake Balden, also known as Lake Baldwin and as Moore Lake, be changed to Grey Cloud Lake.

That Balsam Lake be changed to Medicine Wood Lake.

That Grey Cloud Slough be changed to Grey Cloud Channel.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a hearing on said petition will be had before the County Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Minnesota at 2:30 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, April 2nd, 1963 at the Commissioners' Hearing Room in the Court House at Stillwater, Minnesota.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this notice be published and served according to law.

Dated this 5th day of March, 1963.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

/s/ I. A. PEDERSON
Chairman

November 18, 1965

Mr. Roy F. Johnson, County Auditor
Washington County Courthouse
Stillwater, Minnesota

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Thank you for your co-operation in both these matters.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist, Deputy
Secretary, Minnesota Geographic
Board

June 27, 1963

Mr. Lyle J. Eckberg
Neumeier, Rheinberger, Eckberg & Kimmel
Stillwater, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Eckberg:

On March 19, 1963, you sent to the Minnesota Geographic Board a Notice of Hearing in the matter of the change of name of certain bodies of water in Grey Cloud Township, Washington County. If you or the county clerk will see that we receive one copy of the original Petition to the county board, and two certified copies of any resolution passed by the County Board of Commissioners of Washington County in this matter, it can then be placed on the state board's agenda.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

JDH/th

MINNESOTA STATE GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

ST. PAUL

August 19, 1964

Mr. Roy F. Johnson, County Auditor
Washington County Courthouse
Stillwater, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Minnesota Geographic Board has instructed me to inquire whether the Board of Washington County Commissioners would consider changing the name of Mud Lake in Woodbury Township, Washington County, to Battle Creek Lake. This change has been suggested to the State Board by the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners, which points out that the name Mud is widely duplicated in the state and that the suggested change is appropriate because the lake is the headwaters of Battle Creek.

May we ask that the Washington County Board let us know its wishes by taking formal action on this matter and forwarding to us the results in the form of a resolution. Two certified copies of the resolution are required. Since a meeting of the State Board is scheduled for September, we would appreciate a prompt reply. The State Board will take no action in this matter until it hears from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy to Russell W. Fridley,
Secretary, Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

JDHts

The next meeting of the County Board is Sept 1st at which time I will present your letter to them

Roy F. Johnson
Auditor.

To: The County Board Commissioners
County of Washington
State of Minnesota

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P E T I T I O N

We, the undersigned petitioners, respectfully request of the County Board of Commissioners, County of Washington, State of Minnesota, as follows:

I.

That there is located in the Town of Grey Cloud several bodies of water designated on maps as "Lake Balden", "Lake Balsam", and "Grey Cloud Slough".

II.

That the said "Lake Balden" has also been referred to as "Lake Baldwin" and also as "Moore Lake". That as a result of the naming of said bodies of water, a considerable amount of confusion has arisen. That said waters are used by a large number of people for boating and other water pleasures.

III.

That "Lake Balden", also known as "Lake Baldwin" and "Moore Lake" be changed to "Grey Cloud Lake" and that the lake known as "Balsam Lake" be changed to "Medicine Wood Lake", and that the body of water known as "Grey Cloud Slough" be changed to "Grey Cloud Channel".

IV.

That the proposed name changes are not duplicate names and are not similar to any other body of water in this vicinity nor to any other body of water in the State of Minnesota that your petitioners know of.

WHEREFORE, your petitioners respectfully pray for the order of the above named Board setting said matter for hearing as provided by law, and for the further order of the said County Board changing all

name	address
Mr + Mrs Clarence Hamilton	2137 Island drive
Ruth E. Lacina	Grey Cloud Is. St Paul Pk
Dalet S. Taube	Grey Cloud Is St Paul Park
Mrs. Roland Peek	Grey Cloud Island St. Paul Park
Mrs Lakecreek S Jones	Grey Cloud Island St Paul Park
Mr. W. C. Arendt Jr	Grey Cloud Island St. Paul Park
Mellon N. Carlson	1630 Island Drive
Sam Lacina	Island Drive
Norman G. Isaacs	C Boyle La
Dwight Nuel	Grey Cloud Island
W. C. Arendt Jr	GREY CLOUD TWP
Lowell Miller	1844 Island Dr.
Mrs Glen Bayer	1768 Island Drive
Julius H. Nollet	St Paul Park Minn

names of said bodies of water and for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

name	address
Carroll J. Boyle	RR #1, St Paul Park, Minn
R. M. Pinska	Grey Cloud Is. St. Paul Pk. Minn. RR #1
Richard E. Mullen	GREY CLOUD ISL. ST PAUL PARK Minn
Ray F. Hertz	Grey Cloud Isl. St Paul Park Minn
Roland M. Peek	Grey Cloud Island, St Paul Park, Minn
Fred H Reinfeld	Grey Cloud Is. St Paul Pk Minn
Geraldine L. Pinska	Grey Cloud Island - St. Paul Park, Minn.
Mary E. Stiefel	Grey Cloud Is, St Paul Park, Minn
Winslow C. Stiefel	Grey Cloud Island, St. Paul Park,
Mrs E. Stiefel	Grey Cloud Island
Mrs W. H. Eilers	2109 Island Drive
Mrs. E. R. Lovell	2132 Island Drive

July 7, 1969

Mr. John H. Martin, Assistant Director
Dept. of Conservation
Division of Parks and Recreation
Centennial Bldg.

Dear Mr. Martin:

Just a note to tell you that your letter of June 18 regarding further proposals to change the names of lakes in Savanna Portage State Park was read to the Minnesota Geographic Board at its meeting on June 24. The board accepted your letter and asked me to thank you for looking into the matter again.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

cc to Commissioner Lierfallom

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

June 18, 1969

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Savanna Portage - Lake Names

Dear June:

In response to your inquiry of June 5th, relative to any further proposals for the naming of certain lakes in Savanna Portage State Park and in particular with regard to the lake presently designated by two different names, namely Loon or Townline, I have made inquiries to determine any further proposals. I do not find that the local park committee headed by Mr. Johnson of McGregor, has any further proposals to make in verifying the name of this lake. He is inclined to believe that since the Loon is the State Bird, that the present common designation of Loon Lake should be continued.

In my discussions with Mr. Johnson, it appears that there was some misunderstanding with regard to the name Pine Island Lake. He informs me that the local committee had in mind that the present lake known as Remote Lake was recommended to be named Pine Island Lake, but he recognizes the duplication that you have noted and therefore does not recommend this name change originally proposed.

Yours very truly,

U. W. Hella, Director
Division of Parks & Recreation

Jno. H. Martin

By: John H. Martin
Assistant Director

JHM/ma

June 5, 1969

Mr. John Martin, Assistant Director
Parks and Recreation Division
Department of Conservation
3rd Floor, Centennial Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear John:

Enclosed are copies of correspondence relating to the renaming of Loon or Townline Lake in Savanna State Park. Will you let me know, please, whether or not the Savanna State Park Assn. came up with any additional suggestions in response to the Judge's letter of March, 1968, please? The State Geographic Board will meet on June 24 and will doubtless inquire.

With best regards,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

JDH:pns

Enc.

15 March 1968

Mrs. Hazel Sorensen, Secretary
Savanna Portage State Park Assn. Inc.
Route 3
McGregor, Minnesota 55760

Dear Mrs. Sorensen:

The Savanna Portage State Park Association's suggestion that Townline Lake within the Park be renamed Pine Island Lake was rejected by the State Geographic Board at their meeting on February 2nd. The Board did not feel that it could make the name, Pine Island, official since there are at least six other lakes with this name.

The Board has requested that the Savanna Portage State Park Association make further suggestions in regard to a suitable name for their consideration at the next meeting, which will probably be held in May or June.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours very truly,

U. W. Hella

U. W. Hella, Director
Division of Parks and
Recreation

UWH:fn
cc: Jarle Leirfallom, Commissioner
cc: June D. Holmquist

February 5, 1968

Mr. U. W. Hella, Director
Division of State Parks
Department of Conservation
Centennial Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Judge:

I conferred recently by phone with John Martin on the suggestion of the Savanna State Park Association that Townline (or Loon) Lake within the park be renamed Pine Island Lake (copy of his memo attached). This matter was discussed by members of the Minnesota Geographic Board at a meeting on February 2. The board unanimously voted to reject the name of Pine Island Lake for this feature on the grounds that it was inappropriate (Mr. Martin told me the lake had no islands).

On a motion made by Mr. Leirfallom I was instructed to refer the proposal to you with a request that the association be informed that the board did not consider the name appropriate and to ask for better suggestions. Mr. Leirfallom asked that you confer about this matter with a lady (he said you would recall her name) in the area who had been much interested in the history of the park. The idea being to come up with another name which might have a more appropriate historical background.

Incidentally, the board did not feel that it could make the name Townline official, since there are at least 6 other lakes of this name in the state and another one is in Aitkin County. To avoid duplicating the name Townline, the board therefore voted to refer the matter back to you for further suggestions. If you will let me know what you come up with, I'll be glad to present it at the next meeting, which will probably be held in May or June.

With best regards,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

JDH:pns
Enclosure

cc to Mr. Jarle Leirfallom
Commissioner
Department of Conservation

ADMIN 262

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office Memorandum

DEPARTMENT Conservation - State Park

TO : Commissioner Wayne H. Olson DATE: 8-17-65

FROM : John H. Martin, Assistant Director

SUBJECT: Savanna Portage State Park - Lake Names

We have a letter from Warren Johnson, President of the Savanna Portage State Park Association reporting that at a regular meeting of July 21, the matter of the names now attached to certain lakes within Savanna Portage State Park should be given consideration to eliminate confusion.

It was recommended that the State Geographic Board give consideration to a proposal which is as follows:

> A lake located in the westerly portion of Section 9 and the easterly portion of Section 8, in Township 50 North, Range 22 West be officially designated as Shumway Lake. In the past, it has appeared on some maps as Green Lake and on others as Shumway Lake. Shumway Lake appears to be the preferred name for this lake.

Item number 2. A lake located in the southwesterly corner of Section 7, in Township 50 North, Range 22 West, and also lying in the southeast corner of Section 12, and the northwest corner of Section 13 in Township 50 North, Range 23 west, be officially designated as Pine Island Lake. This particular lake has been referred to previously as Loon Lake and Townline, but it is felt that the official designation should be Pine Island Lake.

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Department of Conservation
Administration

ADMIN 262

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office Memorandum

DEPARTMENT Conservation - State Parks

TO : Mr. Russell Fridley, Secretary
State Geographic Board

DATE: January 7, 1966

FROM : U. W. Hella

U. W. Hella

SUBJECT: Savanna Portage State Park - Lake Names

The attached memo from Mr. Martin relative to names for lakes in Savanna Portage State Park is self-explanatory.

We would recommend that the wishes of the Savanna Portage State Park Association be followed in establishing their suggested names as official.

The consideration of the Board will be appreciated.

UWH:p

cc Commissioner Wayne H. Olson
Warren Johnson,
Telephone Company
McGregor, Minnesota

(200M—11-59)

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT

Office Memorandum

TO : JDH

DATE: 2/1/68

FROM : DDP

SUBJECT: Alternate mames for Town Line Lake

Talked to John Egan of the Division of Waters, Department of Conservation. Their files list only two alternates, "Loon" and "Anderson". He found Loon Lake on one map, the 1962 Aitkin County Planning Map.

Checking further, I found that the Highway Department grid maps (1936?) in our department show it as Town Line Lake, too

July 7, 1969

Mr. T. R. Greeder, County Auditor
Washington County Courthouse
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Mr. Greeder:

The Minnesota Geographic Board at its meeting on June 24, 1969, voted unanimously to approve another decision relating to Washington County. It approved the name Plaisted Lake, honoring Pioneer Oneka Township settler George Washington Plaisted, for a body of water located in T 31 N, R 21 W, NW1/4 of sec. 25 (NOT Reier's Lake, Reiers Lake, or North School Section Lake).

An approved copy of the County Board's resolution of July 15, 1968 is enclosed for filing.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
~~Mapping~~ Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

July 7, 1969

Mr. Graham C. Anderson, Chairman
Oneka Town Board
Route 3
Stillwater, Minn.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This is to inform you that the resolution of the Oneka Town Board (May 16, 1968) regarding the naming of Plaisted Lake has at long last made it way through the procedures. The name Plaisted Lake, honoring pioneer settler George Washington Plaisted, was approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board on June 24, 1969.

The state board's approval makes the name officially within the state. The name will now be forwarded to the United States Board on Geographic Names which has jurisdiction nationally.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

June 12, 1969

Mr. John E. Jansen
County Attorney
Washington County Courthouse
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Mr. Jansen:

Thank you very much indeed for your prompt reply to my request for additional documents concerning the name of Plaisted Lake. As soon as the meeting is held we will inform you of the Minnesota Geographic Board's decision in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota State Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

JDH:pns

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

COUNTY COURT HOUSE
STILLWATER, MINNESOTA 55082

JOHN E. JANSEN
COUNTY ATTORNEY

DANIEL M. KAMMEIER
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

STILLWATER 439-3220
TWIN CITIES 227-8721

June 11, 1969

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota State Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Lake Plaisted

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

As requested in your letters of June 5th and June 9th, 1969, I am enclosing the following documents:

(1) A copy of the petition and a copy of the notice of hearing, together with the original of my transmittal letter, dated June 27, 1968, and a letter to you from the Oneka Town Board Chairman, dated May 16, 1968. These items were enclosed in your June 5th letter to me, although in your June 9th letter you requested a copy of the petition. This is a copy of the original on file with the County Auditor, and it does contain all of the signatures which appear on the original.

(2) Two certified copies of the County Board Resolution, dated July 15, 1968, changing the name of the lake to "Lake Plaisted."

(3) A Washington County highway map and a plat map of Oneka Township. On each of these I have marked the lake in question with a red X.

If you have any questions or if you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours very truly,

John E. Jansen
County Attorney

JEJ/rlt

Enc.

JDH

TOWNSHIP OF ONEKA

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF MINNESOTA

May 16, 1968

Russell Fridley, Chairman
State Geographic Board
State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Fridley:

I have attached a copy of our Town Board Resolution along with my request to the Washington County Commissioners. The commissioners meet on the first Tuesday and the third Monday of every month. The State Geographic Board should receive formal county acceptance of the resolution within the next thirty days.

Graham C Anderson

Graham C. Anderson
Chairman
Oneka Town Board

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

COUNTY COURT HOUSE
STILLWATER, MINNESOTA 55082

JOHN E. JANSEN
COUNTY ATTORNEY

STILLWATER 439-3220
TWIN CITIES 227-8721

June 27, 1968

Minnesota Geographic Board
c/o Minnesota Historical Society
Cedar Street & Central Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Gentlemen:

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T. R. Greeder, County Auditor
Washington County, Minnesota

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINN.

Date July 15, 1968 Department

Motion by Commissioner SCHAEFER Seconded by Commissioner WRIGHT

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, certain residents of the Town of Oneka have filed a petition with the Washington County Auditor requesting that the name of Reier's Lake in Section 25 in the Town of Oneka be changed to Lake Plaisted, and

AND, WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has held a hearing on said petition after due notice according to law,

AND, WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Water, Soils, and Minerals of the Department of Conservation of the State of Minnesota has reported the following findings,

(1) "That the proposed name, 'Plaisted', is not used, so far as can be determined, for any other lake in Minnesota, and

(2) "That no other name has, so far as our records show, been applied to the lake."

AND, WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes it to be in the public interest to change the name of said lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners, Washington County, Minnesota that that certain lake located in the north half of Section 25, Township 31 North, Range 21 West, Town of Oneka, Washington County, Minnesota, shall hereafter have and bear the name "Lake Plaisted" which designation shall hereafter be used and followed as its legal name.

Attest: T. R. Greeder
T. R. GREEDER
County Auditor

I. A. PEDERSON I. A. Pederson
Chairman, County Board

YES		NO	
Pederson	x	Pederson	
Schaefer	x	Schaefer	
Cafferty	x	Cafferty	
Tibbetts	x	Tibbetts	
Wright	x	Wright	

State of Minnesota,
County of Washington, ss.

I, T.R. Greeder, duly elected, qualified and acting County Auditor of the County of Washington, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Washington County, Minnesota, at its session held on the 15th day of July, 1968, now on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

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T. R. Greeder
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June 9, 1969

Mr. John E. Jansen, County Attorney
Washington County Courthouse
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Mr. Jansen:

We wrote you on June 5 regarding a petition to change the name of Reier's Lake in Oneka Township to Plaisted Lake. We now find that we not only need two certified copies of any resolution passed by the Washington County Board in this matter, but that we also need:

(1) a complete copy of the petition (including all the signatures)

(2) a map showing the location of the lake. We are in some doubt as to which body of water is involved.

Could you get this information to me this week, please? Your co-operation will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota State Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

JDH:pns

June 5, 1969

Mr. John E. Jansen, County Attorney
Washington County Courthouse
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Dear Sir:

In June, 1968, you forwarded to the Minnesota Geographic Board copies of a petition and notice of hearing to change the name of Reier's Lake (N 1/2 of sec. 25, T. 3~~0~~ N, R21 W in Town of Oneka) to Lake Plaisted. The hearing was to be held July 15, 1968. Copies of the pertinent correspondence are enclosed for your information. 31

Did the Washington County Board of Commissioners act on this matter? If so, will you send me two certified copies of their resolution approving or disapproving the requested change.

The Minnesota Geographic Board is scheduled to meet on June 24. I would appreciate it greatly if you will send the certified copies at once, since the board is trying to clean up all its unfinished business at this meeting.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

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Enc.

TOWNSHIP OF ONEKA

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF MINNESOTA

May 16, 1968

Idor Pederson, Chairman
Washington County Commissioners
Washington County Office Building
Stillwater, Minnesota 55892

Dear Idor;

I have attached a resolution that was passed by the Oneka Town Board at our regular board meeting of May 13, 1968. I spoke to Russell Fridley on the phone last week and he explained the procedure for naming a lake which consisted of going thru the County Commissioners to the State Geographic Board.

The State Geographic Board meets on July 1st and would handle this request at that time if your board approves.

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State Highway Building
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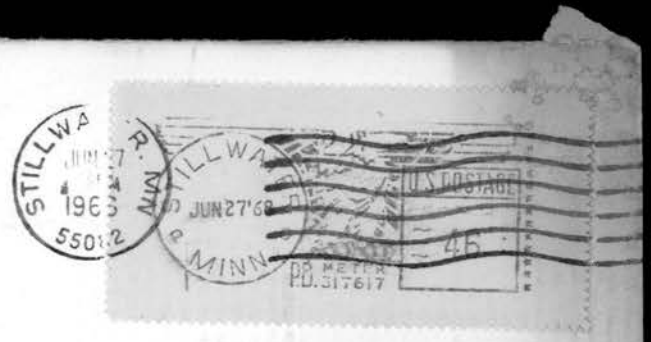

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State Highway Building
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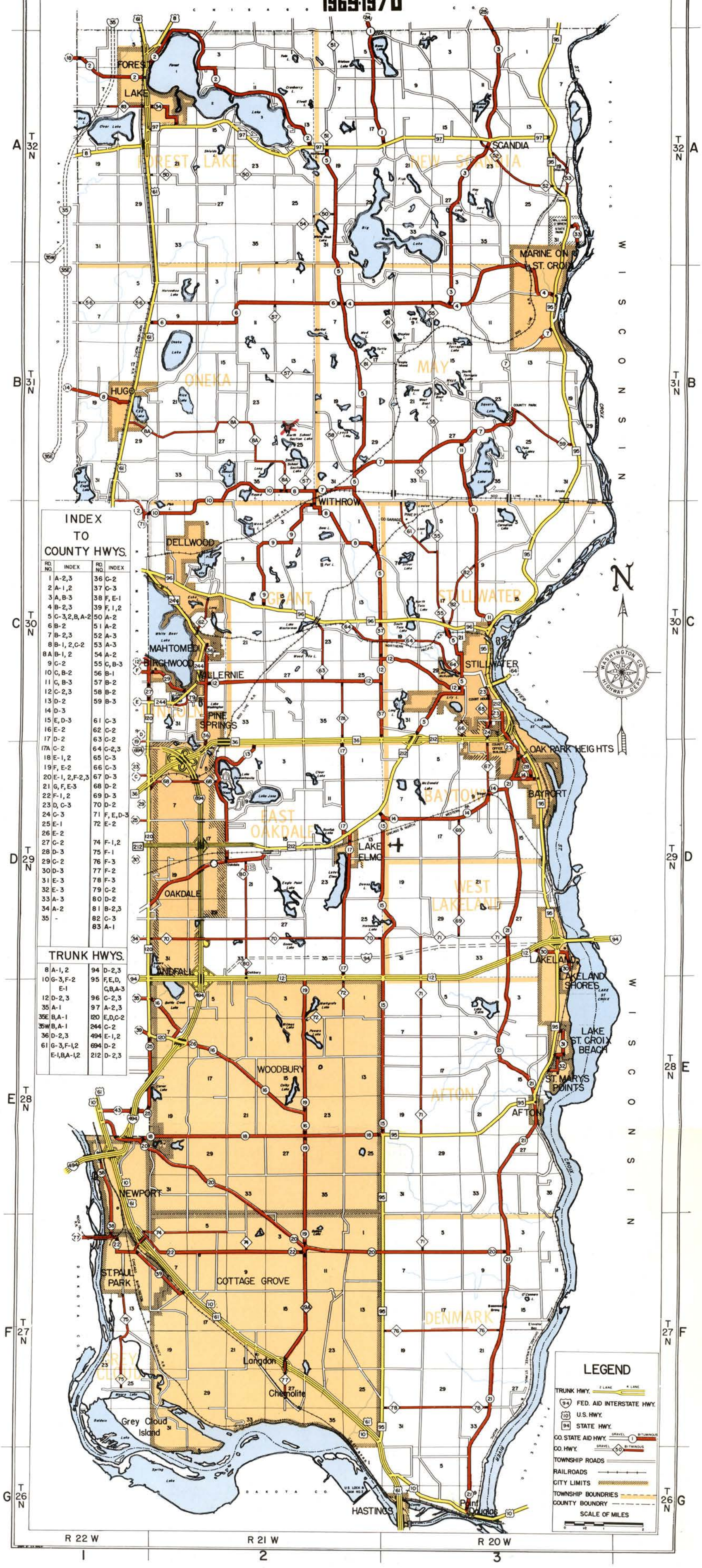
HIGHWAY MAP OF WASHINGTON COUNTY MINNESOTA

1969-1970



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July 7, 1969

Commissioner Jarle Leirfallom
Dept. of Conservation
Centennial Bldg. 3rd Floor

Dear Commissioner Leirfallom:

Enclosed are the minutes of the Minnesota Geographic Board meeting on June 24, as well as a letter for your information. You will note that the other members voted affirmatively in the matter of Plaisted Lake. Should you wish to vote after you return from your vacation, I shall be happy to amend the minutes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

July 7, 1969

Mr. Robert Amundson, Mapping Supervisor
Planning and Programing Division
Highway Dept. Building
Room 809

Dear Bob:

Enclosed are two copies of the Minnesota Geographic Board minutes for the June 24 meeting. The second copy in case you wish to give one to your commissioner.

We enjoyed meeting you and hope yourwill continue with the board.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

July 7, 1969

Representative Joe Gimpl
Hinckley, Minn. 55037

Dear Representative Gimpl:

During the recent legislative session, you and I had several conversations about a proposal to change the name of Nelson Lake in Pope County to Barsness Lake.

We thought you might like to know that we followed through on this matter. The Minnesota Geographic Board gave careful consideration to the proposal at its meeting on June 24. The members voted unanimously to retain the name of Nelson Lake for this feature. They felt it would be unwise to change a name so long established, which serves as a charming reminder and a fitting tribute to the Norwegian heritage of the area and the early years of the Barsness family.

We have informed the appropriate local officials and Mr. Barsness. The Minnesota board's decision has also been forwarded to the United States Board on Geographic Names which has final jurisdiction over such matters nationally.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

July 7, 1969

Representative Delbert F. Anderson
Starbuck, Minnesota 56381

Dear Representative Anderson:

During the recent legislative session, you forwarded to the Minnesota Geographic Board a petition, a letter from Edward E. Barsness, and other papers requesting that the name of Nelson Lake in Barsness Township, Pope County, be changed to Barsness Lake.

This is to inform you that the Minnesota Geographic Board gave careful consideration to this matter at its meeting on June 24. The members voted unanimously to retain the name of Nelson Lake for this feature. They felt it would be unwise to change a name so long established, which serves as a charming reminder and a fitting tribute to the Norwegian heritage of the area and the early years of the Barsness family.

We have informed the appropriate local officials and Mr. Barsness. The Minnesota board's decision has also been forwarded to the United States Board on Geographic Names which has final jurisdiction over such matters nationally.

We are sorry that the matter did not turn out more favorably for your petitioners.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

July 7, 1969

Mr. Edward E. Barsness
Glenwood, Minnesota 56334

Dear Mr. Barsness:

In May, 1969, the Minnesota Geographic Board received a petition and other papers accompanying a letter from you requesting that the name of Nelson Lake in Barsness Township, Pope County, be changed to Barsness Lake.

This is to inform you that the Minnesota Board gave careful consideration to the matter at its meeting on June 24. The members voted unanimously to retain the name of Nelson Lake for this feature. They felt that it would be unwise to change a name so long established, which served as a fitting tribute and a charming reminder of the Norwegian heritage of the area and of the early years of the Barsness family. The very useful explanation of the name reported in your letter has been incorporated into the permanent records of the Board.

The Minnesota Board's decision will be forwarded to the United States Board on Geographic Names, Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C., which has final jurisdiction over all such names.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the Board's attention.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

July 7, 1969

Mr. C. David Nelson, County Attorney
Pope County Courthouse
Glenwood, Minn. 56334

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Your splendid co-operation in assembling the necessary papers regarding the proposal to change the name of Nelson Lake in Barsness Township was indeed appreciated. Our best efforts in this matter, however, came to naught.

At its meeting on June 24, 1969, the Minnesota Geographic Board -- composed of the Commissioner of Conservation, the director of the Historical Society, and a representative of the mapping division of the Highway Dept. -- voted unanimously to retain the name of Nelson Lake for this feature. The members felt that it would be unwise to change a name so long established, which also served as a fitting tribute to the Norwegian heritage of the area and the early years of the Barsness family.

Would you be so kind as to pass this information along to your County Auditor for his records, please. We have also informed Mr. Edward Barsness and Representative Anderson who were involved in the matter.

Should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to write me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
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Minnesota Geographic Board

DELBERT F. ANDERSON
DISTRICT 24A
POPE-STEVENS COUNTIES
STARBUCK, MINNESOTA 56381

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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
L. L. DUXBURY, Speaker

May 2, 1969

Mr. Reuben C. Eide, Register of Deeds
Court House
Glenwood, Minnesota 56334

Dear Reuben:

Enclosed find copies of instructions, a petition and a letter to be sent by the Pope County Commissioners to the State Geographic Board, along with a history of the Ole N. Barsness family.

Mr. Gimpl, Chairman of the House Water Resources Committee is desirous that this route be followed for the name change of Nelson Lake to Barsness Lake. The procedure should be real simple and I am asking if you might work with Ole N. Barsness to accomplish this end.

Personnel of the Conservation Department suggested that the bond mentioned in the petition could be set as low as $1.00. They also have checked and are unaware of any name changes made by legislative act since 1937. Apparently these changes have been accomplished since then by petitions to the County Commissioners as suggested in this letter.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Delbert

Delbert F. Anderson
State Representative
District 24A

DFA/aj
Encl.

OFFICE OF
COUNTY ATTORNEY
POPE COUNTY

C. DAVID NELSON
COUNTY ATTORNEY

GLENWOOD, MINNESOTA 56334
PHONE 634-4581

May 26, 1969

Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Attn: June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary

Re: Request name change
Barsness Lake--Nelson Lake

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

Thank you for your letter of May 12, concerning the above captioned matter.

I am enclosing two certified copies of the Minutes of the Pope County Board of Commissioners.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

By: C. David Nelson
C. David Nelson
Pope County Attorney

CDN:mp
Encl.

April 28, 1969

Representative Joe Gimpl
House of Representatives
State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Representative Gimpl:

Enclosed is a sample petition and an outline of the procedure to be followed in changing the name of Nelson Lake to Barsness Lake. If we can be of further help, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

JDH:pns

Court House, Glenwood, Minn.

OFFICE OF

POPE COUNTY AUDITOR

Wm. T. Boyle, Auditor

David Troen, Deputy

Phone 634-3338

May 22, 1969

On motion by Vold, seconded by Wrolson the following resolution was unanimously adopted: BE IT RESOLVED, that the lake known as Nelson Lake located in Sections 21, 22, 27 and 28 in Barsness Township, Pope County, Minnesota be renamed "Barsness Lake".

This is to certify that the foregoing is an excerpt of the proceedings of the Pope County Board of Commissioners of May 20, 1969.

Wm. T. Boyle
Pope County Auditor

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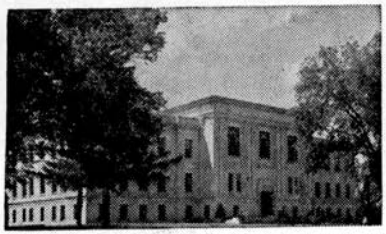

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May 12, 1969

Mr. Nelson, County Attorney
Pope County Courthouse
Glenwood, Minnesota 56334

Dear Mr. Nelson:

You may recall that I spoke with you by phone on May 9 at the request of Representatives Gimpl and Anderson.

Enclosed is the copy (which I promised to send you) of the Attorney General's 1940 opinion regarding the authority of the Minnesota Geographic Board concerning names in use for more than 40 years. Also enclosed is a copy of the petition filed with the board requesting such a change in the name of Nelson Lake in Barsness Township of your county.

As I indicated on the phone, in order to bring this matter before the State Geographic Board we need an expression of opinion from the County Board. This can take the form of a resolution recommending (or not recommending) the suggested change. Two certified copies of the resolution should be sent to me.

If the State Board approves the change, it will then be forwarded to the United States Geographic Board, which, of course, has national jurisdiction.

No further action will be taken by the State Board until we hear from you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

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cc to Rep. Joe Gimpl
Rep. Delbert F. Anderson

A PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners of pope County:

We, the undersigned legal voters residing within Pope County, hereby petition your honorable board that a Lake (lake or stream), now named Nelson, which is located in Pope County in See map attached - Sec 21-22-27-28, Barsness Township 124-38 (Give legal description)

shall be officially named Barsness Lake for the following reasons:

See attached papers substantiation the change in name

It should be named for the family, the family name being Barsness, not Nelson.

Dated May 5, 1969.

Signed

	Name	Address
1	Reuben C Eide	Glenwood Minn.
2	Henry Hedstrom	Glenwood Minn
3	E A Walter	Glenwood Minn
4	Hebron Bakke	Sedan Minn
5	Arnold Opdahl	Starbuck Minn
6	Oliver Kardahl	Glenwood "
7	Floyd E. Anderson	Lowry, Minn.
8	James O. Berging	Glenwood Minn
9	W E Sandberg	Glenwood "
10	Herman Zuist	"
11	Harry Max	Glenwood
12	Nels Halverson	"
13	Ingvar Olson	Glenwood
14	L A Hammond	Starbuck
15	M A Troen	Glenwood
16	N. H. Schewstad	Glenwood
17	O. E. Ilom	"
18	Edward E. Barness	Starbuck, Minn

PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners
of POPE County

To name a LAKE

Present name NELSON

Suggested name BARSNESS

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Filed in Office of County Auditor
May 5, 1969.

Bond set at $_____
_____, 19__.

Presented to County Board
May 7, 1969.

Hearing set for _____(AM PM)
_____, 19__, at
_____, Minnesota.

Notice of Hearing sent to State
Geographic Board of Minnesota,
_____, 19__.

Notice of Hearing published in
_____
for _____, 19__.

Action taken _____

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Edward E. Barsness Letter.

April 25,1969

State Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul,Minnesota 55101

Dear Sirs:

I propose that the name of Nelson Lake, located in Barsness Township, Pope County, be changed to Barsness Lake, for the purpose of honoring the memory of a pioneer settler of Pope County.

Nelson Lake is a meandered lake of about 300 acres, located in Sections 21, 22, 27, and 28, Township 124 N, Range 38 W.

Nels N. Barsness, known as Nels Nelson, came to this country from Norway in 1861. He first settled in Wisconsin and served in the Civil War in Company H, Twenty-seventh Wisconsin Infantry, enlisting under the name of Nels Nelson. He was the son of Nels Barsness and in accordance with an old Norwegian custom, was known as Nelson, meaning Nels' son. He was honorably discharged on August 1,1865 and in 1866 he came to Pope County and took a homestead in Section 28. After 1870 he lived on this claim. The lake adjacent was named Nelson Lake.

In 1879 his name was changed back to Nels N. Barsness by an act of the Legislature, as Barsness was his real family name. If this had been done sooner, the name would have been Barsness Lake in the first place. A descendant, Ole N. Barsness, still owns and lives on the farm, which is adjacent to Nelson Lake.

In " Minnesota Geographic Names" by Warren Upham, the following statement is found on page 431: Barsness Township was named in honor of three brothers, Nels N., Erik N., and Ole N. Barsness born in Norway respectively in 1835, 1842, and 1844, who settled in this township in 1865-66".

I respectfully request the board to give favorable consideration to the above proposal.

Yours very truly,

Edward E. Barsness

Copy

NELS N. BARSNESS

Nels N. Barsness, one of the most prominent men of Barsness township, is a resident of section 28. He was born in Norway at Bergen Stadt, on the 22d of May, 1835. Nels remained at home until 1861, when he came to this country. He served three years in the army in the old country, and then hired a substitute for the remaining time of two years. Settling in Dane county, Wisconsin, he enlisted in the army in Company H, Twenty-seventh Wisconsin Infantry, in July, 1862, and served until August 1, 1865, when he was honorably discharged at Brownsville, Texas. He was with his regiment all through their long and difficult service, and participated in a great many of the hard-fought battles and expeditions under Grant. He still owns the musket which he carried through the war. Mr. Barsness enlisted under the name of Nels Nelson, by which he was known until 1879, when his name was changed to Nels N. Barsness by an act of the Legislature.

After being mustered out of the service, our subject returned to Dane county, Wisconsin, and remained there about a month when he went to Stillwater, Minnesota, and worked in the pinery and on the river. In April 1866, he came to Pope County, Minnesota, and took a homestead on section 28, Barsness township, after which he returned to Stillwater, and ran two rafts down the river. That fall he returned to his homestead and remained on it until the next spring, when he again went into the pineries and on the river. After three years' absence he returned to his claim, where he has been ever since.

Mr. Barsness was married December 25, 1868, to Betsey Olson, and they have been blessed with the following children - Alfred M., Anna Josephine, Nellie, Olea, Jessie, Andreanna, Johanna, Nels, Ole, Tilda, Beleta. Our subject has held numerous important offices in his township, as constable, chairman of supervisors, two terms; school clerk, director, road overseer, etc.

July 7, 1969

Mr. J. Ol Kilmartin, Executive Secretary
Domestic Geographic Names
Board on Geographic Names
Dept. of the Interior
Washington D. C. 20242

Dear Mr. Kilmartin:

The following place names were approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board on June 24, 1969:

Entered

NELSON LAKE in T 124 N, R 38 W, secs. 21, 22, 27, 28, Barsness Township, Pope County, Minn. For pioneer Norwegian settler Nels Nelson, later Nels N. Barsness. (Not Lake Nelson, Barsness Lake).

Entered

PLAISTED LAKE in T 31 N, R 21 W, NW1/2 sec. 25, Oneka Township, Washington County. For Pioneer settler George Washington Plaisted. Approved Oneka Township Board, May 16, 1968, Washington County Board of Commissioners, July 15, 1968. (Not Reier's Lake, Reiers Lake, North School Section Lake).

Appropriate maps are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board