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Miss. River

514 S. Franklin St.
Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

State Library.

St Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sirs:

I am anxious to find out the name of the river in Minnesota, which was formerly called the St. Peters river.

This is the name given in the Encyclopaedia Britannica, eleventh edition, published in 1910, as the former home of the Omaha Indians.

The Department of Highways have told me that there is not a river by that name listed among the rivers of Minnesota.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Ella V. Powers

Minnesota River

July 12, 1945

Mrs. Ella V. Powers
514 1/2 S. Franklin Street
Mount Pleasant, Michigan

My dear Mrs. Powers:

Your letter of July 9 requesting the name of the river in Minnesota which was formerly called the St. Peter River has been referred to me.

The Minnesota River, which flows into the Mississippi at Fort Snelling, was known as the St. Pierre or St. Peter River by French and English explorers up to the time of the organization of Minnesota Territory in 1849. The name was formally changed to Minnesota River (the Sioux Indian name) in 1852.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Editor
of Publications

MWB/b