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June 27, 1963

Mr. Franklin O. Draper,
County Auditor
Aitkin County
Aitkin, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Draper:

The enclosed Resolution of the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners in the matter of the names of Ripple Lake and Ripple River is herewith returned to you for filing. These names have not been officially approved by both the Minnesota Geographic Board and the U. S. Board on Geographic Names.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board

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ADOPTED

June 5th

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By Commissioner Gravelle

WHEREAS, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners have received a petition from the Minnesota Geographic Board requesting that said County Board approve the following names for a lake and river located in Aitkin County:

Ripple Lake (not Mud, nor Diamond), Section 17, 18, 19 & 20, Township 46, Range 26, and Sections 13 & 24, Township 46, Range 27, to eliminate confusion in existing names and to eliminate the much duplicated and displeasing name of Mud Lake.

Ripple River (not Mud, Muddy, Ripple Creek, nor Mud Creek), flowing through Ripple Lake to the Mississippi River, to eliminate confusion concerning its existing names.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and approve the official designation of said lake and river as Ripple Lake and Ripple River.

Commissioner Strom moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: All Members Voting "Aye"

STATE OF MINNESOTA,)
County of Aitkin,) ss.
Office of County Auditor,)

I, Franklin O. Draper, Auditor, of the County of Aitkin, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 5th day of June

A. D. 19 62, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Aitkin, Minnesota, this 7th day of

June

A. D. 19 62

Franklin O. Draper
FRANKLIN O. DRAPER, County Auditor,

By

Deputy.

*approved MGB
May 2, 1962 by Prout, Odquist & Fridley*

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MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ST. PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

May 7, 1962

Mr. Franklin O. Draper
County Auditor
Aitkin County
Aitkin, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Draper:

Enclosed is a petition from the Minnesota Geographic Board suggesting that a lake and river known as both Mud or Ripple be officially named Ripple Lake and Ripple River.

Will you be kind enough to present this petition to the next meeting of the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners? The County Board's approval is necessary before the State Board will give final approval to this name.

Please ask the Commissioners to give us their opinion in the form of a resolution. We would appreciate receiving two certified copies of the resolution embodying the County Board's action in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Gilbert Simon Skir
Resolutions

May 7, 1962

A PETITION

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF AITKIN COUNTY:

The State Geographic Board hereby petitions that your honorable board review and accept the following names for a lake and river located in Aitkin County for the reasons given below:

Ripple Lake (Not Mud, nor Diamond), T. 46 N., R. 26, 27 W, secs. 17, 18, 19, 20; 13, 24 (Norland, Farm Island Twpshs.)

To eliminate confusion in existing names, and to eliminate the much-duplicated and displeasing name of Mud Lake, it is requested that this lake be officially named Ripple, a name by which it is already known.

Ripple River (Not Mud, Muddy, Ripple Creek, nor Mud Creek), flowing through Ripple Lake to the Mississippi River.

To make official a name by which this stream has been known since the 1880s and to eliminate confusion concerning its existing names, it is requested that this stream be officially named Ripple River.

Office Memorandum

DEPARTMENT Conservation - Waters

TO : Mr. Russell W. Fridley, Secy.
Minnesota Historical Society
Minnesota Geographic Board

FROM : Mr. Sidney A. Frellsen, Director
Division of Waters

DATE: Nov. 15, 1961

SUBJECT: Names of Lakes and Rivers

Files of this office show a lake and river in Aitkin County as both Mud and Ripple Lake, and Mud and Ripple River.

The Aitkin County Engineer and Auditor have returned the enclosed comments concerning the names. So that one name may be formally established for the lake and river, it is requested that the Minnesota Geographic Board under Minnesota Statutes 378.01-06 petition the County Board of Aitkin County to formally designate one name for this lake and river.

Three Mud Lakes in Aitkin County are listed in the Gazetteer of Meandered Lakes of Minnesota. No other lake in Aitkin County is designated as Ripple Lake.

It is recommended that the petition request the lake and river to be named Ripple Lake and Ripple River.

Mud or Ripple Lake is located in Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, Township 46 North, Range 26 West. Mud or Ripple River flows through the lake to the Mississippi River.

Over 40 years.

Al Knaus

2903 Aldrich Ave N.

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Section 10 Lake

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Vladimirof
Wladimirof

June 26, 1961

Mr. Al Knaus
2903 Aldrich Ave. North
Minneapolis 12, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Knaus:

After talking with you I checked the records of the Minnesota Geographic Board and find that the lake we discussed in Aitkin County is entered in our records as Vladimirof Lake. It was apparently named for a settler who once owned property on the lake, but we know nothing more about him.

Since there is some confusion about the name of this lake, which is also known as Section Ten Lake, and since there are other Section Ten lakes in the state, the Minnesota Board might well consider this case. Would you and the other cabin owners there consider Vladimirof Lake an acceptable name for this body of water? If so, can you find out more about Vladimirof -- what his full name was, where he lived, how long he lived on the lake, whether or not he was an early settler, etc. This information should be entered on the enclosed petition in the space after the words "for the following reasons."

Enclosed is the information you requested on the procedure that must be used to name a lake. If you have further questions, do not hesitate to get in touch with me again.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist, Deputy Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

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St. Paul, Minn.

Nov. 13, 1942.

My Arthur J. Larsen, Secretary,
The Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Larsen, -

If consistent will you kindly advise me as to whether the river at Aitkin should be referred to as Mud River or Kipple River.

The History of the Upper Mississippi Valley (1881) says it is named Kipple River, from its clear rippling waters. By some means the Indian name was interpreted Mud River, but the name is ignored by the villagers. It is shown as Mud River on old maps, and I find that on an old time table the R. S. station at that place was called Mud River. Since 1926 both names seem to have been used about 50-50. On recent maps the State Highway Dept. seem to use Kipple River on their maps of Aitkin, and the highway at Aitkin, and Mud River on their county maps of Aitkin County. A few words - as to this will be greatly appreciated. Yours Truly
(1136 Pacific St., St. Paul) John Muckelsson

December 16, 1942

Mr. John Mickelson
1136 Pacific Street
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Mickelson:

Your letter of November 13 to Mr. Larsen, in which you asked for information about the name of Mud or Ripple River, has been referred to me.

I have consulted a number of maps and other sources, but have found little information to add to what you already have. Nicollet, on his map of 1843, calls it the "Muddy River," and the explorers Pike and Long gave it the same name. The Highway Department calls it "Mud River" near its source and "Ripple River" near its mouth. Upham, in his Minnesota Geographic Names, the United States Geological Survey map^s and the Minnesota Geological Survey Report for 1917 call it "Mud River." Winchell, in his Final Report of the Minnesota Geological Survey, p.656, says it is called "Ripple Creek by the settlers on account of its clear, rippling waters." The explorer Beltrami called it by three names -- "Ripple Creek," "Palm River," and "Pitchers River." On the numerous other maps consulted, it appears as "Mud River" on most of them, and "Ripple River" on a few.

This river is one of the many geographic features in Minnesota that are known by two or more names. The Minnesota State Geographic Board, of which the superintendent of the Historical Society is secretary, hopes ultimately to call the attention of local residents to this confusion in geographic names, and to urge them to express their preferences through legal action by their county boards.

Sincerely,

Editorial assistant.

Aitkin County
Wilkin County

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April 11, 1945

Mr. E. T. Barnard, Secretary
Otter Tail County Historical Society
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Barnard:

Mr. Beeson has asked me to send you the information about Ojibwa and Graham's Point which you requested in your letter of March 19.

According to early maps and other publications in the Society's collections, Ojibwa was in Aitkin County, just across the Ripple River from the present village of Aitkin.

Graham's Point was in Wilkin County on the Red River, opposite Fort Abercrombie, where McCauleyville was later located.

If you want any further information, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely

MWB/b