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*Hennepin*

State of Minnesota, }  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN, } ss.

COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

I, ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, Auditor of the above County, do hereby certify that I have compared the papers writing, to which this certificate is attached, with the original.....  
resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin  
County, December 24, 1963, naming an island in Lake Minnetonka,  
Village of Orono, Mahpiyata Island,

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as the same appears of record and on file in the said County Auditor's office, at the Court House in said Hennepin County, Minnesota, and find the same to be true and correct copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at the City of Minneapolis, this.....<sup>2nd</sup>..... day of.....January..... A. D. 1964.....

*Robert F. Fitzsimmons*  
.....  
County Auditor.



Commissioner Swanson from the Committee on Roads and Lakes presented the following report:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the petition of Franz P. Gayl and others to name an island adjacent to Big Island in Lake Minnetonka, Village of Orono, Mahpiyata Island, recommends as follows:

That inasmuch as it appears that notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition was duly given as required by law, the name of the island described in said petition heretofore un-named, shall be fixed, determined, and named MAHPIYATA ISLAND.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. Ainsworth

George W. Matthews

Mrs. I. G. Scott

Elwood B. Swanson

Commissioner Ainsworth offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the committee report be adopted.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution, and there were four YEAS and no NAYS, as follows:

AINSWORTH	Yea
MATTHEWS	Yea
MRS. SCOTT	Yea
SWANSON	Yea
CHAIRMAN HANSON	Absent

Resolution adopted.

Approved by Minnesota Geographic Board  
January 2, 1964  
Signed Wayne H. Olson  
Russell W. Fridley  
Carl Odquist

Approved by MGB  
January 2, 1964

Hennepin

December 22, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Franz J. F. Cayl  
Mahpiyata Island  
Lake Minnetonka  
Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cayl:

We have just been notified that the United States Board on Geographic Names has approved the name Mahpiyata Island. This means that the name is now official. How's that for a Christmas present?

Best wishes,

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



ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor

GEORGE B. HICKEY, Chief Deputy

*County Auditor* **HENNEPIN COUNTY**

106 COURT HOUSE • FEDERAL 9-7344  
MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINNESOTA

January 2, 1964

State Geographic Board  
Conservation Department  
Centennial Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
55101

Attention: Russell Fridley, Secretary

Dear Sir:

Enclosed, herewith, is a copy of the petition and a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County, Minnesota, December 24, 1963, naming an island in Lake Minnetonka, Village of Orono, Mahpiyata Island.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor and  
Secretary to the  
County Board

By *J. E. Nelson*  
Deputy

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A PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County:

We, the undersigned legal voters residing within Hennepin County, hereby petition your honorable board that an \_\_\_\_\_  
(lake or stream)  
now named no name, which is located in Lake Minnetonka,  
off Big Island  
County in Tract "B", Registered Land Survey #1092, Gov. Lot 4, Section 22,  
(Give legal description)  
Township 117 N, Range 23 W, Hennepin County

shall be officially named Mahpiyata Island for the

following reasons: The "Legend of Mahpiyata", attributed to Dr. Charles Eastman (Ohiyesa), is recorded by Bergmann Richards in his book The Early Background of Minnetonka Beach. Mahpiyata, daughter of the Sioux Chief Wakanyeya, tried to help defend Big Island when it was being invaded by the Chippewa across Huntington Point centuries ago. Mahpiyata was captured and was taken north to Chippewa territory where she gained the respect of her captors through her courage and uprightness. She later married the young Chippewa chief and from then on Mahpiyata worked toward a reconciliation of the two tribes. Finally, she and her husband succeeded in establishing lasting peace, which was celebrated in a great festival of reconciliation on Big Island. Furthermore, according to the legend, Mahpiyata and her husband were buried on Big Island after a full and peaceful life together.

Attached is the complete "Legend of Mahpiyata", as excerpted from The Early Background of Minnetonka Beach by Bergmann Richards.

Dated OCTOBER 28, 1963.

Signed Franz J F Gayl

Name	Address
1 Harry E. Kuechle	16502 Grays Bay Blvd, Wayzata
2 Bergmann Richards	Minnetonka Beach
3 King Bennethum	1717 Dupont Ave. S., Minneapolis
4 Walter U. Hauser	1716 So. Humboldt "
5 Roy W. Larsen	801 Marquette Ave.
6 Henry T. McKnight (by Gwen McKnight	Rt. 3 - Wayzata)
7 Helen Jones Duff	Wayzata Rt. 3
8 Thelma Jones	1023 E. Wayzata Bl, Wayzata
9 James G. Bennett Jr.	553 Harrington Road, Wayzata
10 Florence W. Ireys	401 Groveland Ave. Mpls. 3
11 Arthur L. Gluck	2715 Thomas Ave. So. Mpls.
12 Robert W. Armstrong	Route 6 Excelsior
13 Charles N. Brooks	1772 Dupont Ave. So. Mpls, Minn.
14 Florence W. Brooks	1772 So. Dupont. Mpls, Minn.
15 Sidney C. Little	11800 W. Live Oak Drive Minneapolis 26, Minn.
16 Eugene E. Ahern M.D.	6709 Harriet Ave. Mpls.
17 Warner P. Blake	215 Cottage Downs Hopkins
18 Jane H. Gayl	327 Forest Ave., Minneapolis 3

## THE LEGEND OF MAHPIYATA

from

### The Early Background of Minnetonka Beach

by

Bergmann Richards

(As told to Dr. Grace Lee Nute, the eminent authority on Minnesota history, and the writer one pleasant summer evening at Minnetonka a few years ago by an early resident to whom it had been related in girlhood by her Indian friend, Dr. Eastman, and by her playmate, Chief Shakopee's daughter, Lucy Otherday. Dr. Eastman had verified the details of the legend with a number of old North and South Dakota Chiefs and squaws, including a cousin of Chief Crazy Horse.)

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There is peace between the Ojibways  
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July 16, 1963

Mr. Franz J. F. Gayl  
327 Forest Avenue  
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Gayl:

Enclosed is a sample petition and an outline of the procedure to be followed in naming the island in Lake Minnetonka which you discussed with me by telephone today.

If your petition receives favorable action from the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, please ask the county auditor to forward the necessary documents to me. The matter will then be placed on the agenda of the Minnesota Geographic Board.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist, Deputy to  
Russell W. Fridley, Secretary  
Minnesota Geographic Board

JDH/th  
encl

November 3, 1963

Dear Mrs. Holmquist,

Thank you for sending us the requirements to be fulfilled in order to name an island. We submitted the petition on October 29. If no difficulties arise, the Board of County Commissioners should give its approval about December 10.

Many thanks for starting us on the right track for this project.

Sincerely Yours,

*Frank Poyl*



**THE GAYLS**

327 FOREST AVENUE  
MINNEAPOLIS 3

Franz J.F. Gayl  
327 Forest Ave.  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
55403

December 9, 1963

Mrs. Holmquist  
Director of Publications  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul 1, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

With regard to our petition to name "Mahpiyata Island", I enclose a copy of the letter from Mr. Youngdahl notifying us of the hearing on December 24. We plan to attend the meeting and will notify you of its outcome the same day. Enclosed also is a copy of a clipping from the Minnetonka Herald.

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Sincerely Yours,

*Franz Gayl*  
Franz J.F. Gayl

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OFFICIAL  
NEWSPAPER  
Mika School Dist 276  
Village of Tonka Bay  
Village of Excelsior  
Village of Shorewood  
Village of Greenwood

# The Minnet

63rd Year Number 20

Excelsior, Minnesota

## Procedures For D'phaven Recount Now In Progress

The legal steps of a recount of votes continues this week in Deephaven where it is expected that the actual recount of the election for Deephaven mayor may be held this Saturday.

At last report, Deephaven village clerk had not received the order for the recount on Saturday but it was expected to come in charge of the ballots which have been sealed since the November election.

Last week it was reported that Edward C. Brown would be the inspector for candidate Richard Slade while Lawrence Olson would be the inspector for Henry Workman. A third and impartial inspector was to have been selected and it was reported this week that Russell Bennett, Deephaven mayor whose term will expire at the end of this year, had been asked to act as the third inspector.

The recount has been asked by Mr. Slade after he was defeated in an election by 489 to 467 in the November 5 voting in Deephaven for the office of mayor. Total votes for the village election in that race was 956.

The vote was held in two precincts in two different locations and the precinct's ballots were only counted once. Because of the closeness of the vote (one ballot change in favor of Mr. Slade could throw the election into a tie) and in fairness to his backers and to the judges, Mr. Slade told the Deephaven village council on the day following the election that he would ask for a recount.

As a result, the recount went to District court for the legal action necessary to unseal the ballots and carry out the recount.

## St. John's Parents Set Dec. 3 Book Fair

The Parents Club of St. John's Baptist school will sponsor a Book Fair where the school's new books will be purchased by the parents and then donated in their names to the library.

The Book Fair will be Tuesday evening, December 3, in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. A physical education demonstration will be presented by children of the school.

### BAKE AND GIFT SALE

A Christmas Bake Sale will be held by the Lakeside Rebekah Lodge No. 26 from 2 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 30. The sale will be held at Excelsior Super Valu.

### MUSIC ASSOC. CONCERT

The Lake Minnetonka Music Association announced this week that the next concert will be held on Wednesday, December 11, at 8 p.m. at Minnetonka high school. The program will feature André Vardi, pianist. The concert will

## County Board Lowers Hospital Mill Levy

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners Tuesday morning cut the rural and suburban Hennepin mill levy for county hospital service from 3.71 mills to 3.63 mills for 1964.

The cut came when the county board cut the ambulance service item in the budget from \$250,000 to \$230,000 and then allowed a credit of \$31,500 from anticipated revenue from the ambulance service to bring the total expenditure for ambulance service to \$218,500.

## Hearing Set To Give Name To Island On Mtka.

Mahpiyata Island is the name proposed for a small island in Lake Minnetonka between the two parts of Big Island.

The Hennepin county board has set a hearing for December 24 on the naming of the island.

Fritz J. F. Gayl, 327 Forest avenue, Minneapolis, has presented a petition to name the now nameless island Mahpiyata, signed by 15 persons, including Harry B. Kuechle, 16502 Gray's Bay boulevard, Wayzata; Bergmann Richards, Minnetonka Beach, and Senator Henry T. McKnight.

"We hope the name will help keep alive local folklore and history," Gayle states.

According to information given, the small island was formed near the turn of the century, when A. Mr. Searle, the principal land owner on Big Island, had the channel dredged through from north to south, dividing Big Island into two halves.

The soil from this project was used to bring up the elevation of the island in the channel, and Searle planted a garden and trees on the piece of land.

The Gayl petition also related the Legend of Mahpiyata, as recorded by Bergmann Richards in his book "The Early Background of Minnetonka Beach."

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## IN MEMORIAM



The photo ABOVE of the American Flag shown at half mast at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Excelsior following a special service for President John F. Kennedy on Monday, the national day of mourning. The short service was held by service organizations in its honor at the base of the soldier's memorial was placed in the cemetery.



# HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

320 Washington Avenue South, Hopkins, Minnesota - West 5-3281

KENT B. YOUNGDAHL, Administrator  
L. P. PEDERSON, Engineer

26 November 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Franz J. P. Gayl  
327 Forest Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gayl:

The Board of County Commissioners has set a hearing date on your petition to name a small island on Lake Minnetonka as Mahpiyata Island.

The county attorney's office advised the Board that a minimum of thirty days notice was necessary for the hearing. A December 24, 1963 date is the earliest date in the accommodation of this thirty day hearing notice.

In attempting to judge the sentiments of the County Board on this island naming, there appears to be little objection to the request. I mention this because you might find it inconvenient to attend the hearing on December 24th.

Please feel free to call this office should you have any further questions.

Sincerely yours,

Kent B. Youngdahl  
County Highway Administrator

KBY:db



STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
SAINT PAUL 1

December 6, 1963

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
Hennepin County Auditor  
106 Court House  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Re: Island in Minnetonka Lake  
Hennepin County

Dear Sir:

This is in response to your letter of November 29, 1963 with enclosures consisting of a copy of a petition dated October 28, 1963, a copy of a bond and a printed copy of a Notice of Hearing, all relative to naming an island designated above.

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 378, under which this proceeding is presumed to be undertaken does not apply to the naming of islands, so far as I can see. However, even though Section 378.05 does not appear to require it in this instance, I submit the following:


FINDINGS:

- (1) That the proposed name, Mahpiyata, is not used, so far as I can determine, for any other island in the state.
- (2) That the island appears on some maps to be a part of and connected to Big Island; on other maps to be a separate and distinct island.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

Yours very truly,

  
Sidney A. Freilich, Director  
Division of Waters

JME:ms

CC- State Geographic Board

c/o Mrs. June Holmquist, Minn. Historical Society ✓

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*Hennepin*

November 18, 1965

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimons  
County Auditor  
Hennepin County Courthouse 108  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

The enclosed resolutions naming Minnetoga Lake, Richfield Lake, and Mahpiyata Island were approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board on January 2, 1964. They have now been approved by the United States Geographic Board, Decision List 6403, and are herewith returned to you for filing.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist  
Deputy Secretary  
Minnesota Geographic Board

P.S. May we inquire if a petition to change the name of Magda Lake (Secs. 31, 36, T. 119 N., R 21 & 22 W) to "Lake Horkey" ever came before the Hennepin County Board? Mr. Frelsen, director of the Division of Waters, who corresponded with you about this matter on February 11, 1965, apparently did not recommend the change.



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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
SAINT PAUL 1

February 11, 1965

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
County Auditor, Hennepin County  
108 Court House  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

Re: Magda Lake  
Sections 31 & 36, Township 119 North,  
Ranges 21 and 22 West

Dear Sir:

This is in response to a letter, dated February 9, 1965, from County Engineer L.P. Pederson, to which was attached an undated petition to the Hennepin County Board requesting that the name of the above lake be changed to "Lake Horkey".

In compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 378.05, I submit the following:

Findings:

- (1) That neither the present name, "Magda", nor the proposed name, "Lake Horkey", is, so far as I can determine, used for any other lake in the state;
- (2) That the United States Board on Geographic Names in its Guiding Principles states, "Names of living persons should be applied very rarely, and only those of great eminence should be thus honored";
- (3) That Minnesota Statutes, Section 378.01, states in part, "No name of any lake, river, stream, or other body of water, which name has existed for 40 years, shall be changed under the provisions of Sections 378.01 to 378.06";
- (4) That this lake in its natural state was one body of water situated in the two sections listed above but is now severed by a north-south highway along the common section line;
- (5) That information here indicates there were 12 occupied homesites abutting the lake ten years ago whereas the petition is signed, apparently, by only one homesite owner other than the petitioner, and

Robt. F. Fitzsimmons

February 11, 1965

- (6) That the division is not aware of any finding by a court of law that this is a privately-owned body of water and so considers it to be public waters.

Recommendations:

- (1) That consideration be given the findings, above stated, and
- (2) That, whatever name be adopted for this lake, it be adopted without the prefix "Lake".

The last recommendation is in accordance with the guiding principles, referred to above, in which it is stated that names having two or more words should be avoided and, if selected, should be combined. Furthermore, this division never uses the word "lake" preceding a name so as to facilitate filing and indexing.

I will appreciate receiving the results of the final action of the county board upon the petition.

Yours very truly,



Sidney A. Prellsen, Director  
Division of Waters

CC- County Engineer L.P. Pederson  
State Geographic Board,  
c/o Mrs. June Holmquist, Acting Secy.

JME:ms

Fox River Board  
22200000



*Hennepin*

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor  
GEORGE B. HICKEY, Chief Deputy

County Auditor **HENNEPIN COUNTY**

106 COURT HOUSE • 330-3266  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55415

November 22, 1965

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

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the approval of the naming of Minnetoga Lake, Richfield Lake and Mahpiyata Island by your Board and the U.S. Geographic Board.

In reply to your query as to the status of the petition of Mr. Andrew Horkey to change the name of Magda Lake to "Lake Horkey", Mr. Horkey withdrew his petition on March 12, 1965, and up to the present time no new developments have taken place concerning this matter.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor and  
Secretary to the  
County Board

By *P. E. Nelson*  
Deputy Auditor

PEN/lp



*approved by U.S. Bd.  
See decision  
list # 6403  
Sept. - Dec. 1964*

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor  
GEORGE B. HICKEY, Chief Deputy

County Auditor **HENNEPIN COUNTY**

106 COURT HOUSE • FEDERAL 9-7344  
MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINNESOTA

October 18, 1963

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Department of Conservation  
Administration

OCT 21 1963

Answered \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Clarence Prout  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State Geographic Board  
Centennial Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County, Minnesota, October 15, 1963, changing the name of Grass Lake in the Village of Richfield to Richfield Lake.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor

By *P. E. Nelson*  
Deputy

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COUNTY AUDITOR HENNEPIN COUNTY  
106 Court House, Federal 9-7344  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

C O P Y

September 20, 1963

Mr. Clarence Prout  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State Geographic Board  
Centennial Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a notice of hearing of numerous legal voters residing in the Village of Richfield petitioning to change the name of Grass Lake in said village to Richfield Lake.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor and  
Secretary to the  
County Board.

By: /s/ P. E. Nelson  
Deputy

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Petition.....will be heard by the County Board of Hennepin County, Minnesota, on Tuesday, October 15, 1963, at 10:20 o'clock A. M., in Committee Room 130 Court House, Minneapolis.



STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
SAINT PAUL 1

September 24, 1963

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
County Auditor, Hennepin County  
106 Court House  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Re: Grass Lake  
Hennepin County  
Att: Mr. P. E. Nelson, Deputy

Dear Sir:

This is in response to your letter of September 20, 1963 to which was attached a copy of a petition, bearing 20 signatures, requesting that the portion of the above lake severed by Freeway 35, lying in the Village of Richfield be renamed "Richfield Lake", copy of check for a bond and a copy of the notice of hearing on the petition.

In compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 378.05, I submit the following:

Findings:

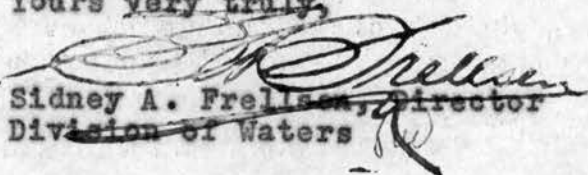
- (1) That the proposed name "Richfield Lake" is not used, so far as I can determine, for any other lake in this state;
- (2) That the name "Grass" is used for another lake in Hennepin and for 12 or more lakes in other counties of the state.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the name change petitioned for be made so as to eliminate a duplication of lake names in the county.

I will appreciate receiving a copy of the resolution adopted after the public hearing.

Yours very truly,

  
Sidney A. Frelson, Director  
Division of Waters

JME:ms  
CC-State Geographic Board

COPY

State of Minnesota, }  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN, } ss.

COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

I, ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, Auditor of the above County, do hereby certify that I have compared the papers writing, to which this certificate is attached, with the original..... resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County, Minnesota, October 15, 1963, changing the name of Grass Lake in the Village of Richfield to Richfield Lake,

as the same appears of record and on file in the said County Auditor's office, at the Court House in said Hennepin County, Minnesota, and find the same to be true and correct copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at the City of Minneapolis, this.....18th day of.....October.....A. D. 19..63..

*Robert F. Fitzsimmons*  
County Auditor.



Commissioner Swanson from the Committee on Roads and Lakes presented the following report:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter/petition to change the name of Grass Lake in the Village of Richfield to Richfield Lake, recommends as follows:

That inasmuch as it appears that notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition was duly given as required by law, the name of the lake described in said petition, heretofore known as GRASS LAKE, shall be fixed, determined and changed to RICHFIELD LAKE.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood B. Swanson

George W. Matthews

Richard O. Hanson

Mrs. I. G. Scott

Commissioner Matthews offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the committee report be adopted.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution, and there were four YEAS and no NAYS, as follows:

AIRSWORTH	Absent
MATTHEWS	Yea
MRS. SCOTT	Yea
SWANSON	Yea
CHAIRMAN HANSON	Yea

Resolution adopted.

*Oppert Olson*  
*Russell W. Friedley*  
*June W. ...*

Approved Minnesota Geographic Board  
January 2, 1964

*Send Wayne Olson memo  
on type of work involved*



STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
SAINT PAUL 1

U.S. approved  
Dec. List 6403  
Sept. - Dec. 1964

January 9, 1963

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
County Auditor, Hennepin County  
106 Court House  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Re: Mud Lake - Hennepin County  
Sections 26, 27; 35 - T.117 N., R.22 W.

Dear Sir:

This is in response to your letter of January 3, 1963 to which was attached a copy of a petition dated November 27, 1962, bearing 17 signatures, requesting the Board of County Commissioners to change the above name to "Lake Minnetoga", as well as documents relating to a petitioner's bond.

In compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 378.05, I submit the following:

FINDINGS:

- (1) That the proposed name, "Lake Minnetoga", is not used, so far as I can determine, for any other lake in this state.
- (2) That a similar name, "Minnetaga", differing only by one letter from the name proposed by the petitioners, is used to designate a lake in Kandiyohi County.
- (3) That the name "Wynn" has been found to have been used for this lake, according to the card files of the State Geographic Board but not to have been otherwise used for a lake name as far as can be determined.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That consideration be given to adopting a name other than Minnetoga for this lake because of its similarity to the Kandiyohi County lake name.
- (2) That, whatever name is adopted for this lake, that it be adopted without the prefix "Lake".

The last recommendation is in accordance with the guiding principles of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names in which it is stated that names constructed of two or more words should be avoided and, if selected, should be combined, if practicable. It is the conclusion of the board that the longer names are less readily adopted

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Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
Re: Mud Lake - Hennepin Co.

January 9, 1963

by the public. Furthermore, this division never uses the word "Lake" preceding a name so as to facilitate filing and indexing.

I will appreciate receiving the results of the final action of the County Board upon the petition.

Yours very truly,

Sidney A. Frelsen, Director

  
Division of Waters

JME:ms

CC: State Geographic Board ✓  
c/o Mrs. June Holmquist, Actg. Secy.



ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor  
GEORGE B. HICKEY, Chief Deputy

*County Auditor* **HENNEPIN COUNTY**

106 COURT HOUSE • FEDERAL 9-7344  
MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINNESOTA

March 26, 1963

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

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

Enclosed, herewith, are two certified copies of the resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County on February 13, 1963, changing the name of Mud Lake in the Village of Minnetonka to Minnetoga Lake. Also enclosed is a copy of the original petition, proof of hearing, and posting of bond.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor

By P. E. Nelson  
Deputy

PEN/lp  
Enc's. (5)



ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor  
GEORGE A. HILKEY, Chief Deputy

County Auditor, HENNEPIN COUNTY  
100 COURT HOUSE • FEDERAL BUILDING  
MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINNESOTA

February 21, 1963

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DIVISION OF WATERS

Mr. Tolson			
Mr. DeLoach			
Mr. Mohr			
Mr. Bishop			
Mr. Casper			
Mr. Callahan			
Mr. Conrad			
Mr. Felt			
Mr. Gale			
Mr. Rosen			
Mr. Sullivan			
Mr. Tavel			
Mr. Trotter			
Tele. Room			
Miss Holmes			
Miss Gandy			

Sidney A. Frellaen, Director  
Division of Waters  
State Conservation Department  
Centennial Building  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

*O-Water Res. Inventory  
Hydrographic Survey  
Henn. Co.*

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County, Minnesota, February 13, 1963, changing the name of Mud Lake in the Village of Minnetonka to Minnetoga Lake.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

PEN/ip  
Enc.

March 25, 1963

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
County Auditor  
Courthouse  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Fitzsimmons:

We note that the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County on February 13 adopted a resolution changing the name of Mud Lake in the village of Minnetonka to Minnetoga Lake. We wish to advise that before this name can become official it must be approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board. See Chapters 35 and 63, SESSION LAWS, 1937. The board requires two certified copies of the County Board's resolution approving the change, as well as a copy of the original petition, proof of hearing, and posting of bond.

If you will send us the necessary documents, we shall see that the matter is placed on the agenda for the State Board's next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist  
Deputy Secretary  
Minnesota Geographic Board

JDH/h

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
TRANSMITTAL SLIP

Date Sept. 25 19 63

TO	Division or Unit
Russell Fridley	Historical Society
FROM	Division or Unit
Maritta McDonald	

ACTION

<input type="checkbox"/> Note and File	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for my sig.
<input type="checkbox"/> Note and Return	<input type="checkbox"/> Reply and send me copy
<input type="checkbox"/> Note and see me	<input type="checkbox"/> Per your request
<input type="checkbox"/> Note and Destroy	<input type="checkbox"/> Signature
<input type="checkbox"/> Ret. with more detail	<input type="checkbox"/> For your information
<input type="checkbox"/> Please answer	<input type="checkbox"/> Investigate and Report
<input type="checkbox"/> For your Approval	<input type="checkbox"/> Take appropriate action
<input type="checkbox"/> Per our conversation	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct and Return

Comment I thought that perhaps you would like a copy of this notice. The Commissioner passed the original letter on to Mr. S.A. Frellsen.

**State of Minnesota,** }  
**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN,** } ss.

**COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

I, ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, Auditor of the above County, do hereby certify that I have compared the papers writing, to which this certificate is attached, with the original.....  
resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin  
County, February 13, 1963, changing the name of Mud Lake in the  
Village of Minnetonka to Minnetoga Lake,

as the same appears of record and on file in the said County Auditor's office, at the Court House in said Hennepin County, Minnesota, and find the same to be true and correct copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at the City of Minneapolis, this.....<sup>26th</sup>  
day of.....March..... A. D. 19<sup>63</sup>.....

*Robert F. Fitzsimmons*  
County Auditor.

By *P. E. Nelson*  
Deputy

Commissioner Ainsworth from the Committee on Roads and Lakes presented the following report:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of petition to change the name of Mud Lake in the Village of Minnetonka to Lake Minnetoga recommends as follows:

That inasmuch as it appears that notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition was duly given as required by law, the name of the lake described in said petition, heretofore known as MUD LAKE, shall be fixed, determined and changed to Minnetoga.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. I. G. Scott

S. E. Ainsworth

George W. Matthews

Elwood B. Swanson

Richard O. Hanson

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Commissioner Swanson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the committee report be adopted.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution, and there were five YEAS and no NAYS, as follows:

AINSWORTH	Yea
MATTHEWS	Yea
MRS. SCOTT	Yea
SWANSON	Yea
CHAIRMAN HANSON	Yea

Resolution adopted.

*Handwritten notes:*  
Russell  
called against

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of Minnesota )
(ss.
County of Hennepin )

Warren E. Maul

being duly sworn, on oath says; that he is, and
during all the times herein stated has been...the publisher
and-printer of the newspaper known as

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

and has full knowledge of the facts hereinafter stated; that for more than one
year prior to the publication therein of the

Notice of Hearing

hereinafter described, said newspaper was printed and published in the City of
Minneapolis in the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota; that during all
said time said newspaper has been printed in the English language from its
known office of publication within the city from which it purports to be issued
as above stated, in newspaper format and in column and sheet form equivalent
in space to at least 450 running inches of single column, two inches wide; has
been issued at least five (5) days each week from a known office established
in said place of publication and employing skilled workmen and the necessary
material for preparing and printing the same; that all the presswork of which
has been done in its known office of publication; that in its makeup not less
than twenty-five per cent of its news columns have been devoted to local news
of interest to the community it purports to serve; that it has contained general
news, comment and miscellany; that it has not wholly duplicated any other
publication, and has not been entirely made up of patents, plate matter and
advertisements; that it has been circulated in and near its said place of publica-
tion to the extent of at least two hundred and forty (240) copies regularly
delivered to paying subscribers and had entry as second class matter in its local
post-office; and that there has been on file in the office of the County Auditor
of Hennepin County, Minnesota, the affidavit of a person having knowledge of
the facts, showing the name and location of said newspaper and the existence
of the conditions constituting its qualifications as a legal newspaper; and that
its publishers have complied with all demands of the said County Auditor for
proofs of its said qualifications; that all of the foregoing conditions have existed
for more than one year prior to the publication of the attached notice; that a
copy of each issue has been filed immediately with the State Historical Society.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION
TO CHANGE THE NAME OF MUD
LAKE IN THE VILLAGE OF
MINNETONKA TO LAKE
MINNETOGA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That
the petition of numerous legal voters
residing within the Village of Minne-
tonka, Hennepin County, Minnesota,
to change the name of Mud Lake
situated in said village, to Lake Min-
netoga will be heard by the County
Board of Hennepin County, Minne-
sota, on Tuesday, January 15, 1963,
at 10:20 o'clock A. M. in Commit-
tee Room 130 Court House, Minne-
apolis.

DATED: December 19, 1962.
ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS,
County Auditor and
Secretary to the County Board.
By P. E. NELSON,
Deputy.
(Published in Finance and Commerce,
Saturdays, December 22 and 29, 1962,
and January 5, 1963) 76952

That the printed Notice of Hearing

hereto attached as a part hereof was cut from the columns of said newspaper,
and was printed and published therein in the English language, once each week,
for Three (3) successive weeks; that it was first so published
Saturday 22nd day of December, 1962
and was thereafter printed and published on every Saturday
to and including Saturday 5th day of January, 1963
and that the following is a printed copy of the lower case alphabet from A to Z,
both inclusive, and is hereby acknowledged as being the size and kind of type
used in the composition and publication of said notice, to wit:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Warren E. Maul

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1963

(Notarial Seal)

Jane C. Hilton
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.

JANE C. HILTON
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.
My Commission Expires May 23, 1963.

REFERRED TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

A PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County:

We, the undersigned legal voters residing within Hennepin County, hereby petition your honorable board that a lake, now named Mud Lake, which is located in Hennepin County in T117 R22 Sec 26 (Give legal description)

shall be officially named Lake Minnetoga for the following reasons:

*For want of a more suitable name.*

Dated November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1942

Signed

- | Name   | Address                                |
|--|--|
| 1 <u>Shidla</u>                                | <u>13000 Maywood Lane Hopkins</u>      |
| 2 <u>Gol Kusblaud</u>                          | <u>13017 Maywood Lane Hopkins</u>      |
| 3 <u>Wendell J. Olson</u>                      | <u>12929 " "</u>                       |
| 4 <u>Edith Olson</u>                           | <u>12920 Maywood Lane "</u>            |
| 5 <u>F. W. Overbeck</u>                        | <u>12917 Maywood Lane</u>              |
| 6 <u>Bert C. Strom</u>                         | <u>12909 Maywood Lane</u>              |
| 7 <u>J. E. Robinson</u>                        | <u>12812 Maywood Lane</u>              |
| 8 <u>Ed. Rain</u>                              | <u>12911 Maywood Lane</u>              |
| 9 <u>Kathleen M. Throm</u>                     | <u>5221 Minnetoga Terrace, Hopkins</u> |
| 10 <u>Mrs. O. E. Taskela</u>                   | <u>5259 Minnetoga Terrace</u>          |
| 11 <u>Mrs. &amp; Mrs. Peter Z. Larson</u>      | <u>5227 " "</u>                        |
| 12 <u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Roy Moen</u>              | <u>5235 " "</u>                        |
| 13 <u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Herbert J. Wagner</u>     | <u>5326 Rogers Drive</u>               |
| 14 <u>Mrs. &amp; Mrs. Paul Peterson</u>        | <u>5327 Minnetoga Terrace</u>          |
| 15 <u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Carl Ordehult</u>         | <u>5336 Minnetoga Terrace</u>          |
| 16 <u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Kell Helmeids</u>         | <u>5335 Rogers Dr.</u>                 |
| 17 <u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Harley M. Kinnis, Jr.</u> | <u>5344 Rogers Dr.</u>                 |

Notice to →

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BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Joseph W. Knoblauch and Mrs. Donald J. Olson Hennepin County, Minnesota, as principals, and the Aetna Casualty & Surety Company, as surety, are jointly and severally held and firmly bound unto the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, in the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to be paid to the said County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, conditioned upon the full payment of all reasonable expenses which said County shall incur in the proceeding to change the name of Mud Lake to Minnetoga Lake, their successors, heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, for which payment well and truly to be made, we hereby bind ourselves, and each of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors, successors, administrators and assigns firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 16th day of August 1962.

The condition of this obligation is such, that whereas the above bounden principals have filed a petition with the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County, to change the name of Mud Lake to Minnetoga, and agree to pay all reasonable expenses which said County shall incur in such proceeding; Now, if the above bounden principals shall pay, as they become due, all reasonable expenses said County shall incur in such proceeding, and shall save the said County of Hennepin harmless from all costs and charges that may accrue in such proceeding, and shall pay all costs that may accrue in enforcing the terms of the bond if action is brought on the bond, including reasonable attorney's fees, in any case where such action is successfully maintained, and shall comply in all respects with the law appertaining thereto, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this 16th day of August 1962.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Douglas J. Gladwin  
(As to Principal)

Mrs Donald J. Olson

Douglas J. Gladwin  
(As to Principal)

J. W. Knoblauch

Mary L. Gladwin  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
(As to Surety) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

AETNA CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY  
By: Douglas J. Gladwin  
Douglas J. Gladwin, Attorney-in-Fact

atly.

STATE OF Minnesota }  
COUNTY OF Hennepin } ss.

On this sixteenth day of August, 1962, before me appeared Douglas J. Gladwin to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is (~~an~~) the ~~Attorney-in-Fact~~ ~~xxx~~ of The ~~Ætna~~ Casualty & Surety Company, a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and having its principal office or place of business at Hartford, Connecticut; that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of the corporation, and that said instrument was executed in behalf of the corporation by authority of its by-laws, and said Douglas J. Gladwin ~~an~~

acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of the Corporation.

*William D. Gladwin*  
Notary Public William D. Gladwin  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

My Commission expires March 25, 1966

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

STATE OF Minnesota )  
COUNTY OF Hennepin ) SS

ON this Sixteenth day of August, 1962, before  
me appeared Joseph W. Knoblauch and Mrs. Donald J. Olson,  
to me known to be the person s described in and who executed the foregoing bond,  
and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

Douglas J. Gladwin  
Douglas J. Gladwin Notary Public

Hennepin County Minnesota

My commission expires November 4, 1966

# The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company

Hartford, Connecticut

## Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority of Attorney(s)-in-Fact

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT *The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company*, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and having its principal office in the City of Hartford, County of Hartford, State of Connecticut, hath made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint **Douglas J. Gladwin or William R. Gladwin** \*\*

of **Hopkins, Minnesota**, (Territorial limits—State of **Minnesota**), its true and lawful Attorney(s), with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, execute and acknowledge (a) any and all bonds filed in courts of said State by plaintiffs or complainants or defendants, provided the amount of the bond shall not in any case exceed the sum of . . . . . **FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00)** . . . . . Dollars; (b) any and all bonds given by commissioners for the sale of real estate, and any and all bonds given by receivers other than Federal receivers, and any and all bonds filed in Federal Courts by receivers or trustees in bankruptcy or by general or special receivers, provided the amount of the bond shall not in any case exceed the sum of . . . . . **FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000.00)** . . . . . Dollars; (c) any and all bonds filed in courts of said State by administrators, executors, trustees, guardians, conservators and committees in the estates respectively of decedents, minors and incompetents, and bonds given by any of said fiduciaries as such covering the sale of real estate, provided the amount of the bond shall not in any case exceed the sum of . . . . . **FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000.00)** . . . . . Dollars; (d) any and all bonds covering State, County, City, Town and Village Licenses and Permits, provided the amount of the bond shall not in any case exceed the sum of . . . . . **FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00)** . . . . . Dollars; (e) any and all Notaries Public bonds, provided the amount of the bond shall not in any case exceed the sum of . . . . . **TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00)** . . . . . Dollars, and to bind *The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company* thereby as fully and to the same extent as if the same were signed by the duly authorized officers of *The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company*, and all the acts of said Attorney(s), pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This appointment is made under and by authority of the following provisions of the by-laws of the Company which provisions are now in full force and effect and are the only applicable provisions of said by-laws.

ARTICLE IV—Section 9. The President, any Vice President, or any Secretary may from time to time appoint Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries, Attorneys-in-Fact, and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give any such appointee such authority as his certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors may at any time remove any such appointee and revoke the power and authority given him.

ARTICLE IV—Section 11. Any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President or a Vice President or by a Resident Vice President, pursuant to the power prescribed in the certificate of authority of such Resident Vice-President, and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary or by a Resident Assistant Secretary, pursuant to the power prescribed in the certificate of authority of such Resident Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact pursuant to the power prescribed in his or their certificate or certificates of authority.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of *The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company* at a meeting duly called and held on the 18th day of July, 1958.

Resolved, that, whereas the President or any Vice President or any Secretary, has the power and authority to appoint by a power of attorney, for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, one or more Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-Fact;

Now therefore the signature of Guy E. Mann, Vice President, or of A. H. Anderson, Vice President, or of J. A. Swearingen, Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company* has caused these presents to be signed by its **Secretary**, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, this **1st** day of **June**, A. D., 19 **59**.

*The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company,*



By *J. A. Swearingen*  
Secretary

State of Connecticut, County of Hartford—ss:  
On this **1st** day of **June**, A. D., 19 **59**, before me personally came **J. A. SWEARINGEN**, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he is **Secretary** of *The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company*, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument, at its Home Office; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by authority of his office under the by-laws of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like authority.

Certificate No. **612033**



*George A. Perry, Jr.*  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires Mar. 31, 19 **61**.

### CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, **Secretary** of *The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company*, a stock corporation of the State of Connecticut, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that Article IV Sections 9 and 11, of the By-Laws of the Company, and the Resolution of the Board of Directors, as set forth in the Certificate of Authority, are now in force.

Signed and Sealed at the Home Office of the Company, in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut, this **1st** day of **June**, A. D., 19 **59**.



*J. A. Swearingen*  
Secretary

June 27, 1963

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons, County Auditor  
Courthouse  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Fitzsimmons:

The enclosed copy of the Resolution of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners in the matter of Snelling Lake is herewith returned to you for filing. Snelling Lake has now been officially approved as the name of this body of water 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

JDH/th  
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Commissioner Matthews from the Committee on Roads and Lakes presented the following reports:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of petition to change the name of Sun Club, also known as Sun Club, Soldiers, Soldiers, Soldiers, C. I. Lake, in part including military reservation to including lake reservations as follows:

That inasmuch as it appears that notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition was duly given as required by law, the name of the lake described in said petition shall be fixed, determined and changed to including lake.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. I. G. Scott

B. H. Almerath

Richard O. Hanson

Harold B. Swanson

George W. Matthews

Commissioner Almerath offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the committee report be adopted.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution, and there were five YEAS and no NAYS, as follows:

Almerath	Yes
Hanson	Yes
Scott	Yes
Swanson	Yes
Matthews	Yes

Resolution adopted.

Approved by Minnesota Geographic Board

May 2, 1962  
by Print, Edquist & Fickley



ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor  
GEORGE B. HICKEY, Chief Deputy

*County Auditor* **HENNEPIN COUNTY**

106 COURT HOUSE • FEDERAL 9-7344  
MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINNESOTA

May 17, 1962

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

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

Enclosed are two certified resolutions adopted by the County Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County on May 15, 1962, setting a date for hearing on the name of the lake located on the Fort Snelling Military Reservation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor and  
Secretary to the  
County Board.

By P. E. Nelson  
Deputy

PENelson/lp  
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**State of Minnesota,** }  
**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN,** } ss.

**COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

I, ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, Auditor of the above County, do hereby certify that I have compared the papers writing, to which this certificate is attached, with the original.....  
resolution adopted by the County Board of County Commissioners on  
May 15, 1962, setting a date for hearing on the name of the lake  
located on the Fort Snelling Military Reservation,

as the same appears of record and on file in the said County Auditor's office, at the Court House in said Hennepin County, Minnesota, and find the same to be true and correct copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at the City of Minneapolis, this.....17th.....  
day of.....May.....A. D. 19<sup>62</sup>.....

.....*Robert F. Fitzsimmons*.....  
County Auditor



Commissioners Matthews, Ainsworth, Hanson, Mrs. Scott and Swanson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Minnesota State Geographic Board has filed with the County Auditor of this county, a petition requesting this board to name a body of water now known unofficially as Gun Club, Gunclub, Soldier's, Soldiers, Government, and G.I. Lake, located within Hennepin County in the present Fort Snelling Military Reservation, Snelling Lake;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this board will consider the petition of the Minnesota State Geographic Board at a meeting of this board to be held on the 26th day of June, 1962.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this board is hereby ordered, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 378.02 to cause to be published in the official newspaper designated by this board three weeks notice prior to the date of said hearing in the following form:

You Will Please Take Notice that the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County, at a meeting to be held in Room 130 of the Court House, in the City of Minneapolis, at approximately 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the forenoon or as soon thereafter as may be, will hold a hearing upon the petition of the Minnesota State Geographic Board for the purpose of designating as Snelling Lake, a body of water contained within the Fort Snelling Military Reservation in the County of Hennepin; that the board will consider the reasons any legal voter or any municipality who may appear at said hearing why the prayer of the petitioners, the Minnesota State Geographic Board, should not be granted in whole or in part.

George W. Matthews, Chairman  
Board of Hennepin County  
Commissioners

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and the roll being called, there were five YEAS and no NAYS, as follows:

AINSWORTH	YEA
HANSON	YEA
MRS. SCOTT	YEA
SWANSON	YEA
CHAIRMAN MATTHEWS	YEA

Resolution adopted.

State of Minnesota, }  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN, } ss.

COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

I, ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, Auditor of the above County, do hereby certify that I have compared the papers writing, to which this certificate is attached, with the original.....  
**resolution adopted by the County Board of County Commissioners on**  
**May 15, 1962, setting a date for hearing on the name of the lake**  
**located on the Fort Snelling Military Reservation,**

as the same appears of record and on file in the said County Auditor's office, at the Court House in said Hennepin County, Minnesota, and find the same to be true and correct copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at the City of Minneapolis, this.....**17th**..... day of.....**May**..... A. D. 19**62**.....

*Robert F. Fitzsimmons*  
County Auditor



Commissioners Matthews, Ainsworth, Hanson, Mrs. Scott and Swanson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Minnesota State Geographic Board has filed with the County Auditor of this county, a petition requesting this board to name a body of water now known unofficially as Gun Club, Gunclub, Soldier's, Soldiers, Government, and G.I. Lake, located within Hennepin County in the present Fort Snelling Military Reservation, Snelling Lake;

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George W. Matthews, Chairman  
Board of Hennepin County  
Commissioners

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and the roll being called, there were five YEAS and no NAYS, as follows:

AINSWORTH	YEA
HANSON	YEA
MRS. SCOTT	YEA
SWANSON	YEA
CHAIRMAN MATTHEWS	YEA

Resolution adopted.



ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor

GEORGE B. HICKEY, Chief Deputy

*County Auditor* **HENNEPIN COUNTY**

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MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINNESOTA

July 2, 1962

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

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

Enclosed is a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County at their meeting June 26, 1962, changing the name of Gun Club, etc. to Snelling Lake.

Respectfully yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor and  
Secretary to the  
County Board.

By *P. E. Nelson*  
Deputy

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May 7, 1962

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
County Auditor  
Hennepin County Auditor  
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Fitzsimmons:

Enclosed is a petition from the Minnesota Geographic Board suggesting a new name for a small lake within the Fort Snelling Military Reservation. Would you be kind enough to present this petition to the next meeting of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners. The approval of your county board is necessary before the State Board will make this name official. It will then be forwarded to the U.S. Board for confirmation.

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.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

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

May 7, 1962

TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENNEPIN COUNTY:

To clarify the confusion attending the use of the name Gun Club Lake, to give an appropriate name with historical associations to a small lake (never legally named) within the proposed Fort Snelling State Park, the State Geographic Board hereby petitions that your honorable board review and accept the following name for a lake located within Hennepin County in the present Fort Snelling Military Reservation.

SNELLING LAKE (not Gun Club, Gunclub, Soldier's, Soldiers, Government, nor G.I. Lake), in Fort Snelling Military Reservation.

It is proposed that this body of water be officially named in honor of Colonel Josiah Snelling, the builder and designer of the fort that bears his name, who served as its commandant from August, 1820, to November, 1827. This proposal was initiated by the Fort Snelling State Park Association to provide a legal name with suitable historical connotations for this feature and to eliminate confusion with a larger, nearby lake of the same name in Dakota County.

Gun Club Lake

shown on aerial photo Copher Historian, Spring, 1960

shown as unnamed marsh on Miss. River Commission maps, 1895

shown as "glouth old bed of river covered with rank growth of grass and reeds"  
on undated sewer and water map of Fort Snelling

shown as Gun Club Lake, Texaco City Map, 1958

MSS. maps

shown but ~~xxx~~ unnamed by Morrell Marston, 1821

shown as marsh, Johnson map, 1866

shown as lake unnamed Seth Eastman map, 1857

shown as lake unnamed Jesse L. Jarrett Survey, 1853

Dr. Eddy in a lake survey made in 1938 referred to it as ~~LAKE SNELLING~~  
Snelling Lake, but when I called him about it, he said he was sure his  
boys just tacked that name on it. Probably has little validity; Eddy's  
survey never published. Could use Snelling if we so desired.

## Office Memorandum

DEPARTMENT Conservation - Waters

Attn: Mrs June Holmquist

TO : Mr. Russell Fridley, Secretary  
Minnesota Historical Society  
State Board of Geographic Names

FROM : Sidney A. Frellsen, Director  
Division of Waters

DATE: November 8, 1961

SUBJECT: Name of Lake at Fort Snelling, Hennepin County

This letter is in reply to Mrs. Holmquist's requests for the Division of Waters comments concerning the name of the above lake which is designated on the 1951 U.S. Geological Survey St. Paul 15 minute topographic quadrangle as Gun Club Lake located in T 28N, R 23W, Sections 28 and 29.

The 1951 quadrangle map is the earliest reference in this office that refers to the lake as Gun Club Lake. More recent maps now show this lake as Gun Club Lake. The 1894 U.S. Geological Survey Map of St. Paul did not show open water in this area but a larger area was designated as a marsh in this locality.

The W. W. Hixson Plat book of 1916 shows the entire area in which the lake is located within the boundaries of the Fort Snelling Military Reservation but no lake is shown on the plat. A lake is shown, however, located across the river in Dakota County, Section 33, T 28N, R 23W and shown on the map as Gun Club Lake. The lake was partially bounded by land owned by J. Slater, and some maps show this Lake in Dakota County as Slater Lake.

Other names that are known for the lake below Fort Snelling are Soldier's, Government and G.I. Lake.

Douglas Gould, an officer in the Protective Section at Fort Snelling, stated that in the last twenty years he has always heard personnel at Fort Snelling refer to the lake as G.I. Lake.

A sounding map prepared in 1959 by the Division of Game and Fish designated the lake as Gun Club, Soldier and Government Lake. The names "Soldiers" and "Government" were determined in the field at Fort Snelling by crews who interviewed personnel at Fort Snelling. O.A. Clark informed the crew that the true name of the lake is Soldier's Lake.

From the review of references in the files of this office it seems likely that the name, "Gun Club Lake" shown on the USGS quadrangle 1951 map is in error but should refer to the lake across the Minnesota River in Dakota County.

The lake for a time was located within the boundaries of the Fort Snelling Game Reserve. The boundaries of the Game Reserve were shown on the State Highway Department map of Hennepin County but no lake was shown. The Game Refuge was vacated in 1957.

A topographic map of the Fort Snelling Military Reservation prepared by personnel at Fort Snelling Reservation shows the lake unnamed on the map.

11/8/61

A clipping which appeared in the St. Paul Dispatch on January 19, 1961, referred to the lake as Gun Club Lake popularly known as Soldier's Lake.

Warren Upham in Minnesota Historical Collections, Volume 17, "Geographic Names of Minnesota" refers to several maps of Fort Snelling which may be helpful if they are available in the Society's files.

1. "1823 Topographic View of the Site of St. Anthony"
2. "Andreas Atlas 1874"
3. Fort Snelling and Vicinity Map by Lt. E.K. Smith, October, 1837
4. Fort Snelling Map of 1839 for the U.S. War Department by James L. Thompson by order of Major Plympton.

A survey in 1874 of the Minnesota River from Mankato to its mouth, by the U.S. Army, traced in November, 1919, shows a lake at this location but the lake is narrower. The survey map is filed in this office but it is possible that the lake was placed on the map at a later date than the survey.

Most of the lakes that are located in the Minnesota River Valley, geologically speaking, are quite temporary in their existence in that the Minnesota River in changing its course and discharge is continually building and destroying the lakes.

It is probable that the lake did not exist previous to more recent years.

Mrs. Holmquist stated that a group interested in the new Fort Snelling Park is requesting that the lake be named Snelling Lake.

Review of records and references filed in this office did not show any lake within the boundaries of this state with the name of Snelling Lake.

The Division of Waters has no objection to the naming of this lake as Snelling Lake and it is recommended that the lake be so named.

Handwritten: Hennepin

December 3, 1959

Mr. J. W. Knoblauch, Principal  
Hopkins South Junior High School  
14th and Excelsior Avenue  
Hopkins, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Knoblauch:

Mr. Fridley has asked me to answer your letter of November 30 regarding a proposed change in the name of Mud Lake. Enclosed you will find a blank petition and a mimeographed sheet outlining the procedure to be followed in bringing this matter to the Minnesota Geographic Board. Although the procedure specifies only that the petition be signed by 15 legal voters in the county, we suggest that you obtain the signatures of owners of property bordering the lake. The state board customarily looks rather closely into the addresses of petitioners, for it feels that those living in the area concerned should be consulted.

A preliminary check of the location of the Mud Lake given in your letter has turned up a question. Our maps show such a body of water in T. 117, R. 22, section 26 rather than 27 as stated in your letter. Is this the lake you have in mind? To eliminate any possible confusion, we would appreciate your submitting with the petition a map of the area with the lake to be renamed marked in red.

Sincerely,

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

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HOPKINS SOUTH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
FOURTEENTH AND EXCELSIOR AVENUE  
HOPKINS, MINNESOTA

Nov. 30, 1959



Mr. Russel Fridley  
Director  
State Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Fridley,

In our recent telephone conversation in regards to the changing of the name of Mud Lake, you instructed me to write you requesting the necessary forms.

It is the opinion of the residence living adjacent to this lake that a more suitable name should be given this body of water.

The description of the property is  $5\frac{1}{2}$  Section (27) 117-22. This is located west of Hopkins and near Shady Oak Lake.

The suggested new name is "Lake Minnetoga". There is an area of new home right next to the lake called Minnetoga Terrace. Thus it is felt that this name is very appropriate.

May we request that the necessary forms be forwarded to me so that they may be filled out and returned to you before December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Knoblauch

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November 2, 1960

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
County Auditor  
Hennepin County Courthouse 106  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota      Attention: Mr. P. E. Nelson

Dear Mr. Fitzsimmons:

This is to inform you that the name Tanager Lake (approved by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners March 10, 1959, and by the Minnesota Board of Geographic Names, June 23, 1959) was officially accepted by the United States Board on Geographic Names. The U.S. board's acceptance of this name makes it official nationally.

The national board's ruling is printed in "Decisions Rendered from January Through April 1960 Decision List No. 6001" and reads as follows: "Tanager Lake: lake about 0.3 mile across, connected by a channel to the west side of Browns Bay in Lake Minnetonka about 1/4 miles north of Excelsior; Hennepin County; secs. 10 and 11, T. 117 N., R. 23 W., fifth principal meridian;  $44^{\circ} 57'40''$  N.,  $93^{\circ} 33'45''$  W. Not: Mud Lake."

Sincerely,

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

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June 24, 1959

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
County Auditor  
Hennepin County Courthouse 106  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Attention: Mr. P. E. Nelson

Dear Mr. Nelson:

This is to inform you that the Minnesota Geographic Board on June 23, 1959, approved the following name submitted to the State Board by the Commissioners of Hennepin County:

Tanager Lake in the village of Orono, Hennepin County, Minnesota (connected to Lake Minnetonka by a channel from Browns Bay). Not Mud Lake. So named March 10, 1959, by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, upon petition of local residents to reduce duplication of Mud lakes in the state and to perpetuate a name associated for many years with a hilly area west of the lake known as Tanager Hill. Approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board, June 23, 1959.

The resolution duly endorsed by members of the board is enclosed herewith for filing in the office of the register of deeds.

Notice of the State Board's action will be forwarded to the United States Board on Geographic Names whose acceptance of the name is necessary to make it official nationally.

Sincerely,

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

JDH:pns

June 5, 1959

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
County Auditor  
Hennepin County Courthouse 106  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Att: Mr. P. E. Nelson

Dear Mr. Nelson:

On March 11 you forwarded to this office certified copies of a resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners for Hennepin County approving a change in the name of Mud Lake in the village of Orono to Tanager Lake. In your letter you state that a petition of Richard S. Davis and 24 others initiated this move. Before the Minnesota Geographic Board can act on this matter, it will be necessary for you to supply us with a copy of the original petition of Davis and others.

If you will send this petition as quickly as possible, the Board can act upon this change at its June meeting.

Sincerely,

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

JDH:pns

**State of Minnesota,** }  
**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN,** } ss.

**COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

I, ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, Auditor of the above County, do hereby certify that I have compared the papers writing, to which this certificate is attached, with the original committee report adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, Hennepin County, Minnesota, March 10, 1959, granting the petition to change the name of Mud Lake in the Village of Orono to Tanager Lake,

as the same appears of record and on file in the said County Auditor's office, at the Court House in said Hennepin County, Minnesota, and find the same to be true and correct copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at the City of Minneapolis, this 11th day of March A. D. 1959.

*Robert F. Fitzsimmons*

County Auditor.

By *A. E. Nelson*

Deputy

Commissioner Hanson from the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings presented the following report:

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of petition to change the name of Mud Lake in the Village of Orono to Tanager Lake recommends as follows:

That inasmuch as it appears that notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition was duly given as required by law, the name of the lake described in said petition, heretofore known as MUD LAKE, shall be fixed, determined, and changed to TANAGER LAKE.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood B. Swanson

Richard O. Hanson

George W. Matthews

I. G. Scott

Commissioner Matthews offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the committee report be adopted.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution, and there were four YEAS and no NAYS, as follows:

AINSWORTH	Absent
HANSON	Yea
SCOTT	Yea
SWANSON	Yea
CHAIRMAN MATTHEWS	Yea

Resolution adopted.

Approved June 23, 1959

George A. Selke

Russell W. Fridley

P. J. McCauley

**State of Minnesota,** }  
**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN,** } ss.

**COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

I, ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, Auditor of the above County, do hereby certify that I have compared the papers writing, to which this certificate is attached, with the original.....petition..... and bond in the matter of the request of Richard S. Davis and 24 others for the change of name of Mud Lake to Tanager Lake, Orono Village, Hennepin County, Minnesota,.....

as the same appears of record and on file in the said County Auditor's office, at the Court House in said Hennepin County, Minnesota, and find the same to be true and correct copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at the City of Minneapolis, this.....8th..... day of.....June.....A. D. 19.....59.

*Robert F. Fitzsimmons*  
County Auditor.

By *P. E. Nelson* Deputy



ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor  
GEORGE B. HICKEY, Chief Deputy

*County Auditor* **HENNEPIN COUNTY**

106 COURT HOUSE • FEDERAL 9-5811  
MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINNESOTA

March 11, 1959

Russell W. Fridley, Secretary  
Minnesota State Geographic Board  
Minnesota Historical Society  
Minnesota Historical Building  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

At their meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 1959, the Board of County Commissioners for Hennepin County, Minnesota, granted the petition of Richard S. Davis and 24 others and changed the name of Mud Lake in the Village of Orono to Tanager Lake.

In compliance with the statutes, we are enclosing herewith a certified copy of the Board's action.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor  
and  
Secretary to the County Board

By *P. E. Nelson*  
Deputy

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
SAINT PAUL 1

February 25, 1959

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons, County Auditor  
Hennepin County  
106 Court House  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Re: Renaming of Lake  
Sections 10, 11, Township 117, Range 23  
Hennepin County

Dear Sir:

This is in response to your February 18, 1959 letter with enclosures consisting of a petition approved by the Village of Orono January 12, 1949 (1959) and a copy of petitioners' bond dated January 28, 1959, all of which are relative to the above lake.

In compliance with MSA, Section 378.05 the following is submitted:

FINDINGS:

- (1) That the proposed name, Tanager, is not used, so far as can be determined, for any other lake in Minnesota;
- (2) That the presently used name, Mud, is used for four other lakes in Hennepin County which are located as follows:

Sections 3, 4 - 117 - 22, 24 acres in area  
Section 2, - 119 - 22, 102 " " "  
Section 32, - 117 - 24, 177 " " "  
Sections 8, 9, 16, 17 - 118 - 24, 349 acres  
in area

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the change of name prayed for by the petitioners be made thus eliminating some of the duplication of names now existing in Hennepin County and providing for this lake a more euphonious and otherwise more desirable name.

A copy of the final order of the Board in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Sidney A. Frelsen, Director

CC- State Geographic Bd.,  
Mrs. June D. Holmquist,

JDH



**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION  
TO CHANGE THE NAME OF MUD  
LAKE IN THE VILLAGE OF ORONO  
TO TANAGER LAKE**

(Published in Finance and Commerce,  
Saturdays, February 7, 14,  
and 21, 1959)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That  
the petition of numerous legal voters  
residing within the Village of Orono,  
Hennepin County, Minnesota, to  
change the name of Mud Lake sit-  
uated in said village, to Tanager Lake  
will be heard by the County Board  
of Hennepin County, Minnesota, on  
Tuesday, March 10, 1959, at 10:00  
o'clock A. M., in Committee Room  
130 Court House, Minneapolis.

DATED: February 3, 1959.

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS,  
County Auditor and  
Secretary to the County Board.  
By P. E. NELSON,  
Deputy.

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ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor  
GEORGE B. HICKEY, Chief Deputy

*County Auditor* **HENNEPIN COUNTY**

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MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINNESOTA

June 8, 1959

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

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

As requested in your letter dated June 5, we are sending you by return mail certified copies of the petition and bond in the matter of the request of Richard S. Davis and others for the change of name from Mud Lake, in the Village of Orono, to Tanager Lake.

We are happy to comply with your request as we are anxious to have this matter completed. However, our records would indicate that certified copies of the petition and bond were sent you at the beginning of these proceedings.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor  
and  
Secretary to the County Board

By *P. E. Nelson*  
Deputy

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PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 378 Minnesota Statutes, we the undersigned being residents of the County of Hennepin and legal voters do hereby petition the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hennepin to change the name of Mud Lake to the name of Tanager Lake for that certain body of water located in the County of Hennepin and within the ~~Village~~ <sup>City</sup> of Oreo and which is connected to Lake Minnetonka by a channel and which lies off the North Shore of Lake Minnetonka.

*changed OK by Robt. King 2/5/59-S.M.*

The reasons for the proposed change of name are:

- (1) The name is a duplication of many other Mud Lakes located in the State of Minnesota;
- (2) The name "Tanager" has been associated for many years with the hilly area to the West of the Lake known as Tanager Hill;
- (3) So far as your petitioners knew, no other Lake in Minnesota is named Tanager Lake; and
- (4) The name Tanager is aesthetically more suitable and consequently more acceptable to owners of property abutting the Lake and to other persons living in the locality.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Legal Voter</u>
Richard S. Davis	Route 5, Box 648 Wayzata	yes
Gene Hillberg	Route 5 Wayzata	yes
Debra C. Wright	Route 5, Wayzata	yes
<del>Walter Hillberg</del>	<del>Route 5 - Wayzata</del>	<del>yes</del>
James H. Bellamy	Route 5 Wayzata	yes
Joseph C. Winslow	Route 5 Wayzata	yes
Alk Smith	Rt 5 Wayzata	yes
John McLaughlin	Rt 5 wayzata	yes
W. J. Taylor	Rt 3 <del>near</del>	yes
Ferna B. Pellera	<sup>mound min</sup> Enchanted Island	yes
Ed Hibber	Rt 5 Wayzata	yes
Whitney Mae Miller	Rt #5 Wayzata	yes
Mrs. Misslock Whitney	Rt 5 Wayzata	yes
Killian D. Jorgens	Rt 5 Wayzata	yes
William Crean	Minnetonka Beach	yes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Legal Voter</u>
Harold M. Atkinson	Wayzata # 5	yes
Samuel Blackford	Rt 5, Wayzata Wis	Yes
W. J. Lusk	Rt 3 Wayzata	Yes
J. C. Hammond	Rt # 2 Maple Plain	Yes
Charles Rich	Rt 5, Wayzata	Yes
Th. Crosby	Rt 2	Yes
James W. Pillsbury	Rt # 5 Wayzata	yes
Ralph Thompson	Route 2 Wayzata	yes
<del>Arthur ...</del>	Route 3 Wayzata	Yes -
Paul ...	Rt 2, Grand	yes

Approved & accepted by  
 The Village of Orono  
 1/12/49-

by J. R. Ross Mayor  
A. Johnson Clerk

BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That Joseph C. Winslow and Richard S. Davis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, as principals, and Glens Falls Insurance Company, as surety, are jointly and severally held and firmly bound unto the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, in the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to be paid to the said County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, conditioned upon the full payment of all reasonable expenses which said county shall incur in the proceeding to change the name of Mud Lake to Tanager Lake, their successors, heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, for which payment well and truly to be made, we hereby bind ourselves, and each of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors, successors, administrators and assigns firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1959.

The condition of this obligation is such, that whereas the above bounden principals have filed a petition with the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County, to change the name of Mud Lake to Tanager Lake, and agree to pay all reasonable expenses which said county shall incur in such proceeding; Now, if the above bounden principals shall pay, as they become due, all reasonable expenses said county shall incur in such proceeding, and shall save the said County of Hennepin harmless from all costs and charges that may accrue in such proceeding, and shall pay all costs that may accrue in enforcing the terms of the bond if action is brought on the bond, including reasonable attorney's fees, in any case where such action is successfully maintained, and shall comply in all respects with the law appertaining thereto, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this 28 day of January, 1959.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

May [Signature]  
(As to Principal)

[Signature]  
Joseph C. Winslow

Elizabeth A. Rockwood  
(As to Principal)

[Signature]  
Richard S. Davis

[Signature]  
(As to Surety)

GLENS FALLS INSURANCE COMPANY  
By [Signature]  
attorney

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

ss:

COUNTY OF Hennepin)

On this 28 day of January, 1959, before me appeared Walter E. Davis, to me personally known, who being duly sworn did say that he is the Attorney of Glens Falls Insurance Company, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporation seal of that corporation, and that said instrument was executed in behalf of the corporation by authority of its Board of Directors; he acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

[Signature]  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires July 21, 1960

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

ss:

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1959, before me a Notary Public within and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Joseph C. Winslow and Richard S. Davis, by me known to be the identical persons who executed the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

[Signature]  
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

EVELYN C. BATTAGLIA,  
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.  
My Commission Expires Sept. 22, 1961

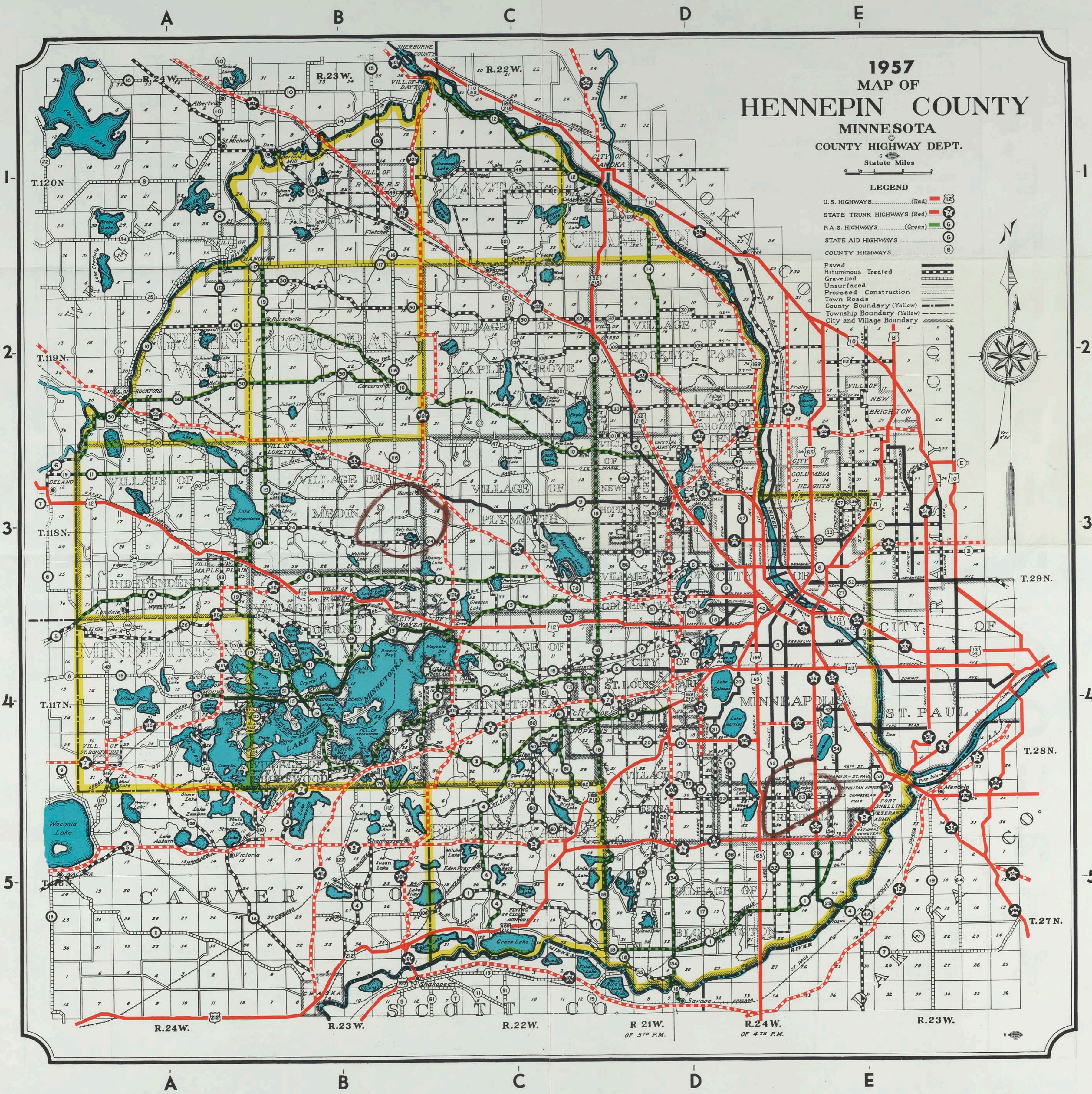
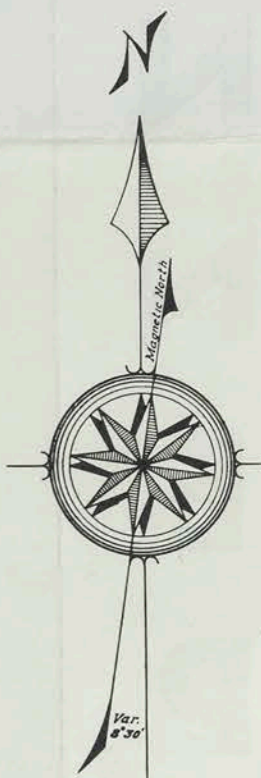
# 1957 MAP OF HENNEPIN COUNTY MINNESOTA

COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.

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### LEGEND

- U.S. HIGHWAYS (Red)
- STATE TRUNK HIGHWAYS (Red)
- F.A.S. HIGHWAYS (Green)
- STATE AID HIGHWAYS (Green)
- COUNTY HIGHWAYS (Black)
- Paved
- Bituminous Treated
- Gravelled
- Unsurfaced
- Proposed Construction
- Town Roads
- County Boundary (Yellow)
- Township Boundary (Yellow)
- City and Village Boundary



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**BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Meets Room 130, Court House, each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.  
 Offices are at Room 130, Court House. FE. 2-8639.  
 Richard O. Hanson, 1st Dist. (1957), 1322 S.E. 5th St. FR. 1-2504 r.  
 George W. Matthews, Chairman, 2nd Dist. (1959), 2826 W. River Road. PA. 9-2825 r.  
 Jens Christensen, 3rd Dist. (1957), 3136 Oakland Ave. So. TA. 3-2395 r.  
 I. G. Scott, 4th Dist. (1959), 3915 Upton Ave. No. JA. 9-1238 r.  
 S. Earl Ainsworth, Vice Chairman, 5th Dist. (1957), 6216 W. 35th St. WE. 9-6034.

**HENNEPIN COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER**

L. P. Pederson, 440 Court House. FE. 6-4341.

**HENNEPIN COUNTY SURVEYOR**

Howard W. Perkins (1959), 410 Court House. FE. 5-1238.

**HENNEPIN COUNTY HIGHWAYS**

Road No.	NAME	Index	Mileage
1	Fort Snelling—Shakopee	C5-E5	15.1
3	Excelsior Boulevard	C4-D4	8.7
4	Glen Lake Eden Prairie	C5-C4	6.5
5	Minnetonka Boulevard	C4-D4	12.5
6	Golden Valley—Watertown	A3-D3	18.3
8	Old Jefferson Highway—Minneapolis—Osseo	D2-D3	5.1
9	Rockford Road	C3-D3	9.9
10	Bass Lake, Corcoran and Crow River	A2-D3	23.4
11	Loretto—Delano	A3-B3	6.5
12	West River Road—Champlin to Dayton	C1	7.1
14	Brooklyn Park Road	D1-D2	5.3
15	Schiebe, Wayzata and Mound	A4-C4	19.4
16	Cedar Lake—McGinty Road	C4-D4	10.8
17	France Avenue	D4-D5	7.5
18	Osseo, Hopkins and Bloomington Ferry	D2-D5	23.0
19	Hanover—Excelsior	B2-B4	21.3
20	West 50th St.—Monk Ave. Hopkins	D4	4.1
24	Perkinsville Road	B3-C3	7.5
26	Maple Plain—Ox Yoke Lake	A4	5.0
27	Stinson Boulevard	E3	1.5
28	Bush Lake	D5	5.8
29	Cedar Avenue	E5	2.9
30	Hanover, Osseo, to T.H. 169	B2-D2	17.5
31	Xerxes Ave. South	D4-D5	3.0
33	St. Anthony—Taylor Falls	E3	0.6
35	Portland Avenue	E5	4.5
36	Penn Avenue	D5	5.0
39	Valley View	C5-D5	4.6
40	Glenwood Avenue	D3	2.7
43	Saga Hill—North Arm	B4	2.1
44	Mound—Zumbra	A4	2.1
47	Bass Lake—Hennessy Road	C3	4.5
49	Diamond Lake and Champlin	C1	6.9
50	Corcoran—Rockford	A2-B2	12.5
51	Crystal Bay—Spring Park	B4	3.1
52	Nicollet Avenue	E5	4.5
53	64th Street	D5-E5	6.0
54	24th Avenue South	E5	2.2
55	Auto Club Road	D5	1.8
57	Humboldt Ave. North	D3	1.0
60	Minnetonka Mills Road and Baker Road	C4	6.5
61	Shady Oak Lake Road	C4-C5	4.9
62	Eden Prairie	C4	1.0
67	Glen Lake South	C4	1.1
70	Medicine Lake Road	C3-D3	4.8
73	Hopkins Cross Road	C3-C4	4.2
79	Excelsior—Chanhasen	B4-B5	0.8
82	Deephaven—Solberg Point	B4	2.9
83	Maple Plain	A3	1.0
84	Stubbs Bay	B4	4.0
89	Maple Plain—Lake Sarah	A3	3.5
90	Shaw's Crossing (Independence)	A3	5.9
92	Shaw's Crossing (Rockford)	A2-A3	4.3
94	Lyndale—North and South	A3-A4	4.2
101	Eagle Lake—Fish Lake	D2-C2	6.0
102	Douglas Drive, Crystal	D3	4.0
109	Fish Lake, Osseo, to U. S. Highway 169	C2-D2	8.7
116	Hamel, Fletcher, Berning Mill	B1-B3	14.0
117	Corcoran—Hassan Town Line	A1-B1	6.2
121	Champlin—Maple Grove	C1-C2	7.4
123	Hanover—Schawppauff Lake	A2	2.2
125	Island Park	A4-B4	2.1
130	Brooklyn Village—Eagle Lake	D2	5.8
134	Belt Line—Savage	D5	5.0
135	Boy Scout	B4	1.8
136	Silver Lake—St. Anthony	E3	1.3
137	Fish Lake	C2	1.4
145	Glen Lake—Minnetonka Boulevard	C4	2.4
146	Crystal Bay—Long Lake	B3-B4	2.4
148	St. Bonifacius	A4	4.4
150	Rogers—Crow River	B1	3.6
151	Minnetrista, Section I	A4	1.0
154	West Medicine Lake Road	C3	3.1
156	Winnetka Avenue	D3	6.7
			450.4

**STATE AID ROADS IN CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

Road No.	NAME	Miles
5	Sunset Boulevard—Franklin Avenue	6.7
6	19th Avenue North—Broadway	2.8
9	Penn Avenue North	5.1
16	Cedar Lake Road	2.1
20	W. 44th St.—Sheridan Ave.—Hennepin Ave.	4.5
23	Marshall Street—Main Street	3.6
27	Stinson Blvd.—18th Ave. S.E.—27th Ave. S.E.	4.8
31	Xerxes Avenue South	2.3
35	Portland Avenue	6.2
35-A	Park Avenue	4.1
36	Penn Avenue South	1.5
40	Glenwood Avenue	2.1
42	East 42nd Street	1.2
52	Nicollet Avenue	9.6
54	28th Avenue South	3.4
57	Fremont Avenue North—Humboldt Avenue N.	3.6
57-A	Emerson Avenue North	1.2
62	South Cross-town Road	6.0
153	Lowry Avenue	2.7
Total		73.5

**HISTORY OF THE COUNTY OF HENNEPIN MINNESOTA**

Hennepin County, from a population standpoint, is the largest of Minnesota's 87 counties. According to the 1950 census, it has a population of 620,581 people: 150,218 outside Minneapolis. It embraces the entire City of Minneapolis as well as the Cities of Hopkins, Robbinsdale, St. Louis Park and Wayzata. Thirty-seven villages and seven townships and the Fort Snelling military reservation are within its boundaries.

People began getting permission to make claims upon lands near the Mississippi River in 1848 and 1849. The east side of the river belonged to Ramsey County and the west side, for a time, to Dakota county with the county seat at Mendota. Permissions for claims were received through officials at Fort Snelling from the Secretary of War.

When in 1851 the pioneers on the west side of the river demanded a county of their own, John H. Stevens drew up a bill providing for a new county bearing the name of "Snelling". However, Martin McLeod introduced another measure and this bill, after a bitter fight, was passed (by a scant margin of three votes) providing for the creation of Hennepin County, named in honor of Father Hennepin, famous Franciscan explorer, who had discovered the Falls of St. Anthony in 1680. Thus, the County of Hennepin was created in 1852 by an act of the Territorial Legislature of Minnesota.

One provision of the bill called for the county to remain unorganized until after the Indian Treaty signed at Mendota was ratified by the United States Senate. Ambitious young settlers did not wait for this ratification. At Fort Snelling, on October 9, 1852, they met and set a date for the election at the same time nominating a slate of officers. The home of John H. Stevens located near where the Great Northern Depot now stands was the polling place and the whole county was designated as one election precinct. This was Hennepin County's first and only unanimous election. Each officer elected had 71 votes.

The elected county commissioners met October 21 and selected this little village on the west side of the river as the seat of the infant county government and named it Albion. There was much controversy to this name and on December 12th, settlement on the name of Minneapolis, suggested by Charles Hoag, farmer and school teacher became final. The name was derived from the Indian word for falling water, "Minnehaha", and the Greek word for city, "polis"; "Falling Water City". In 1856, St. Anthony was annexed.

The county settled rapidly. It was not uncommon for settlers with a number of children to occupy every quarter section of land in a township and organize three or four school districts. Rude school houses were built and occupied by teachers and pupils where the year before there was not a farm for many miles. In St. Anthony in 1850, two promising schools were opened. The settler was given a year after settlement to pay for his land and confined him to a quarter section under the old pre-emption law. This provision caused nearly every quarter section of the land to be owned by an actual occupant. To certain officers and soldiers who had been engaged in the military service of their county, the Federal government also granted bounty lands.

Two brothers, S. W. and G. H. Pond, both missionaries, settled on the east shore of Lake Calhoun. The log cabin they built was the first home built in this county. The first settler in the City of Minneapolis was Col. John H. Stevens and his family. In 1849 they built a home where the Union Depot now stands and became the first white family of Minneapolis.

A great number of lakes cover the county, the majority of them having been named after either early settlers or retaining their original Indian names.

The first church was established in June, 1835, at Fort Snelling, and re-established in Minneapolis in 1853. The first farm was cleared in 1830 near Lake Calhoun by Philander Prescott. The first school in the county was built in 1849. The first railroad was built in 1862, running between St. Paul and St. Anthony.

The county has advanced greatly in population and general development since its fledgling days. The small Village of Minneapolis has become a great city noted for its projects in milling and industry. There are hundreds of miles of county and secondary roads serving every community and the county is traversed by many fine state highways. It was almost a day's journey in the early days to go from Lake Minnetonka to Minneapolis. Today, when traveling by automobile, the trip can be made in less than half an hour.

The task of running the county was simple in the olden days. The county auditor would decide what the various departments of county government needed and set up the appropriations to be approved by the county commissioners more or less as a matter of course. This practice has been replaced by having the department heads submit their estimate. The county's general revenue funds are today subject to the scrutiny of a board of tax levy which consists of five city members and two county members.

The five county commissioners are elected for a four-year term at alternate elections, three at one election and the others two years later. The other elected officials serving four-year terms include superintendent of schools, sheriff, auditor, treasurer, attorney, surveyor, register of deeds, clerk of district court, judge of probate court, and court commissioner. The eleven judges of district courts serve six-year terms.

The length of the county from north to south is approximately 32 miles; the breadth east to west 28 miles; this comprises a total of land area of 354,621 acres or 554 square miles.

Lake Minnetonka, the largest lake in the county, has a shore line of approximately 110 miles and an area of 22½ square miles.

TOPOGRAPHY: The surface of Hennepin County varies from gently undulating to hilly—the sharpest variations in elevation occurring in the area extending from Bush Lake to Lake Minnetonka. Elevations above sea level vary from an approximate 680 feet near the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers to 1,160 feet in Minnetonka Township about three miles west of the Village of Hopkins. The latitude of Hennepin County at Minneapolis is 45°00', and longitude is 93°15'.

**HENNEPIN COUNTY CITIES, VILLAGES AND TOWNSHIPS**

Cities	Population 1950 Census	Townships	Population 1950 Census
Hopkins	6,630	Medina	1,061
Minneapolis	517,277	Minnetonka	11,841
Robbinsdale	11,239	Minnetonka Beach	372
St. Louis Park	22,495	Morningside	1,693
Wayzata	1,735	Mound	2,054
		New Hope	693
		Orono	4,708
		Osseo	1,160
		Plymouth	5,624
		Richfield	17,415
		Rockford	16
		Rogers	266
		St. Anthony	1,401
		St. Bonifacius	438
		Shorewood	2,325
		Spring Park	750
		Tonka Bay	897
		Woodland	411
		<b>Townships</b>	
		Champlin	569
		Corcoran	1,136
		Dayton	716
		Eden Prairie	1,254
		Greenwood	637
		Hassan	654
		Minnetrista	1,841

**LAKES IN HENNEPIN COUNTY**

Township	Range	Sections	Township or Village	Index	Area in Acres
*Anderson	116	21-22	18; 13-24	Eden Prairie	C-5 497.8
*Bass	118	22	2	Plymouth	C-3 165.7
*Bryant	116	22	2-11	Eden Prairie	C-5 221.3
*Bush	116	21	19-20-29-30	Bloomington	D-5 411.1
*Cedar Island	119	22	26-27	Maple Grove	C-2 111.0
*Christmas	116-117	23	35-36; 1-2	Shorewood	B-4 124.3
*Classes	118	23	26-29-32-33	Medina	B-3 71.3
*Cowley	120	23	16-21	Hassan	B-1 114.3
*Crystal	29	24	5-6	Robbinsdale	D-3 107.9
*Diamond	120	22	17-18-19	Dayton	C-1 490.4
*Dutch	117	24	14-15	Minnetrista	A-4 166.8
*Eagle	118-119	22	1-2; 25-35-36	Maple Grove	C-2 510.6
*Fish	119	22	21-22-27-28	Maple Grove	C-2 223.0
*French	120	22	19-29-30	Dayton	C-1 323.0
*Galpin	117	23	34-35	Excelsior	B-4 51.6
*Gleason	117-118	22	5; 32	Plymouth	C-1
				Minnetonka	C-3 121.6
*Glen	117	22	34	Minnetonka	C-4 64.0
*Goose	119-120	22	2; 35	Dayton	C-1 53.0
*Hassan	28	24	21-27-28	Richfield	D-5 154.8
*Grass	116	22	32-33-34	Eden Prairie	C-5 804.8
*Grass	120	22-23	18-19; 13-24	Dayton	C-1 154.9
*Half Moon	118	23	17-18	Medina	B-3 44.4
*Henry	120	23	28-29-32-33	Hassan	B-1 83.5
*Holy Name	118	23	24	Medina	B-3 37.2
*Haydens	120	22	24-25-26	Dayton	C-1 317.2
*Huften	119	24	23-26	Greenwood	A-2 46.2
*Hyland	116	21	29	Bloomington	D-5 83.8
*Independence	118	23-24	18-19; 12-13-24	Independence	
				Medina	A-3 828.1
*Jubert	119	23	29-32	Corcoran	B-2 32.4
*Katrinka	118	23	19-20-29-30	Medina	B-3 295.0
*Langdon	117	24	14-23	Minnetrista	A-4 143.9
*Laura	120	22	7	Dayton	C-1 46.4
*Legion	28	24	23-26	Richfield	E-4 122.0
*Lemens	120	21	25	Champlin	C-1 128.0
*Long	117	24	9-15-16	Minnetrista	A-4 91.2
*Long	118	23	26-27-34-35	Orono	B-3 301.2
*Medicine	118	22	14-23-24-26-36	Plymouth	C-3 938.9
*Minnetonka	116-117	22-23-24	25	B-4	114,290.5
*Mitchell	116	22	7-8-17-18	Eden Prairie	C-5 175.0
*Mooney	118	22-23	30; 25	Plymouth	C-3 149.0
*Mud	117	24	31-32	Minnetrista	A-4 88.4
*Mud	118	24	8-9-16-17	Independence	A-3 362.0
*Ox Yoke	117	24	5-6	Minnetrista	A-4 200.7
*Palmer	119	21	26-27-35	Brooklyn Center	D-2 168.4
*Parkers	118	22	28-33	Plymouth	C-3 124.1
*Peter	118	23	4-5	Medina	B-3 106.0
*Pomeroy	118	22	4-9	Plymouth	C-3 56.4
*Rebecca	118-119	24	5; 31-32	Independence	
				Greenwood	A-3 198.3
*Red Rock	116	22	16-21	Eden Prairie	C-5 86.8
*Rice	119	22	15-16-21	Maple Grove	C-2 295.7
*Rice	116	22-23	31-32-36	Eden Prairie	C-5 1464.1
*Riley	116	22-23	19-30; 24-25	Eden Prairie	C-5 1130.5
*Ryan	118	21	10	Brooklyn Center	D-3 28.9
*Sarah	118-119	24	1-2-3; 34-35	Independence	
				Greenwood	A-3 603.8
*Schauer	119	24	13-14-23-24	Greenwood	A-2 60.3
*Schendel	119	24	23	Greenwood	A-2 71.4
*Schwappauff	119	24	14	Greenwood	A-2 72.4
*Shady Oak	117	22	26-35	Minnetonka	C-4 125.9
*Silver	117	23	36	Shorewood	B-4 132.4
*Spurzem	118	23	8-17	Medina	B-3 117.3
*Starring	116	22	21-22	Eden Prairie	C-5 181.8
*Stone	117	24	35	Minnetrista	A-4 67.3
*Swamp	117	23	9-10	Orono	B-4 52.1
*Swamp	116-117	21	5-6; 31-32	Edina	D-5 52.1
*Sweeney	29	24	18-19	Golden Valley	D-3 36.9
*Sylvan	120	23	20	Hassan	B-1 184.0
*Twin	29-118	24-21	6; 3-4-9-10-15	Crystal	D-3 356.7
*Twin	29	24	18-19	Golden Valley	D-3 19.2
*Weaver	119	22	17-18-19-20	Maple Grove	C-2 163.0
*Whale Tail	117	24	16-17-20-21	Minnetrista	A-4 577.22
*Wolsfeld	118	23	22-27	Medina	B-3 39.0
*Wood	28	24	28-33	Richfield	D-5 175.2
Total, 72 Lakes					Total Acres ..... 28,358.72

**LEGEND**  
 †—Area in Hennepin County.  
 \*—Lakes known to have game fish.  
 †—Potential lake possibilities.

NOTE: This summary does not include city lakes nor lakes that would seem apparently impractical to restore.  
 Total water area of the above lakes is 7.9% of the total land area of Hennepin County, exclusive of the City of Minneapolis.

**LAKES IN CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

Brownie Lake	Lake of the Isles
Lake Calhoun	Loring Lake
Cedar Lake	Lake Nokomis
Diamond Lake	Powderhorn Lake
Lake Harriet	Wirth Lake
Lake Hiawatha	

January 16, 1958

Mr. T. J. Thompson, Deputy Auditor  
Hennepin County Court House 106  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This is to inform you that the Minnesota Geographic Board on December 31, 1957, approved the following name submitted to the State Board by the Commissioners of Hennepin County:

Holy Name Lake (90 acres) in Township 118 N (Medina), Range 23 W, Sections 23, 24, Hennepin County, Minnesota. (Not Hausmanns, Hausmans, Hausman's, Hausman Lake) So named August 7, 1951 by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners upon petition by local residents, who wished the change because the Holy Name Church and School are located on the shores of this lake and have been there since the community was settled.

The resolution duly endorsed by members of the board is enclosed herewith for filing in the office of the register of deeds.

Notice of the State Board's action will be forwarded to the United States Board of Geographic Names whose acceptance of the name is necessary to make it official nationally.

Sincerely,

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

JDH:pns

Enclosure

C O P Y

STATE OF MINNESOTA, )  
                          ) ss.                   COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN, )

I, ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, Auditor of the above County, do hereby certify that I have compared the papers writing, to which this certificate is attached, with the original resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Hennepin County, Minnesota, August 7, 1951, changing the name of HAUSMAN LAKE in Hennepin County to HOLY NAME LAKE, as the same appears of record and on file in the said County Auditor's office, at the Court House in said Hennepin County, Minnesota, and find the same to be true and correct copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at the City of Minneapolis, this 6th day of December A.D. 1956.

Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
County Auditor

By T. J. Thompson  
Deputy

August 7, 1951

Commissioner Scott offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, That Whereas, a petition having been filed with the County Auditor and presented to this Board requesting that a lake described therein now named HAUSMAN LAKE, located in Hennepin County, be officially named HOLY NAME LAKE;

AND WHEREAS, The above matter came before this Board on July 31, 1951, after notice of the time and place of hearing of said petition had been given as required by law, and Anthony L. Ditter appearing at such hearing in support of said petition, and there being no person appearing in opposition to the granting of said petition;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, FIXED AND DETERMINED That the lake described in said petition and heretofore named HAUSMAN LAKE shall be fixed, determined and named HOLY NAME LAKE.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution, and the roll being called, there were five YEAS and no NAYS, as follows:

AINSWORTH	Yea
CHRISTENSEN	Yea
HANSON	Yea
SCOTT	Yea
CHAIRMAN MATTHEWS	Yea

Resolution adopted.

Signed	George A. Selke
"	Philip J. McCauley
"	Russell W. Fridley

CHESTER S. WILSON  
COMMISSIONER  
E. V. WILLARD  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



DIVISION OF WATERS  
SIDNEY A. FRELISEN  
DIRECTOR

ST. PAUL 1, MINN.

6 June 1951

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
County Auditor  
Hennepin County  
106 Court House  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Re: Petition to Change Name,  
Hausman Lake to Holy Name Lake  
Medina Township, Hennepin Co.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 4,  
1951, and enclosures relative to the above subject matter.

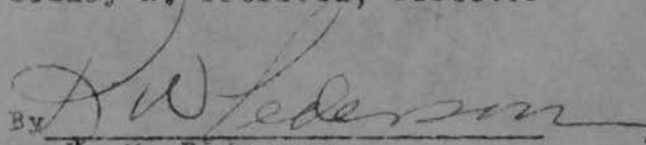
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 378.05, the  
records of the Division of Waters have been examined and  
from the available record it is found that no other lake  
within the state is designated as "Holy Name Lake".

It is recommended that the petition be granted.

Yours very truly,

Sidney A. Frelisen, Director

BY

  
K. W. Pederson  
Deputy Director

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON CHANGE  
OF NAME OF LAKE

STATE OF MINNESOTA, )

County of Hennepin. )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That Henry Reiser and 19 others have filed their petition with the County Board of Hennepin County, Minnesota, asking that for reasons therein stated the name of Hausman Lake located in Medina Township, Hennepin County, Minnesota, be changed to Holy Name Lake; and

That said petition will be heard at a regular meeting of the County Board on Tuesday, the 3rd day of July, 1951, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., in Room 130 Court House, in the City of Minneapolis, in said County of Hennepin.

Dated: May 29, 1951.

By Order of the County Board.

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS,

County Auditor and

Secretary to the County Board.

By T. J. THOMPSON,

Deputy.

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1951) 25664



ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor  
AL. R. PETERSON, Chief Deputy

*County Auditor* **HENNEPIN COUNTY**

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MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINNESOTA

June 4, 1951

Mr. Harold Dean Cater  
State Geographic Board  
Minnesota State Historical Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

JUN 5 1951

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith as notice to you, a copy of the petition signed by Henry Reiser and others asking that the name of Hausman Lake in Medina Township be changed to Holy Name Lake, which was presented to the County Board of Hennepin County May 1, 1951.

Also enclosed is a copy of the notice of hearing on the petition to be had on Tuesday, July 3, 1951, at 10:30 o'clock A.M., in Room 130 Court House, Minneapolis.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor and  
Secretary to the  
County Board

By T. J. Thompson  
Deputy

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ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor

GEORGE B. HICKEY, Chief Deputy

*County Auditor* **HENNEPIN COUNTY**

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MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINNESOTA

December 6, 1956

Russell W. Fridley, Secretary  
Minnesota Geographic Board  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Fridley:

As requested in your letter of December 4th, a certified copy of the petition of L. W. Christensen and 115 others asking that the name of Mud Lake in Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota, be changed to Legion Lake is enclosed herewith.

In reply to your letter of December 4th and referring to this morning's telephone conversation relative to Holy Name Lake, formerly known as Hausman Lake, we are enclosing herewith a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Hennepin County Board August 7, 1951 changing said name.

On June 4, 1951, we mailed to Mr. Harold Dean Cater of the State Geographic Board at the State Historical Society Building, a copy of the notice of hearing on this petition. However, to the best of our recollection, we were told at that time that the State Geographic Board was practically non-existent and that the State Department of Conservation had taken over the duties of the Board in matters having to do with our lakes. For that reason, the certified copy of the County Board resolution ordering the change of name was sent to Mr. Frellsen. We are enclosing a photostat copy of Mr. Frellsen's letter approving the name change and recommending the granting of the petition.

You suggested in your letter that this petition and action might be reinitiated. We do not wish to be presumptuous but we wonder what if anything would be gained by such action. The petition was approved by the State Conservation Department and the Board acted unanimously in ordering the change of name. For the past five years this lake has been known as Holy Name Lake and reinitiation at this time would undoubtedly be confusing to the petitioners, would probably gain little, and might cause unnecessary resentment against the County Board, the innocent party in this matter.

Mr. Anthony Ditter, one of the petitioners, took an active interest in this matter and in a letter to the Board dated April 30, 1951, he stated: "Originally this lake was called Hansmann Lake and some twenty years ago thru some grammatical mistake it was changed to Hausman Lake and the latter has no significance or Historical background."

We shall be happy to receive a favorably report from your Board on both these matters now that your files are complete.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor  
and  
Secretary to the County Board

By T. J. Thompson Deputy

TJThompson/G

December 22, 1959

Mr. Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
County Auditor  
Hennepin County Courthouse 106  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that the following names in Hennepin County have been approved by the United States Board on Geographic Names. The board's acceptance of these names makes their usage official nationally and they should so appear on all future maps of the area. The names below appear on the U.S. Board's most recent decision list published in September, 1959.

1. Holy Name Lake: lake about 90 acres in size, about 3 miles north of Wayzata; Hennepin County; sec. 24, T. 118 N., R. 23 W., fourth principal meridian;  $45^{\circ} 00' 55''$  N.,  $93^{\circ} 31' 50''$  W. Not: Hausman Lake, Hausmanns Lake, Hausman's Lake, Hausmans Lake. Approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board, December 31, 1957.
2. Lake Hiawatha: lake about 0.4 mile across, in Minneapolis about 1.5 miles west of Minnehaha Falls and north of Lake Nokomis; Hennepin County;  $44^{\circ} 55' 15''$  N.,  $93^{\circ} 14' 10''$  W. Not: Hiawatha Lake.
3. Whaletail Lake: lake about 2.5 miles long, about 1.5 miles northwest of the westernmost part of Lake Minnetonka; Hennepin County;  $44^{\circ} 56' 15''$  N.,  $93^{\circ} 43' 30''$  W. Not: Hiawatha Lake [former decision], Whale Tail Lake.
4. Lake Nokomis: lake about 1 mile long, in Minneapolis about 1.5 miles west of Minnehaha Falls and south of Lake Hiawatha; Hennepin County;  $44^{\circ} 54' 30''$  N.,  $93^{\circ} 14' 30''$  W. Not: Amelia Lake, Nokomis Lake [former decision].

One other decision affecting Hennepin County is still pending before the national board: the renaming of Mud Lake in the village of Orono to Tanager Lake. In all probability this change will be approved in 1960.

Sincerely,

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

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A PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County:

We, the undersigned legal voters residing within Hennepin County, hereby petition your honorable board that a Lake now named HAUSMAN, which is located in Hennepin County in Medina Township 118 Range 23, approximately 100 acres, shall be officially named HOLY NAME for the following reasons: Because the Holy Name 4 H Club voted on a name & decided to name it Holy Name Lake. Also the Holy Name Church & School are located on the lake shore and have been there as long as there have been settlers in this community.

Dated Mar. 1, 1951

Signed

Name	Address
1. Henry Reiser	
2. Harvey Scherer	
3. Wm. Rudolph	
4. Harry Schmit	
5. Mrs. Lucille Scherer	
6. Mrs. M. A. Wooding	
7. Mr. Virgil Eisinger	
8. Mr. John Schmitz	
9. Mrs. Gordon Tauer	
10. Henry C. Scherer Jr.	
11. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Raskob	
12. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Etzel	
13. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bertelsen	
14. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bezener	
15. Mrs. Norman Barnes	

Anthony L. Ditter

F I L E D  
May 1, 1951  
Robert F. Fitzsimmons  
Auditor  
Hennepin Co. Minn.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

October 22, 1957

Mr. T. J. Thompson, Deputy Auditor  
106 Hennepin County Court House  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This is to inform you that the following name, submitted to the Minnesota Geographic Board by the Commissioners of Hennepin County, was approved by the United States Board on Geographic Names on October 10, 1957.

Legion Lake, in the village of Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota. (Intersection E. 66th Street & Highway 35). Not Mud Lake. So named November 6, 1956, by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, upon petition of local residents. Approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board, August 15, 1957.

The U.S. Board's acceptance of this name makes its usage official nationally.

Sincerely,

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

JH:pn

September 11, 1957

Mr. T. J. Thompson, Deputy Auditor  
Hennepin County Court House 106  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This is to inform you that the Minnesota Geographic Board on August 15, 1957, approved the following name submitted to the State Board by the Commissioners of Hennepin County:

Legion Lake, in the village of Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota. (Not Mud Lake). So named November 6, 1956, by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, upon petition by local residents, who wished to reduce the confusion occasioned by the duplication of the name Mud Lake and have a more pleasing name for this feature suggesting honor and patriotism. The Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post No. 435 has its building on the shores of the lake.

The resolution, duly endorsed by members of the board, is enclosed herewith for filing in the office of the register of deeds.

Notice of the State Board's action has been forwarded to the United States Board of Geographic Names, whose acceptance of the name will make it official nationally.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist  
Deputy to Russell W. Fridley  
Secretary, Minnesota Geographic Board

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State of Minnesota, }  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN, } ss.

COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

I, ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, Auditor of the above County, do hereby certify that I have compared the papers writing, to which this certificate is attached, with the original committee report adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Hennepin County, Minnesota, November 6, 1956, changing the name of Mud Lake in the Village of Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota, to Legion Lake,

as the same appears of record and on file in the said County Auditor's office, at the Court House in said Hennepin County, Minnesota, and find the same to be true and correct copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at the City of Minneapolis, this 8th day of November A. D. 1956.

*Robert F. Fitzsimmons*  
County Auditor.

By J. J. Thompson Deputy

Copy - November 6, 1956

Commissioner Christensen from the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings presented the following report:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings to whom was referred the petition to change the name of MUD LAKE to LEGION LAKE in the Village of Richfield has given the same careful consideration and begs leave to report as follows:

That, Whereas it appears that notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition was duly given as required by law, your committee recommends that the name of the lake described in said petition heretofore known as MUD LAKE shall be fixed, determined, and named LEGION LAKE.

Respectfully submitted,

Jens Christensen

Richard O. Hanson

George W. Matthews

S. E. Ainsworth

Commissioner Ainsworth offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, That the report of the committee be accepted and adopted.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution, and the roll being called, there were four YEAS and one NAY, as follows:

AINSWORTH	Yea
CHRISTENSEN	Yea
HANSON	Yea
SCOTT	Nay
CHAIRMAN MATTHEWS	Yea

Resolution adopted.

*Approved by Board  
Aug. 15, 1957*

**State of Minnesota,** }  
**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN,** } ss.

**COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

I, ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, Auditor of the above County, do hereby certify that I have compared the papers writing, to which this certificate is attached, with the original petition signed by L. W. Christensen and 115 others requesting that the name of Mud Lake in Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota, be changed to Legion Lake,

as the same appears of record and on file in the said County Auditor's office, at the Court House in said Hennepin County, Minnesota, and find the same to be true and correct copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at the City of Minneapolis, this 6th day of December A. D. 19 56.

..... Robert F. Fitzsimmons .....  
County Auditor.

By T. J. Thompson  
Deputy

P E T I T I O N

TO: THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENNEPIN COUNTY

RE: Change of name of "Mad Lake"

The undersigned petitioners, all being legal voters residing within the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, respectfully represent to the Board of Commissioners of Hennepin County:

1. That a lake presently and heretofore known as "Mad Lake" lies within the corporate limits of the Village of Richfield, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota.
2. That the approximate location of said lake is within the confines of an area bounded on the north by West 62nd Street; on the east by 11th Avenue South; on the south by West 66th Street; and on the west by Portland Avenue, in the said Village of Richfield, and within Section 26, Township 28, Range 24.
3. That your petitioners respectfully petition that the name of the said "Mad Lake" be changed to Legion Lake for the following stated reasons:
  - a. The present name has an unpleasant, offensive, opprobrious connotation.
  - b. Your petitioners have found that two other lakes named "Mad Lake" lie within Hennepin County; one in Minnetrista Township and the other in Independence Township, and your petitioners have been informed, and verily believe, that other lakes bearing the same name lie within the state of Minnesota, and therefore confusion exists as to what lake is meant when "Mad Lake" is referred to.
  - c. That Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post No. 435 has planned and will soon build a \$100,000 legion post structure on the shores of said lake, and other new and modern residential and commercial structures have been and will be built along and upon the shoreline of said lake.

d. if the name of Legion is given to such lake, it will have a name which represents honor and patriotism, and one which - to the best knowledge of your petitioners - has been given to no other body of water within the state of Minnesota.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request that the Board of County Commissioners shall fix a day and place of hearing on this Petition, and take such action as is required under and pursuant to Chapter 378 of the Laws of Minnesota to change the name of "Mud Lake" to Legion Lake.

Dated: October 2, 1916.

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>City or Village</u>
L. W. Christensen	6515-11 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	Richfield
E. D. Hoffman	7524 Chicago Ave.	Richfield
Arthur Thiel	6241 Grand Ave. S.	Richfield
Margaret Thiel	6211 Grand Ave. S.	Richfield
R. J. Schultz	5446 Pleasant St.	Richfield
Ernest P. Christensen	1100 East 66th St.	Richfield
Raymond M. Christensen	1100 E. 66th St.	Richfield
Sydney Anderson	6439-11 Ave. S.	Richfield
W. Ross W. Anderson	6439-11 Ave. S.	Richfield
Joseph H. Harts	6729-11 Ave. S.	Richfield
Josephine Harts	" " "	" " "
Mary Christensen	6513-11 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	Richfield
Wm. F. Flick	6871	Richfield
John J. Harts	5123	Richfield

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>City or Village</u>
George [unclear]	6117 Chittled so.	Mpls
Theodore B. Meddahl	6332 - 13 <sup>th</sup> St. S.	Richfield
Frank J. DeMay	7121 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave S.	Richfield
R. E. Meredith	6634 3rd Ave S.	"
A. H. Trapp	4709 Colfax Ave S.	Mpls
Alex Dawson	5972 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> St	Mpls
Phil [unclear]	6638 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave S.	Richfield
Robert [unclear]	3225 - [unclear] Ave S.	[unclear]
Frank [unclear]	6025 - [unclear] Ave S.	Edina
Ernest C. [unclear]	511 - [unclear] St. S.	[unclear]
Lee B. [unclear]	7701 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave S.	Richfield
John J. [unclear]	7410 - [unclear] Ave S.	[unclear]
Thomas [unclear]	6968 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave S.	[unclear]
Charles R. Pelton	3036 - Clinton, Mpls	Minn
David C. [unclear]	5128 - 10th Ave S.	Mpls
Fred Payhoe Jr.	5629 Washburne Dr.	Mpls, Minn.
D. Donald [unclear]	6727 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave S.	Richfield
H M Rose	4571 [unclear] Ave	Mpls
Arthur [unclear]	5 W. Woodlawn Blvd.	[unclear]
Alex J. Peters	7639 Grand Ave. S.	Richfield
Geo Duffey	212 E. 64 <sup>th</sup> St.	Mpls & Richfield

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Petitioner

Street Address

City or Village

Clifford L. Sampson 6941 - Vincent So  
John L. Brown 5717 Garfield Ave. S.  
George E. Evans 6921 - Columbus Ave. So.  
Margaret Stangsted 7438 Upton Ave. So.  
Raynette Schrade 7232 - 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
William G. Evans 4327 - Logan St. Richfield  
Charles M. Pagant 6644 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S. Richfield  
Kenneth L. Hagen 7126 - 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. Richfield  
Judith J. Kemmer 6605 1st Ave. So. Richfield  
Alvin L. Beckland 6432 - 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. So., Richfield  
Clifford P. Nash 6711 Clinton Ave. So. Richfield  
Walter E. Mickala 6646 Columbus Ave. So.  
Jayce Hoklas 8627 Great Rd. Bloomington  
Howard Clippitz 7570 - 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. South Richfield  
Warren A. Kirk 7526 Park Ave. N. Richfield  
Robert B. Linn 696 Penton Ave. Richfield  
Zena A. Schmidt 8313 Clinton Ave. So. Bloomington  
Marlene W. Ineson 6215 Second Ave. So. Minneapolis  
Clara A. Tucker 5305 Starbuck Ave. So. Minneapolis

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>City or Village</u>
Robert E. Loftus	6705 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave S.	Richfield
Thomas D. Farrell Jr	6320 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave S.	Richfield
Russell Fladen	7524 Colfax Ave So.	
Carl A. Nyquist	6714 - 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave S	
E.E. Jacobsen	7515 Wentworth Ave	Richfield
H.A. Runyon	5017 Gladstone Ave	Mpls
Peter J. Galtis	1624 Clinton Ave S	Mpls
Wm. Long	6539 Stevens	Mpls
Robert E. Howe	8205 Harriet So	Mpls
Knud Nielsen	5501 Harriet Ave	Mpls
Emmett Killock	8212 1st Ave So	Mpls
Robert L. Lentz	6239 2nd Ave S.	Mpls
J.P. O'Connell	5036 Bryant Ave S.	Mpls
Dale R. Fedorick	4531 14 <sup>th</sup> Ave So.	
Thomas F. [unclear]	2330 Oakwood Dr	MSP
Raymond M. Tabner	6635 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Richfield
W.D. Wiley	6828 Fairfield S.	"
Chalter Cheon	6709 Elliot Ave S.	"
Robert H. Anton	6239 Stevens	"
Deloris A. Garland	6638 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave So.	"

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>City or Village</u>
Kay Eason	7411 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave S.	
Emmett Backman	6800 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave So	
Fred J. Bhas	6639 Morgan Ave So.	
Bud Johnson	7433 3rd So	
Charles F. Coe	5719 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave S.	
Edward W. Dorsey	620 W. Minneapolis Pkwy	
Kelle Anderson	3320 Pleasant Ave So.	
Bill Nielsen	5501 Harriet Ave So.	
Peter N. Proctor	5424 Pleasant Ave So. Maple	
Carl R. Lerman	4916 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave So Maple	
Mrs Edw. C. Sack	4515 3rd Ave So. Maple	
Mr Peter Wick	6844 Grand Ave So.	
W. W. Conover, Jr	6641 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave So	
Robert Constenbrook	7213 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave So	
Tom Joe Petersen	6614-13 <sup>th</sup> Ave So	
Steve R. Engstrom	5148 Oliver So	
Bill O'Brien	7000 Clinton Ave	
John R. Nelson	5657 Pleasant So	
Cesar Mattson	6545 to Humboldt	
Charles W. Roberts	7044 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave So —	

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>City or Village</u>
Stanley L. Johnson	7332 Harriet	Richfield
P. P. Leamy	7315 Kentwood	Richfield
Clifford K. Larson	6938 Stevens	Richfield
Robert L. Kilgrew	6927 Pleasant av. S.	Richfield
Leslie Pearson	6629 Thomas So.	Richfield
Abney Pageant	6644 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave So	Richfield
Robert E. Munk	6801 Pillsbury Ave So.	
Harold K. Munk	6801 Pillsbury Ave So.	Richfield
James R. Staber	3225 Irving So.	Mpls
Harry Gessner	7232 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave So	Mpls.
Georges L. Nelson	6600 - 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave S.	Richfield
Elton L. Miller	8215 Lerfeld So.	Bloomington
Herbert F. Rahbari	6738 Stevens Ave So.	Richfield
Paul & Ling Dr.	5629 - 27 <sup>th</sup> Ave So	Mpls
Armin Gunn	6937 - Clinton	Richfield
J. Schrader	7232 Nicolet So	Richfield
Lowell Johnson	5709 Strand	Mpls
Dayton L. Weytman	6739 Nicolet	
John R. Milne	9812 - 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave So	Blom.
Ormon Sherr	1462 - 33 <sup>rd</sup> St	Mpls
Wm. J. Dunge	215 - 6 <sup>th</sup> 73 <sup>rd</sup> St.	Mpls.
Julian M. Thom	6941 Uptus So	



ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor  
GEORGE B. HICKEY, Chief Deputy

*County Auditor* **HENNEPIN COUNTY**

106 COURT HOUSE • FEDERAL 9-5811  
MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINNESOTA

December 3, 1956

Russell Fridley, Secretary  
Minnesota State Geographic Board  
Minnesota State Historical Building  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

During our telephone conversation this afternoon relative to your approval of the committee report adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Hennepin County, Minnesota, November 6, 1956, changing the name of Mud Lake in Richfield, Minnesota, to Legion Lake, you asked that we send you a letter giving in detail the reasons for this change of name.

The following is a copy of the reasons as stated in the petition asking for this change of name:

1. That a lake presently and heretofore known as "Mud Lake" lies within the corporate limits of the Village of Richfield, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota.

2. That the approximate location of said lake is within the confines of an area bounded on the north by West 62nd Street; on the east by 11th Avenue South; on the south by West 66th Street; and on the west by Portland Avenue, in the said Village of Richfield, and within Section 26, Township 28, Range 24.

3. That your petitioners respectfully petition that the name of the said "Mud Lake" be changed to Legion Lake for the following stated reasons:

a. The present name has an unpleasant, offensive, opprobrious connotation.

b. Your petitioners have found that two other lakes named "Mud Lake" lie within Hennepin County; one in Minnetrista Township and the other in Independence Township, and your petitioners have been informed, and verily believe, that other lakes bearing the same name lie within the state of Minnesota, and therefore confusion exists as to what lake is meant when "Mud Lake" is referred to.

c. That Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post No. 435 has planned and will soon build a \$100,000 legion post structure

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Russell Fridley, Secretary  
Minnesota State Geographic Board

December 3, 1956

on the shores of said lake, and other new and modern residential and commercial structures have been and will be built along and upon the shoreline of said lake.

d. If the name of Legion is given to such lake, it will have a name which represents honor and patriotism, and one which - to the best knowledge of your petitioners - has been given to no other body of water within the state of Minnesota.

We will appreciate receiving your approval of this County Board action endorsed on the copy of the committee report sent you in our letter of November 8th, so that we can record it in the office of the Register of Deeds for Hennepin County in compliance with Minnesota Statutes 354.04.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor  
and  
Secretary to the County Board

By J. J. Thompson  
Deputy

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ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS, County Auditor  
GEORGE B. HICKEY, Chief Deputy

*County Auditor* **HENNEPIN COUNTY**

106 COURT HOUSE • FEDERAL 9-5811  
MINNEAPOLIS 15, MINNESOTA

October 9, 1956

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION  
TO CHANGE THE NAME OF MUD  
LAKE IN THE VILLAGE OF  
RICHFIELD TO LEGION LAKE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the petition of numerous legal voters residing within the Village of Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota, to change the name of Mud Lake situated in said village, to Legion Lake, will be heard by the County Board of Hennepin County, Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 6, 1956, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., in Committee Room 130 Court House, Minneapolis.

Dated: October 2, 1956.

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS,  
County Auditor and  
Secretary to the County Board.

By T. J. THOMPSON,  
Deputy.

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Russell Fridley, Secretary  
Minnesota State Geographic Board  
Minnesota State Historical Building  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Affixed hereto is a notice of hearing on the petition of L. W. Christensen, 6515 11th Avenue South, Richfield, Minnesota, and 115 others, requesting that the name of Mud Lake, the approximate location of said lake being "within the confines of an area bounded on the north by West 62nd Street, on the east by 11th Avenue South, on the south by West 66th Street, and on the west by Portland Avenue, in the said Village of Richfield and within Section 26, Township 28, Range 24" be changed to Legion Lake.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor  
and

Secretary to the County Board

By T. J. Thompson Deputy

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November 8, 1956

Russell Fridley, Secretary  
Minnesota State Geographic Board  
Minnesota State Historical Building  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of the committee report adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Hennepin County, Minnesota, November 6, 1956, changing the name of Mud Lake to Legion Lake.

As we wrote you when we sent the notice of hearing, this lake is located in the Village of Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota, and is bounded on the north by West 62nd Street, on the east by 11th Avenue South, on the south by West 66th Street, and on the west by Portland Avenue, all within Section 26-28-24.

In compliance with Minnesota Statutes 354.04, we are enclosing a second copy of the committee report which may be endorsed with your written approval, if you do approve this name change, and which we will record with the Register of Deeds for Hennepin County.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. FITZSIMMONS  
County Auditor  
and

Secretary to the County Board

By J. J. Thompson Deputy

TJThompson/G

December 4, 1956

Mr. T. J. Thompson, Deputy Auditor  
Hennepin County  
106 Courthouse  
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of December 3 giving me the reasons for the requested change in the name of Mud Lake in the village of Richfield. Just to be safe and to be sure that we have everything needed for the board to act, would it be possible for you to furnish me with a certified copy of the petition of L. W. Christensen, 6515-11th Avenue South, Richfield and 115 others requesting this change.

I note also that the Geographic Board received a letter from you dated June 4, 1951, enclosing a copy of a petition asking that the name of Hausman Lake in Medina Township be changed to Holy Name Lake. A copy of this letter and the enclosure is included herewith for your convenience. We have no record of any action by the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County on this petition, and consequently, cannot act on it.

Further, from the Geographic Board's point of view the reasons for the requested change seem rather weak and the addresses of the fifteen residents are not given in the petition. In view of the time that has elapsed on this request, the State Board feels that this petition should be reinvestigated and, if the change is deemed desirable by the Hennepin County Board, the process should be reinitiated.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Russell W. Fridley  
Secretary  
Minnesota Geographic Board  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

RWF:rs  
enc.

RW 7.  
~~June~~

Russ - I can't write him. No address. Do you  
have one? June  
Where did this come from?

July 24, 1957

State Geographic Board  
State Capitol  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Last fall the members of the Minneapolis-Richfield Legion Post No. 435 petitioned the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin County to change the name of the lake adjoining their new \$100,000.00 building from "Mud Lake" to "Legion Lake". A hearing was held and all provisions of Minnesota Statutes Annotated 378 were complied with and the County Board by resolution changed the name to "Legion Lake".

The Auditor of Hennepin County forwarded the resolution to you for your written approval as provided by Minnesota Statutes Annotated 354.04.

As yet the County Auditor has not received any approval or disapproval from your office.

Would you please contact the writer if there is anything I can do to expedite this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Burton A. Thiem*

Burton A. Thiem

BAT/fwp

cc: Commissioner of Conservation  
Commissioner of Highways  
Superintendent of the Minnesota  
Historical Society ✓

Called  
Thompson  
7-25-57

JEROME V. BLATZ  
BURTON A. THIEM

LAW OFFICES  
JEROME V. BLATZ

7638 LYNDALE AVE. SO.  
MINNEAPOLIS 23, MINNESOTA  
PHONE UN. 9-3276

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Burton A. Thiem".

Burton A. Thiem

BAT/fwp

cc: Commissioner of Conservation  
Commissioner of Highways  
Superintendent of the Minnesota  
Historical Society



July 27, 1957

Mr. Burton A. Theim  
7638 Lyndale Ave. S.  
Minneapolis 23, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Theim:

The State Geographic Board plans to meet sometime during the month of August. At that time the request to change the name from Mud Lake to Legion Lake will be acted upon.

As soon as the action is taken on this petition, auditor of Hennepin County will be notified.

Sincerely yours,

Russell W. Fridley  
Secretary  
State Geographic Board