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MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ST. PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

May 7, 1962

Mrs. Dell Leaman
County Auditor
Hubbard County
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Leaman:

It was with real regret that the Minnesota Geographic Board at its meeting on May 2, 1962, disapproved the enclosed petition to change the name of Mud Lake to Spring Lake.

The board did not approve the petition for two reasons: (1) the State Geographic Board's records show that this lake has been called Mud Lake for more than forty years; (2) much as the Board sympathized with the petitioners desire to rid the state of at least one Mud Lake, it felt that Spring Lake is almost as widely duplicated and therefore undesirable.

The Board suggested that if the petitioners and the County Commissioners could agree upon and approve a less widely duplicated name (perhaps suggestive of the history of the area), the State Board would be happy to forward and recommend the suggestion to the United States Board on Geographic Names. The national board does have jurisdiction over names in use for more than 40 years, and is often sympathetic to well-considered recommendations for change. The national board, however, would not be likely to favor a change to so widely duplicated a name as Spring Lake.

Trusting that we will hear from you again in this matter,

Sincerely,

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

Gilbert Owen Skinner

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Published in the Park Rapids Enterprise on Oct. 12 and
Oct. 26, 1961.

NOTICE OF HEARING
 WHEREAS a petition was presented to the County Board of Hubbard County, signed by 15 land owners in Farden Township asking that the name of Mud Lake located in Section 1, T. 145 - R. 32, be changed to Spring Lake;
 NOW THEREFORE be it ordered that a public hearing thereon be held at the County Commissioners Board Room at 1:30 p.m., November 7, 1961.
 Board of County Commissioners
 Hubbard County
 By Dell Leaman
 County Auditor
 5079 Oct. 12 - Oct 26)

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R32W,
Sec 1, 12




TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WHEREAS, a petition, signed by fifteen legal voters of Hubbard County, praying that the name of Mud Lake, located in Section 1, Township 145 - Range 32, be changed to the name of Spring Lake.

WHEREAS, the name of Mud Lake has been designated as Mud Lake for less than forty years, and


WHEREAS, it appears to be to the best interest of the general public and the owners of property on Mud Lake that the name be changed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this Board approves this petition and recommends to the State Geographic Board that the name be changed from Mud Lake to Spring Lake.



Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Hubbard County, Minnesota

ATTEST:



Dell Leaman, County Auditor and
Ex-officio Clerk of the Board.

PETITION

To rename Mud Lake (Sec. 1, Twp. 145 - Rge. 32) near Cass Lake, Minnesota (Hubbard County).

We the undersigned desire and petition to legally rename "Mud Lake" to Spring Lake for the following reasons.

1. Spring Lake is a more fitting name as it more accurately describes this lake because it is truly a spring fed Lake.

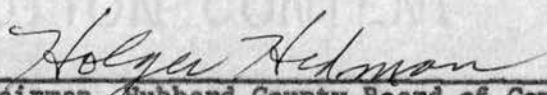
2. Mud Lake is a very poor name for a lake as the name "Mud" is used very freely in any lake refion to describe or name any number of small lakes, ponds and swamps.


3. Many local persons now call this lake "Spring Lake" as do two resorts who have frontage on this lake. The resorts prefer and use the name "Spring Lake" as people tend to shy away from their place of business when the name "Mud" is used in naming a lake.

4. The Division of Waters, Department of Conservation also favors use of the name "Spring Lake" as that name is not otherwise used to designate a lake in Hubbard County.

5. We also feel that if this lake is legally and officially named "Spring Lake" the confusion caused by calling this lake both "Spring Lake" and Mud Lake will eventually end.

Legal Voters	Address
John Olson	Rt. 2, Cass Lake, Minn.
Opal Olson	Rt. 2, Cass Lake, Minn.
Michael Schierle	Rt. 2, Cass Lake, Minn.
Jenny Schierle	Rt. 2, Cass Lake, Minn.
Louis Zopf	Rt. 2, Cass Lake, Minn.
Mrs. Jim Voeltz	Rt. 2, Cass Lake, Minn.
James O. Voeltz	Rt. 2, Cass Lake, Minn.
Martinn Johnson	Rt. 2, Cass Lake, Minn.
Mrs. Martin Johnson	Rt. 2, Cass Lake, Minn.
Olaf A. Berge	Cass Lake, Minn.
Mrs. Olaf A. Berge	Cass Lake, Minn.
Arthur Gladen	Rt. 2, Guthrie, Minn.
Joyce Gladen	Rt. 2, Guthrie, Minn.
Lester Bergeron	Rt. 2, Cass Lake, Minn.
Florence Bergeron	Rt. 2, Cass Lake, Minn.


Chairman, Hubbard County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: 
Dell Leaman, County Auditor and
Ex-officio Clerk of the Board

The above is a true and correct copy of the petition presented to the County Board of Commissioners of Hubbard County, on September 5, 1961.

Dated this 13th day of Nov 1961.


Dell Leaman, County Auditor

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Hubbard Co.

DR. M. SIDNEY HEDEEN
OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
1595 SELBY AVE.
ST. PAUL 4, MINN.

January 22, 1959



Mr. Russell Fridley
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Fridley:

Please send me the proper forms to be filled out by property owners on Skunk Lake, Park Rapids, in order that we may have the name of this lake changed to "Lake Wilderness".

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Sidney Hedeem".

M. Sidney Hedeem, D.O.

MSH/po

January 26, 1959

Dr. M. Sidney Hedeon
1595 Selby Avenue
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Hedeon:

Enclosed are forms and information outlining the procedure that must be followed in changing the name of a lake in the state of Minnesota.

I think I should warn you that the name "Lake Wilderness" which you mention in your letter is duplicated elsewhere in the state. In general, both the state and the national geographic boards frown on duplication of existing names if it can be avoided. Moreover, in approving a name for a feature like Skunk Lake, the State Geographic Board would take into consideration the length of time the present name has been in use. Thus, it might be well to try to select a new name for this feature that has historical associations. Perhaps a suitable Chippewa word, meaning skunk, for example, might be found. In that way the unpleasant connotation could be eliminated, and the historical connotation preserved.

Very truly yours,

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

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January 29, 1959

Dr. M. Sidney Hedeem
1595 Selby Avenue
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Hedeem:

A Chippewa dictionary in the Society's library compiled by Father Baraga, an early missionary to the Indians of this region, gives the Chippewa word for polecat as "Jikag," pronounced j as in jour, i as ee, k as in kite, a as in father, and g as in go -- roughly jeekag. I rather like this, and hope you will too.

Sincerely,

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

Hubbard Co.

October 6, 1952

Mr. E. F. Karlson
Secretary, Associated Resorts
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Karlson:

At the request of Mr. M. J. Hoffmann, Commissioner of Highways, I am sending you the enclosed material:

1. A description of the procedure to be followed for naming or changing the name of a lake, based upon chapters 35 and 63 of the Session Laws of Minnesota, 1937;
2. A blank petition recommended by the State Geographic Board for use in changing the names of lakes; and
3. A blank to be filled out and signed by the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Hubbard County, to accompany the certified copy of the resolution requesting the change of name.

The lake in which you are interested, named "Elbow Lake" on most recent maps, appears on some maps and gazeteers as "Lake Belletaine" and "Lake of the Isle." Since there are several other Elbow Lakes in the state, and Belletaine Lake seems not to be duplicated elsewhere in Minnesota, the Geographic Board will probably be pleased to co-operate with you in fixing the name as "Belletaine Lake."

If you will comply with the suggested procedure and mail a certified copy of the resolution of your county board requesting the change of name to the Secretary of the State Geographic Board, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul 1, the Geographic Board will be glad to act upon your request at its first meeting following the receipt of the resolution.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Dean Cater, Secretary
State Geographic Board

By

Deputy to the Secretary

3 enclosures
Copy to Mr. Hoffmann

December 31, 1957

Mr. V. E. Westphal
Auditor of Hubbard County
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Westphal:

This is to inform you that the following name, submitted to the Minnesota Geographic Board by the Commissioners of Hubbard County, was approved by the United States Board on Geographic Names on November 27, 1957:

Evergreen Lake, in Sections 8 and 17, Schoolcraft Township (14, N, Range 34, W) Hubbard County, Minnesota. (Not Rat Lake). So named Oct. 4, 1955, by Hubbard County Board of Commissioners, upon petition by local residents for the evergreen trees surrounding the lake. Approved by the Minnesota Geographic Board, November 28, 1956.

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

Very truly yours,

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

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UNITED STATES
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

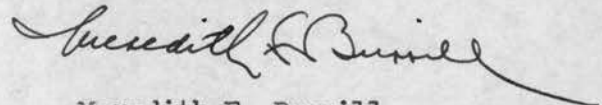
December 16, 1957

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

Dear Mrs. Holmquist:

I am pleased to inform you that our Board approved
the name Evergreen Lake in Hubbard County, Minnesota on
November 27, 1957.

Sincerely yours,



Meredith F. Burrill
Executive Secretary

Approved
Nov. 28, 1956

Enter on cards

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June 27, 1956

MEMO:

Our quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 1956, at 12:00 noon in the Weyerhaeuser Room. There will be a dutch-treat lunch. Please return the enclosed card to Mrs. Gilbert Brown, 730 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul, indicating whether or not you will be present.

Mrs. T. Lincoln O'Gara

December 4, 1956

Mr. V. E. Westphal
Auditor of Hubbard County
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Westphal:

This is to inform you that the Minnesota Geographic Board on November 28, 1956, approved the following names submitted to the State Board by the Commissioners of Hubbard County.

Evergreen Lake, in Sections 8 and 17, Schoolcraft Township (14 1/4 N, Range 34 W,) Hubbard County, Minnesota. (Not Rat Lake). So named October 4, 1955, by Hubbard County Board of Commissioners, upon petition by local residents for the evergreen trees surrounding the lake.

Robertson Lake, in NW 1/4 of Section 32, Hendrickson Township (14 1/2 N, Range 33 W,) Hubbard County, Minnesota. Formerly unnamed. So named on November 6, 1956, by Hubbard County Board of Commissioners, upon petition by local residents for Miller Robertson "for his efforts in behalf of the Park Rapids area."

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Acting Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society

JDH:rs

Encl. Endorsed resolutions

February 27, 1956

Mr. V. E. Westphal
Auditor of Hubbard County
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Westphal:

Your letter of February 2 relating to the petition for changing the name of Rat Lake to Evergreen Lake finally reached me after going the rounds of several state departments unfamiliar with the location of the board.

Your petition will be taken up at the next meeting of the State Geographic Board, which I hope will be sometime in March. I shall notify you as soon as the board takes action on your petition.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mary W. Berthel
Deputy to Russell W. Fridley
Secretary, State Geographic Board

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CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUBBARD COUNTY,
PARK RAPIDS, MINN.

PETITION

We the undersigned, being legal voters and or being property owners in the State of Minnesota, desire to have the name of Rat Lake, which is situated in Sections 8 and 17, Township 144, Range 34, County of Hubbard, State of Minnesota, changed to, Evergreen Lake. The reasons for changing name are: 1. Rat Lake sounds like it could be a slough where Muskrats build their houses, where as it is a deep lake and excellent fishing. 2. The name sounds obnoxious to visiting guests in telling where they have spent their vacations. 3. Lake shore owners prefer a more pleasing name. Where as the lake is not listed on any map nor are there any roads given to said lake, we the undersigned believe this is an appropriate time for requesting the name of said lake changed. 4 (d) Lake is surrounded by "evergreen" trees, hence the name Evergreen Lake.

Rat Lake Property Owners

Address

T. A. Canedy	Guthrie, Minn.
Herman R. Hackbart	Delano, Minn.
Ira H. Burhans	Stephen, Minn.
Ira N. Burhans	1606 Hewitt Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
Daniel M. Pottgieser	1282 Mackubin St., St. Paul 3, Minn.

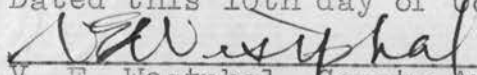
LEGAL VOTERS

Address

C. A. Miller	Guthrie, Minn.
Herman Gregerson	Park Rapids, Minn.
Mrs. Clarence Olson	Guthrie, Minn.
Mrs. Boyd Leonard	Guthrie, Minn.
Mrs. Frank Bannor	Guthrie, Minn.
Mrs. Perry Bannor	Guthrie, Minn.
Mrs. Stanley Barkdoll	Guthrie, Minn.
Vaner Tangborn	Guthrie, Minn.
Alfred Olson	Guthrie, Minn.
Harold A. Clark	Laporte, Minn.
Helmuth Wilde	Park Rapids, Minn.
Orby Ware	Lake George, Minn.
Arthur Heuslin	Lake George, Minn.
Leslie Peterson	Lake George, Minn.
Mrs. Eugene Giese	Lake George, Minn.
R. H. Thompson	Lake George, Minn.
Wilbert Busse	Laporte, Minnesota
Mrs. Wilbert Busse	Laporte, Minnesota
Abel Dahl	Lake George, Minn.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the petition received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hubbard County, Minnesota, on September 6, 1955.

Dated this 10th day of October, 1955.


V. E. Westphal, County Auditor.

CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUBBARD COUNTY,
PARK RAPIDS, MINN.

PETITION

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Rat Lake Property Owners

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Herman R. Hackbart
Ira H. Burhans
Ira N. Burhans
Daniel M. Pottgieser

Guthrie, Minn.
Delano, Minn.
Stephen, Minn.
1606 Hewitt Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
1282 Mackubin St., St. Paul 3, Minn.

LEGAL VOTERS

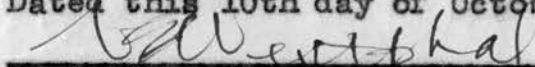
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I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the petition received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hubbard County, Minnesota, on September 6, 1955.

Dated this 10th day of October, 1955.


V. E. Westphal, County Auditor.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WHEREAS, a petition, signed by five owners of Rat Lake property and nineteen legal voters of Hubbard County, praying that the name of Rat Lake, located in Sections 8 and 17, Township 144, Range 34, be changed to the name of Evergreen Lake, and

WHEREAS: The name of Rat Lake has been designated as Rat Lake for less than forty years, and

WHEREAS: It appears to be to the best interest of the general public and the owners of property on Rat Lake that the name be changed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this Board approves this petition and recommends to the State Geographic Board that the name be changed from Rat Lake to Evergreen Lake.

Clifford J. Warren

Chairman of Hubbard County Board of Commissioners.

ATTEST:

V. E. Westphal
V. E. Westphal
County Auditor and Ex-officio
Clerk of the Board.

The above is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners, of Hubbard County, on October 4, 1955.

Dated this 10th day of October, 1955.

V. E. Westphal
V. E. Westphal, County Auditor.

Accepted

George A. Selke
Russell W. Fridley
M. J. Hoffmann
ofm

June 27, 1956

Mr. V. E. Westphal
County Auditor
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Westphal:

Since Mrs. Berthel recently retired, your letter of June 22 addressed to her has come to me.

The petition requesting that the name of Rat Lake be changed has not yet been acted upon by the State Geographic Board. I expect, however, that the board will meet in the near future, and I am sure that the petition will be approved at that time.

I see no need, however, to hold up your work on new township plats. Since it would, of course, be desirable to use the new name on your revised plats, why don't you by all means go ahead. I feel certain that the Board will pass on it favorably in the next few weeks. As soon as it does, I shall notify you officially.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) June D. Holmquist
Acting Secretary

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AUDITOR OF HUBBARD COUNTY

PARK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

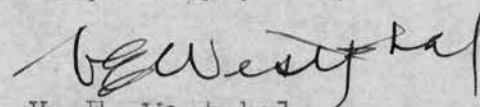
June 22, 1956

Mrs. Mary W. Berthel
Deputy Secretary
State Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

You wrote me, on February 27, 1956, relative to the petition for changing the name of Rat Lake to Evergreen Lake. You stated that the petition would be taken up at the next meeting of the State Geographic Board and would notify me as soon as the Board took action on the petition. I would appreciate a reply regarding the action of the Board as we are in the process of making new plats of the various townships in Hubbard County and would like to use the new name if approved by the State Geographic Board.

Very truly yours,



V. E. Westphal
County Auditor

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AUDITOR OF HUBBARD COUNTY

PARK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

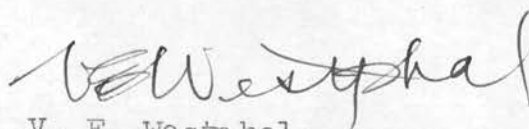
October 10, 1955

State Geographic Board
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing certified copies of the petition, and also copies of the resolution, by the County Commissioners, for the changing of the name of Rat Lake to Evergreen Lake. The petition was presented to the County Board, at their meeting held September 6, 1955, and a hearing was set for October 4, 1955. The County Board approved the petition, at their meeting held October 4, 1955, and adopted the resolution, which is enclosed.

Very truly yours,



V. E. Westphal
County Auditor

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December 4, 1956

Mr. V. E. Westphal
Auditor of Hubbard County
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Westphal:

This is to inform you that the Minnesota Geographic Board on November 28, 1956, approved the following names submitted to the State Board by the Commissioners of Hubbard County.

Evergreen Lake, in Sections 8 and 17, Schoolcraft Township (1/4 N, Range 3/4 W,) Hubbard County, Minnesota. (Not Rat Lake). So named October 4, 1955, by Hubbard County Board of Commissioners, upon petition by local residents for the evergreen trees surrounding the lake. Name approved by Minnesota State Geographic Board, November 28, 1956.

Robertson Lake, in NW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 143, Range 33, Hubbard County, Minnesota. Formerly unnamed. So named on November 6, 1956 by Hubbard County Board of Commissioners, upon petition by local residents for Miller Robertson "for his efforts in behalf of the Park Rapids area."

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Acting Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society

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Encl. Endorsed ~~petition~~
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AUDITOR OF HUBBARD COUNTY

PARK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

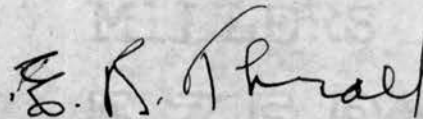
November 6, 1956

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WHEREAS, a petition, signed by fifteen legal voters of Hubbard County, praying that an unnamed lake in Section 32, Township 143, Range 33, be named Robertson Lake, and

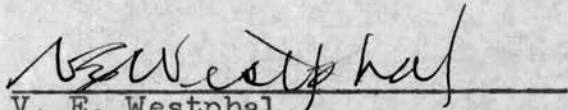
WHEREAS, the name of the lake is to honor Miller Robertson for his efforts in behalf of the Park Rapids area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this Board approves this petition and recommends it to the State Geographic Board that this unnamed lake be named Robertson Lake.



Chairman of Hubbard County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



V. E. Westphal
County Auditor and Ex-officio
Clerk of the Board.

AUDITOR OF HUBBARD COUNTY

PARK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

November 14, 1956

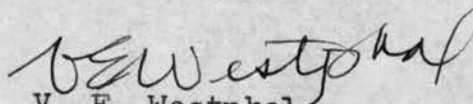
Minnesota State Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing a petition and two copies of the resolution by the Hubbard County Board of Commissioners praying that an unnamed lake in Section 32, Township 143, Range 33 be named Robertson Lake.

On October 10, 1955 I mailed to your Board a petition and copy of resolution for the changing of the name of Rat Lake to Evergreen Lake. I have received a letter from Mrs. June D. Holmquist dated June 27, 1956 stating that the Board would meet in the near future and was sure that the petition would be approved at that time. I have heard nothing further regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,


V. E. Westphal,
County Auditor

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A PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners of Hubbard County:

We, the undersigned legal voters residing within Hubbard County, hereby petition your honorable board that a lake (lake or stream), now named x unnamed, which is located in Hubbard County in Hendrickson Township, Section 32, (Range 143, 33 NW) (Give legal description)

shall be officially named Robertson Lake for the

following reasons:

To honor Miller Robertson for his efforts in behalf of the Park Rapids area.

Dated Nov 6, 1956.

Signed

- | Name | Address |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 <u>Ronald Swanson</u> | <u>805 No. Main Park Rapids, Minn.</u> |
| 2 <u>A. F. Horrigan</u> | <u>306 N. Main Park Rapids, Minn.</u> |
| 3 <u>Gautier Horrigan</u> | <u>" "</u> |
| 4 <u>A. B. Kniss</u> | <u>" "</u> |
| 5 <u>W. F. Peabody</u> | <u>309 W. Park Ave Park Rapids</u> |
| 6 <u>Oscar Donibalt</u> | <u>102 - Como ave " "</u> |
| 7 <u>Byron Weterna</u> | <u>Park Rapids "</u> |
| 8 <u>Robert J. Wallick</u> | <u>" "</u> |
| 9 <u>W. E. Carey</u> | <u>" "</u> |
| 10 <u>Ed Busma</u> | <u>" "</u> |
| 11 <u>Don Larson</u> | <u>" "</u> |
| 12 <u>Arlene M. Wallick</u> | <u>" "</u> |
| 13 <u>Elva Bailly</u> | <u>" "</u> |
| 14 <u>Lyle H. Chermok</u> | <u>" "</u> |
| 15 <u>A. S. Brumfield Horset</u> | <u>" "</u> |

PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners
of _____ County

To name a _____

Present name _____

Suggested name _____

Filed in Office of County Auditor
_____, 19__.

Bond set at \$ _____,
_____, 19__.

Presented to County Board
_____, 19__.

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

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

Notice of Hearing published in

for _____, 19__.

Action taken Accepted 11-28-56

George A. Selke
Russell W. Fridley
M. J. Hoffmann
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NOTICE A

To the Board of County Commissioners of _____ County
_____ (Name of Applicant)
_____ (Address of Applicant)
_____ (City and State of Applicant)
_____ (Date of Filing)

November 20, 1956

Mr. V. B. Westphal
Auditor of Hubbard County
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Westphal:

This will acknowledge receipt of a petition and two copies of the Hubbard County Board of Commissioners' resolution requesting that an unnamed lake in Section 32, Township 143, Range 33 be named Robertson Lake.

Yes, I am aware that the Geographic Board has on hand an earlier petition for your area requesting that the name of Rat Lake be changed to Evergreen Lake. Unfortunately, we have not been able to get the members of the Board together for a meeting, but I am hopeful that they will meet within the next month. Rest assured that we will notify you of the Board's action on these two petitions as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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

JDH:ps

MINNESOTA STATE GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

ST. PAUL

November 1, 1956

Mr. Bill Bedford, Secretary
Associated Resorts, Park Rapids Region
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Bedford:

Your correspondence with Mr. Selke and Mr. Fridley of the State Geographic Board in regard to the naming of an unnamed lake in Hubbard County, Hendrickson Township, has been handed to me.

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When this matter has been approved locally, the petition should be forwarded to me at the Geographic Board for action. Approval by the board will make the name official nationally.

I might add that I have checked the Board's records for a possible duplication of the name elsewhere in the state. I have found no other Robertson Lake in Minnesota. Therefore, if you and your associates would care to fill out this petition and have it approved by the necessary local authorities, I feel sure the State Board will act on it favorably.

Sincerely,

Signed
Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Acting Secretary
Minnesota State Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

cc to: Commissioner Hoffman
Commissioner Selke

November 1, 1956

Mr. Bill Bedford, Secretary
Associated Resorts, Park Rapids Region
Park Rapids, Minnesota

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St. Paul 1, Minnesota

c.c. to M. J. Hoffman
George Selke



ASSOCIATED RESORTS

PARK RAPIDS REGION

October 24, 1956

Mr. Russell W. Fridley
Director of the Minnesota Historical Society
Minnesota State Office Bldg.
St. Paul 1, Minn.



Dear Mr. Fridley:

On Saturday September 29 the Associated Resorts of the Park Rapids Region and the Park Rapids Civic and Commerce named a previously unnamed lake in this area after Mr. Miller Robertson, Vice President and General Manager of Station WTCN-TV. The lake was named "Robertson Lake" to show our appreciation of Mr. Robertson's continuing devotion to and promotion of the Park Rapids region.

I understand you are a member of the state Geographic Board which has the responsibility of officially naming lakes. We would like to have the name Robertson Lake made official. The location of the lake is as follows: Hendrickson Township in Hubbard County Section 32, Range 143-33, Northwest quarter. I believe Robertson Lake is the only body of water of any size in that area.

We have also written the other members of the state Geographic Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you can get Robertson Lake listed as the official name we will appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Bedford
Bill Bedford,
Secretary

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PARK RAPIDS REGION

October 24, 1956

Dr. George Selke
Conservation Commissioner
Minnesota State Office Bldg.
St. Paul 1, Minn.

Dear Dr. Selke:

Thank you for your letter concerning our request for the official naming of Robertson Lake. I find I made a mistake in that letter which might be embarrassing to Mr. Robertson. I named him as President of Station WTCN-TV. I find that his position is not President but Vice President and General Manager.

Thank you again for your attention in this matter of naming the lake.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Bedford,
Secretary

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
SAINT PAUL 1



October 18, 1956

Mr. Bill Bedford, Secretary
Associated Resorts Park Rapids Region
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Bedford:

I have your letter of October 14th, and note your request that the lake in Hendrickson Township, Hubbard County, Section 32, Range 143-33, Northwest quarter, be officially named "Robertson Lake".

The state Geographic Board has the responsibility of officially naming lakes. This board consists of the Commissioner of Highways, Commissioner of Conservation, and Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society (now known as the Director).

I shall submit your request to the other members of the board for their consideration and you will be notified regarding their decision.

Very truly yours,

George A. Selke
Commissioner of Conservation

GAS/R
CC/M. J. Hoffman
Russell W. Fridley ✓



ASSOCIATED RESORTS

PARK RAPIDS REGION

October 14, 1956

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Dr. George Selke
Conservation Commissioner
Minnesota State Office Bldg.
St. Paul 1, Minn.

Answered

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We would like to have this name made "official" and used hereafter on maps and other literature pertaining to the area. The location of the lake is as follows: Hendrickson Township in Hubbard County, Section 32, Range 143-33, Northwest quarter. I believe Robertson Lake is the only body of water of any size in that area.

If you can get Robertson Lake listed as the official name, we will appreciate it very much.

If, at any time, you are in our area please let us know and we will do our best to make you feel welcome and make your visit a pleasant one. We have regular meetings the first Thursday of each month which are well attended and usually quite interesting. We very cordially invite you to attend a meeting whenever you can. I think it goes without saying that we, as resort owners, are very interested in conserving our natural resources.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Bedford

Bill Bedford,
Secretary

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
SAINT PAUL 1



October 30, 1956

Mr. Russell W. Fridley, Director
Historical Society
208 Historical Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Fridley:

Because the correspondence from Mr. Bill Bedford, of Park Rapids, regarding the naming of a lake in Hubbard County, has been forwarded to you, I am forwarding to you the following information which was given to this office over the telephone by Mr. M. J. Hoffman this afternoon.

Mr. Hoffman advised that he had no objection to the naming of the lake, but called attention to Chapters 35 and 63, Laws 1937, which must be followed, as he understands it, in the naming of any lake.

Mr. Hoffman, too, received a letter from Mr. Bedford, but feels that since the matter was originally started in this office it should be handled from here.

As the correspondence was turned over to you I am forwarding this information to you. Will you please forward copies of your letter to Mr. Bedford to Mr. Hoffman and this office.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Commissioner

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
SAINT PAUL 1



November 30, 1956

Mr. Miller Robertson
General Manager and Vice President WTCN
2925 Dean Blvd.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am sure that you will be interested in the minutes of the meeting of the State Geographic Board, which was held on November 28, 1956.

"Action was taken to name a body of water in Section 32, Township 143, Range 33, Hubbard County, Robertson Lake, in honor of Mr. Miller Robertson, General Manager and Vice President of Radio Station WTCN in Minneapolis, for his efforts in behalf of the Park Rapids area.

"Mr. George A. Selke, Commissioner of Conservation, moved that the State Geographic Board approve the name - Robertson Lake - for this body of water, as requested in the petition submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Hubbard County. Mr. Russell Fridley seconded the motion, and Acting Chairman, P. J. McCauley, ordered the motion adopted."

Following is a copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Hubbard County, on November 6, 1956.

"To Whom It May Concern: Whereas a petition, signed by 15 legal voters of Hubbard County, praying that an unnamed lake in Section 32, Township 143, Range 33, be named Robertson Lake, and

"Whereas, the naming of the lake is to honor Miller Robertson for his efforts in behalf of the Park Rapids area,

"Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board approves this petition and recommends to the State Geographic Board that this unnamed lake be named "Robertson Lake"."

S/ E. R. Thrall, Chairman

Very truly yours,

George A. Selke
Commissioner of Conservation

GAS/R





STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
SAINT PAUL 1



November 30, 1956

Mr. Miller Robertson
General Manager and Vice President WTCN
2925 Dean Blvd.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am very happy to inform you that there is now a lake named in your honor - Robertson Lake in Hubbard County.

It is wonderful that people of a community will take the time from their interests and activities to ask that a person who has contributed outstandingly to the people of the area should be recognized in this unique and unusual manner. I congratulate you upon having friends who appreciate your services and who wish to have those services commemorated in this manner of tribute to you.

As Commissioner of Conservation, I wish to express my appreciation, and that of my associates, to WTCN and to you for the wholehearted and active support given our program of conservation of Minnesota's natural resources. All of the citizens of Minnesota, I am sure, join me in this recognition of the help that you have given to the improvement and expansion of our conservation program.

As a member of the State Geographic Board, I was proud to present the motion to affirm the wishes of the people who had petitioned the county commissioners of Hubbard County, that the lake in Section 32, Township 143, Range 33, be permanently named Robertson Lake. It is an honor that is most appropriate, and certainly permanent, in showing their appreciation for your continuing devotion to and promotion of the Park Rapids region.

Very truly yours,

George A. Selke
Commissioner of Conservation

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CC/Russell Fridley
M. J. Hoffman
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AUDITOR OF HUBBARD COUNTY

PARK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

December 7, 1956

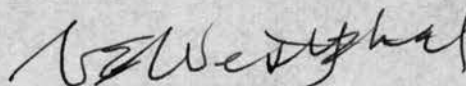
Mrs. June D. Holmquist
Acting Secretary
Minnesota Geographic Board
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

Thank you for your official notice of December 4, 1956 advising us that our petition for the naming of Evergreen Lake and Robertson Lake have been approved by your board.

Your foot-note inquiring as to whether the lake of about eighteen acres is the one which was named Robertson Lake. I have inquired from those interested in the naming of this lake and they assure me that this is the lake concerned in this petition.

Very truly yours,



V. E. Westphal,
County Auditor

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PHONE 18-F-4 LONG DISTANCE: PARK RAPIDS

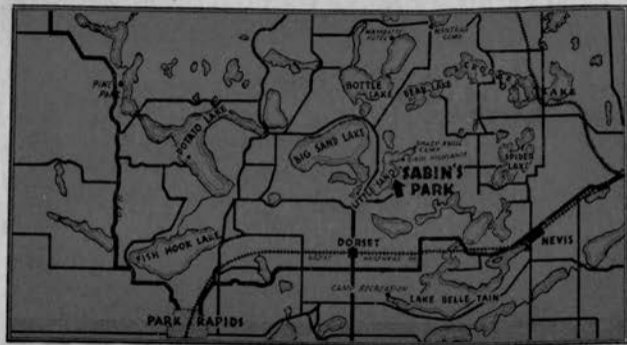


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Sec'y State Geo Brd.

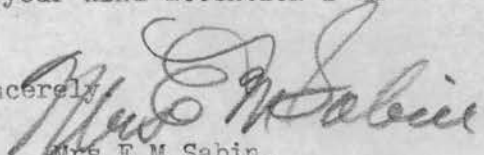
Dear Sir;

I have before me your letter addressed to me. concerning the renaming of Little Sand lake to 'SABIN'S LAKE.

I appreciate the attention you are giving me, and trust you will grant me the honor of this name, no doubt through the regulation that will have to be followed,

Thanking you for your kind attention I am

Sincerely,


Mrs. E.M. Sabin,

Park Rapids, Minn.

Mary B.

May 22, 1940

Mrs. E. M. Sabin
Park Rapids, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Sabin:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter addressed to Mr. Willard in which you ask that the name of Little Sand Lake be changed to Sabin's Lake. In a day or so I shall see that material is sent to you giving the regulations applying to the change of names for lakes and streams. I am writing this letter so that you will know that your request has been received and will be given consideration.

Sincerely yours,

AJL/U

Secretary, State
Geographic Board

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

May 13, 1940

Mr. Arthur J. Larson, Sec'y.
State Geographic Board
Historical Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Larson:

The attached letter from Mrs. E. M. Sabin of Park Rapids, in which she suggests having the name of Little Sand Lake on the Mantrap Chain changed to Sabins Lake, is referred to you.

I have not written to Mrs. Sabin explaining the limitations surrounding the Geographic Board and the changing of names and suggest that you do this for her information.

Yours very truly,

E. V. Willard
Conservation Consultant

EVW:mhl
Att.



DUPLICATION IN LAKE NAMES TO BE ENDED

There will be only one Round lake, one Green lake and one Long lake in Minnesota if plans reach fruition. WPA workers are preparing a list of names of lakes, streams and towns. From this the three members of the state geographic board will take duplications and suggest changes.

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Dorset, Minnesota

Dear Sir;

Enclose notation from the Tribune where duplicate named lake will be given individual names; The fact that I am located on a Little Sand, on Mantrap Ch, I will apply to have it named SABIN'S LAKE, due to the fact I have owned and lived here 30 years, and own about five miles shore line, then too my home being at the outlet .of the lake namely Little Sand river which I believe you are familiar with . as you recall the litigation we had for a number of years,

Would it be convenient for you to contact the members of the State Geographic board, asking them to name this lake after me. I have built up a very fine resort here and made improvements that have helped the community, also a good conservationist, as you know I am always on the job to help any cause to improve the wild life in this area,

Thanking you for your co-Operation I am,

Yours Truly,


Mrs E.M.Sabin,

Park Rapids Minn.

June 21, 1940

Mrs. E. M. Sabin
Park Rapids, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Sabin:

Enclosed herewith you will find instructions to be followed by you in proceeding with local hearings on any question relating to the change of name of a lake or other geographic feature in Minnesota. I am enclosing also a copy of the laws relating to geographic names, and a sample petition to be used by you.

The State Geographic Board unfortunately does not have final authority in making a name change. That is a prerogative of the federal government. All that the state board may do is to recommend that the name be changed.

In the case of Little Sand Lake, I am afraid that you will run into difficulties. The National Board on Geographic Names has adopted a policy refusing to recognize changes where the new name is the same as that of a living person, and in particular where the person with the same name is living in proximity to the lake. For that reason I am very doubtful that the name of Little Sand Lake could be officially changed to Sabin Lake.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary, State
Geographic Board

AJL/U

February 3, 1941

Miss Johanna C. Heisel
County Auditor, Hubbard County
Park Rapids, Minnesota

My dear Miss Heisel:

I am enclosing a petition from the State Geographic Board
to be presented to the Board of Commissioners of Hubbard County
at its next meeting.

Very truly yours,

Secretary,
State Geographic Board

A PETITION

To the Board of County Commissioners of Hubbard County:

The State Geographic Board hereby petitions that your honorable board accept the following name for a lake located in Hubbard County and described below, for the reason given. This name was submitted to the State Geographic Board by the supervisor of the Chippewa National Forest, after consultation with local residents, and has been accepted by the Board, subject to the approval of the Hubbard County Board of Commissioners.

BOWMAN LAKE (not Long Lake nor Mud Lake): T.145 N., R.32 W., secs.13,14,24. Long Lake is used on various maps, and Mud Lake has been used by some local residents for the past fifteen years. Other local residents use Bowman Lake, for a man who established a homestead on the shore of the lake and whose descendants still occupy the land. Bowman Lake is already in partial use, and its adoption will eliminate one of the many Mud Lakes and Long Lakes and will perpetuate a name associated with the early history of the region.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

Secretary

MAR 8 1941

AUDITOR OF HUBBARD COUNTY

PARK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

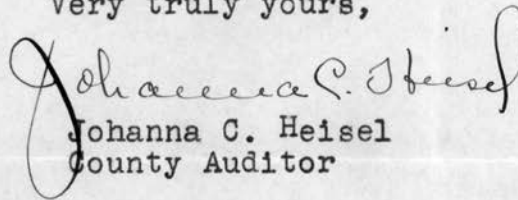
March 6, 1941

Arthur Larson
Sec. State Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Larson:

The petition for the change of the lake now known as Mud Lake or Long Lake to Bowman Lake in Sections 13, 14, 24, Township 145, Range 32, was presented to the County Board at their February meeting. A hearing of the same will be held at the Court House in Park Rapids on the first day of April, 1941 at 10:00 A.M.

Very truly yours,


Johanna C. Heisel
County Auditor

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AUDITOR OF HUBBARD COUNTY

PARK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

April 9, 1941

Mr. Arthur J. Larsen
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Larsen:

At the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Hubbard County, Minnesota, April 1, 1941, the petition for the change of the name of the lake now known as Long Lake or Mud Lake situated in Sections 13, 14 & 24, Township 145, Range 32, Hubbard County, Minnesota, to Bowman Lake, was granted.

Yours very truly,

Johanna C. Heisel
County Auditor

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April 18, 1941

Mrs. Johanna C. Heisel
Auditor of Hubbard County
Park Rapids, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Heisel:

Thank you for your letter in which you inform us that the Board of Commissioners of Hubbard County, at its April meeting, approved the change of name of Mud Lake or Long Lake, in Sections 13, 14, 24, Township 145, Range 32, to Bowman Lake. We now are preparing to submit this information to all map-making agencies and to the United States Board on Geographic Names.

Sincerely yours,

AJL/U

Secretary, State
Geographic Board

Mirage or Horseshoe Lake

NOV 17 1941

Benedict Minns
Nov. 14, 1941

Mr Arthur Lawson
St. Paul, Minn

Dear Sir: -

I wrote you about
a petition blank for renaming
this "Mirage Lake" back to Howie
Shoel which name it's carried
since in 1800 & some. I I
hope hat heard from you. Your
father Harvey Lawson from
Wisc advised me to write
you for a blank. Would
appreciate hearing from
you soon. Thank you.
Yours Truly
Muscle Brighton
Benedict
Minns

4A.

November 17, 1941

*Two Husbands -
Mingo Lake since 1928 on
earlier &*

Mrs. Ole Braughton
Benedict, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Braughton:

Thank you for your letter of November 14. A short time ago when I talked to Harvey he told me about this lake. It was the first time that I had heard about it. I suppose that your letter must have miscarried.

I am enclosing herewith a petition form for you to fill out, together with a copy of the law relating to the renaming of lakes, and a set of regulations relating to your petition. I hope that you can carry this work on rapidly so that the State Geographic Board will be able to act soon.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent

AJL:FT

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AUDITOR OF HUBBARD COUNTY
PARK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

November 27, 1941

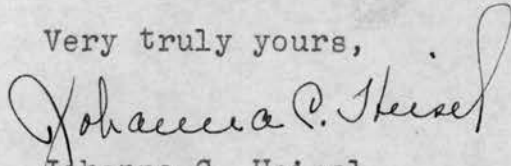
Arthur J. Larsen
Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Larsen:

I am herewith enclosing a petition which was sent me, requesting the change of the name of a lake in Hubbard County.

I believe this is the correct procedure that it should go through your Department before it is submitted to the County Board. If I am mistaken please return the same to me.

Very truly yours,


Johanna C. Heisel
County Auditor

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JCH:alm

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December 5, 1941

Miss Johanna C. Heisel
County Auditor
Park Rapids, Minnesota

My dear Miss Heisel:

This is to acknowledge your letter of November 27, containing a petition for the change of name of Mirage Lake to Horse Shoe Lake. The State Geographic Board has adopted a policy of not taking action on any changes until the County Board has indicated its approval of the proposed change. Informally, I can say that this suggested change will meet with the full approval of the State Geographic Board provided that the Board of County Commissioners approves the change.

I am enclosing the petition herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Superintendent

AJL:FT

MWB

AUDITOR OF HUBBARD COUNTY
PARK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

APR 8 1942

April 7, 1942

Arthur J. Larsen,
Sec. & Superintendent,
Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Larsen:

At the regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hubbard County, Minnesota on March 3rd, 1942 the petition for the change of name of the lake known as Mirage Lake, situated in sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, Township 143, Range 32, to Horseshoe Lake, was granted.

Very truly yours,

Johanna C. Heisel
Johanna C. Heisel
County Auditor

JCH:alm

REGISTERED BOND
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April 7, 1942

Mrs. Johanna C. Heisel
Auditor of Hubbard County
Park Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Heisel:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 7, informing me of the action of the County Board of Commissioners of Hubbard County with regard to the change of name of Mirage Lake, located in sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, Township 143 north, Range 32 west, to Horseshoe Lake.

I shall inform the other members of the Board of this action, and the Board will pass on the matter at its earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

AJL:gh

Superintendent

October 22, 1942

Mrs. Johanna C. Heisel
Auditor of Hubbard County
Park Rapids, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Heisel:

At a meeting on October 13, 1942, the State Geographic Board considered the petition, mentioned in your letter of April 7 to Dr. Larsen, granted by the Hubbard County Board of Commissioners to change the name of Mirage Lake, in T. 143 N., R. 32 N., secs. 22, 23, 26, 27, to Horseshoe Lake.

An investigation made under the direction of the Board reveals that there are at least forty-five other Horseshoe Lakes in Minnesota. The records of the Board (which, however, are at present incomplete) show no other Mirage Lake in the state. Since the legislative act creating the State Geographic Board (Laws, 1937, ch. 63) makes it a duty of the Board "to change the names of lakes . . . with the end in view of eliminating, as far as possible, duplication of names within the state," it would seem highly inconsistent with the Board's duties to accept a name change that would increase rather than reduce duplication.

The earliest maps available showing the area of Hubbard County -- those of the explorers Nicollet, Beltrami, and Schoolcraft -- show no name for the lake in question. Of the maps consulted, the earliest on which a name is given to the lake is a Minnesota map published by Rand-McNally in 1891; on that map, as well as on another published in 1908, the lake is shown as "Lake Miriam." All later maps consulted, with one exception, show it as "Mirage Lake." The exception is the map accompanying the U. S. Soil Survey of Hubbard County, published in 1930, which names the lake "Horseshoe."

In the matter of reducing duplicated lake names, it is the Board's policy to retain the duplicated name for the lake that has borne that name over the longest period of years, and to eliminate, as far as it is consistent with the wishes of local residents, all other duplications. From the Board's investigation, it appears that a lake in Washington County has borne the name "Horseshoe" longer than any other Horseshoe Lake in the state. The name appears on a map of Washington County published in 1874 -- five years before settlement was begun in Hubbard County.

October 22, 1942

Mrs. Johanna C. Heisel

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In view of these facts, the Board, at its meeting on October 13, passed a resolution to request the Hubbard County petitioners to reconsider the matter of changing the name of Mirage Lake.

Sincerely,

Secretary,
State Geographic Board

LB:PNS

OCT 22 1945

Hubbard

818 Second street,
San Bernardino, California,
October 15, 1945.

Postmaster,
Dorset, Minnesota.

Dear sir:

May I ask if you could tell me
how Mantrap, a few miles north of your office, re-
ceived its name?

Please answer on reverse side.

Thanks for any information I might receive.

Respectfully,

Cal Brown

Hubbard Co

November 30, 1945

Mr. G. A. Brown
818 Second Street
San Bernardino, California

My dear Mr. Brown:

Your letter to the postmaster at Dorset requesting information about the origin of the name "Mantrap" in Hubbard County has been referred to the Minnesota State Geographic Board.

Warren Upham in his Minnesota Geographic Names (St. Paul, 1920) on page 244 says that Mantrap was named from Mantrap Lake in the northwest corner of Mantrap Township, "which, by its many bays and peninsulas, entrapped and baffled travelers through this wooded country in their endeavors to pass by it or around it."

There is also a local legend (unconfirmed), which relates that a Chippewa Indian, resentful of attentions of a white man to his squaw, set a bear trap for the white man, in which the latter was caught; from this incident, according to the legend, the lake was named.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis Beeson, Secretary

By Mary W. Berthel

Deputy to the secretary

MWB/b

HARDWARE

Mrs. B. H. Avenson

Hubbard Co

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AVENSON'S

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

DORSET, MINNESOTA

PHONE 8F12

Oct 19-45

Dear Sir

Would you please give this man the information he wants, also if not too much trouble would you send me the same history.

Yours Truly

Postmaster, Dorset Minn

Hubert Co

November 30, 1945

Mrs. B. H. Avenson
Dorset, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Avenson:

As you requested in your letter of October 19, I am sending you a copy of a letter to Mr. C. A. Brown on the origin of the name "Mantrap."

Sincerely yours,

Lewis Beeson, secretary

By
Deputy to the secretary

MWB/b