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January 3, 1952

Minnesota Historical Society
State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

We understand that applications to change the name of a lake are made to your Society. Can you tell us how we proceed, and if there are applications for such procedure, will you send one to us?

We have in mind trying to change the name of Mud Lake in Kanabec County to Quamba Lake. This Mud Lake lies just south of the Village of Quamba and northeast of Mora, Minnesota. Almost everybody of recent years has called this body of water Quamba Lake or Lake Quamba and we understand that this actually is the Indian name for mud.

You can readily appreciate that there is a very good reason for suggesting this change. "Mud" Lake is not really representative of this body of water and it certainly does not add anything to it. We own property on the shores of this lake and we have sold properties, and we believe that it would be very beneficial if such a change could be made in the near future.

Sincerely,

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J. F. Jenson

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January 29, 1952

Mr. J. F. Jenson
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9 West Twenty-sixth Street
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Dear Mr. Jenson:

I am sorry to have kept you waiting so long for an answer to your letter of January 3, but I have just returned from a vacation.

You will find enclosed a statement of the procedure for naming or changing the names of lakes and streams in Minnesota, as prescribed by Chapters 35 and 63 of the Session Laws of 1937. Enclosed also is a blank petition to be filled out for the Board of County Commissioners of Kanabec County.

I am sure that any effort to change the name of one of the too-numerous Mud Lakes in the state will be viewed favorably by the State Geographic Board.

I have consulted records of the State Geographic Board and of the Minnesota Historical Society, but can find nothing about the origin or the meaning of the name "Quamba." The Chippewa Indian word for "mud," as given by Baraga in his Chippewa dictionary, is "ajishki." However, since Quamba is the name of a near-by town, and is an attractive name, not elsewhere duplicated in Minnesota, it would be appropriate, and certainly an improvement on "Mud Lake."

If any questions arise, or if you wish additional information, please do not hesitate to write me.

Sincerely yours,

Deputy to
Harold Dean Cater, secretary
State Geographic Board

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