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Morrison

January 25, 1966

Mr. Otto H. Johannes  
County Auditor  
Morrison County  
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Johannes:

This is to advise you that on January 10 the Minnesota Geographic Board voted to officially name the back-up from Pillager Dam in the Crow Wing River "Lake Placid." Enclosed is a copy of a signed petition of the joint resolution of your board and that of Cass County for filing in your office.

This decision makes the use of this name official within the state of Minnesota. It will be forwarded to the United States Board on Geographic Names, which has jurisdiction over its use nationally.

Sincerely,

Mrs. June D. Holmquist  
Deputy Secretary  
Minnesota Geographic Board

Res. enc.

See file  
under Cass  
County

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE CASS AND MORRISON COUNTY BOARDS  
AT PILLAGER, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4, 1965.

Members of the County Boards of Commissioners of Cass and Morrison Counties met at the library room in the Pillager School November 4, 1965 at 2 P.M. to consider a petition relative to naming a body of water in Crow Wing River. Also present were representatives of the Pillager Commercial Club, a representative of the owners and developers of "INDIAN VALLEY" and the Cass County Auditor.

The Cass County Auditor reviewed the correspondence, the original petition, the various steps taken, the publication of the necessary notices, proof of publication and proof of service of notice on the Chairmen of the Town Boards of the affected Townships. All persons, who desired, were given an opportunity to be heard.

Following the presentation of the material, the discussion and the proofs, Mr. Carr, Cass County Commissioner, presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a petition, signed by 25 citizens and freeholders of Cass County was filed with the Cass County Auditor on September 3, 1965 and presented to the Cass County Board of Commissioners September 7, 1965, asking that a body of water in Crow Wing river, above the dam in Section 20 - 133 - 30, owned and operated by the Minnesota Power and Light Company, be named DONA FLACIO, and

Whereas, the County Board of Commissioners of Cass County directed the Cass County Auditor to proceed with the necessary publication of notices of hearing and notification of all persons and agencies, as provided under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 378, and

WHEREAS, a joint meeting of the Cass and Morrison County Boards was held on November 4, 1965, according to the notices and at which time and place an opportunity was given by the joint body to any and all persons desiring to be heard,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that the body of water be, and it is hereby ordered, named DONA FLACIO and that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Registers of Deeds of Cass and Morrison Counties.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Martell, Morrison County Commissioner and upon motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Minnesota Geographic Board

approved Jan. 10, 1966

Russell W. Fittley

J.P. Commissioner

Harold H. Olson

Edward J. Carray  
Edward J. Carray  
Cass County Auditor

This is to certify that the above stated minutes is a copy of the original minutes of the meeting of November 4, 1965 given under my hand this 21st day of November - 1965  
Edward J. Carray - County Auditor

April 14, 1960

Mr. J. F. Jenson  
Wood Shoel Company  
9 West 26th Street  
Minneapolis 4, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Jenson:

We have checked the records of the Minnesota Geographic Board in an effort to answer your inquiry of April 4 regarding the official name of a lake in Section 12, Township 131, Range 31 of Morrison County. This body of water does not seem to have an official name. It is, however, listed in the board's records as Lagerquist Lake 1. Another lake nearby in T. 131 N., R. 30, 31, sec. 13, 18 is known as Lagerquist Lake 2.

If you have not already done so, may I suggest that you write to the Division of Waters, Minnesota Conservation Department, about this matter. Perhaps that organization can give you more complete information concerning this lake.

Sincerely,

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

JDH:pas

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# Wood Shol Company

MINNESOTA & WISCONSIN LAKESHORE  
9 WEST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET  
MINNEAPOLIS 4, MINNESOTA  
TAYLOR 3-4144



File #8827-A

Minnesota Historical Society  
Historical Building  
St. Paul 1, Minn.

Gentlemen:

*Largest*

*3/4 to 1 mi long*

Would you please check your records and give us the official name of the lake that lies wholly within Section 12, Township 131, Range 31. We have been told by some that this is called Fish Lake; others have said it is Lagerquist Lake.

*Morrison Co.  
ne. of Lushing*

Incidentally, it is the largest lake lying in Section 12.

Sincerely yours,

WOOD SHOL COMPANY

*J. F. Jenson*  
J. F. Jenson

JFJ/le

cc: J. W. Bauder  
cc: E. A. Ruttger

*Shomas Lagerquist Lake 1*

*Ta 3-4144*

*Ta 3-5155*

*T131N, R30, 31, sec. 13, 18 Lagg Lake 2*

Morrison  
General

November 30, 1945

Mr. P. J. McCauley  
State Highway Department  
1246 University Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. McCauley:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter from the auditor of Morrison County, and some information about the origin of the names of the Minnesota cities which we discussed by telephone this morning.

If you wish any more information about the latter, let me know and I shall be glad to get it for you if I can.

Sincerely,

MWB#B  
2 inclosures

AUG 7 1945

LEO J. BILLSTEIN  
COUNTY AUDITOR  
MORRISON COUNTY  
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

August 6, 1945

*Copy sent to Mr. McCauley  
This information was  
requested for him*

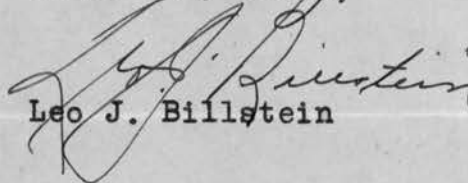
Mary W. Berthel  
Deputy to Secretary  
State Geographic Board  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

Yours of July 20th relative to the names of certain lakes in Morrison County has been held up for the reason that we have been unable to secure part of the information desired.

The lake in Cushing Township, 131-31, located in Sections 1 and 12 of said Township is commonly known as Bass Lake. The other lake in this same Township and located in Section 12 is called Fish Lake by the residents in that locality. The third lake on the line dividing the Townships of Cushing and Clough, it seems, has no name, or at least we have been unable to contact anyone who knows what this lake is called.

Yours very truly,

  
Leo J. Billstein

LJB:DN

**ALBERT LEA.** The city was named for the near-by lake, which in turn was named by Joseph N. Nicollet, the explorer, on his map published in 1843. Nicollet named it for Albert Miller Lea (1808-1891), who, as second lieutenant of an exploring expedition under Col Stephen Watts Kearny, explored and mapped streams and lakes in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota in 1835.

**AUSTIN** was named in 1856 for Austin R. Nichols, its first settler, who took a land claim on the site of the city in 1853, and built a sawmill there the next year. He later removed to Aitkin County, where Nichols post office was also named for him.

**BRAINERD** was named for Mrs. John Gregory Smith (1819-1905), whose maiden name was Ann Eliza Brainerd. She was the author of novels, books of travel, and other works, and her husband was governor of Vermont in 1863-65, and the first president of the Northern Pacific Railroad, 1866-72.

**FARIBAULT** was named for its founder, Alexander Faribault (1806-1882), who came to the Cannon River in 1826 as a fur trader among the Indians, and established several trading posts in the region, one of them on the site of the present city of Faribault.

**FERGUS FALLS** was named for James Fergus, who furnished the necessary outfit for the expedition of men who went there to stake out the town in 1857.

**HIBBING** was named for Frank Hibbing, its founder, who had large interests in the Mesabi iron mines and discovered the ore beds at Hibbing.

**MANKATO.** The name was selected in 1852 upon the suggestion of Colonel Daniel A. Robertson of St. Paul. It came from the Sioux Indian name for the Blue Earth River -- "Mahkato."

**ROCHESTER** was named by George Head, a pioneer settler who came there in 1855 from Rochester, New York. He chose the name because the rapids of the Zumbro River there reminded him of those in the Genessee River in his native city.

**ST. CLOUD** was named in 1854 by John L. Wilson, who platted the town. He named it for St. Cloud in France, where the Empress Josephine spent much of her time.

**SOUTH ST. PAUL** was named with reference to its situation south of St. Paul.

**VIRGINIA.** The name was proposed by a Duluth lumberman originally from the state of Virginia

**WINONA** was named for a Sioux Indian woman, Winona, cousin of the chief Wabasha. It was customary among the Sioux to give the name Winona to the first-born child in a family, if it was a daughter. If the first-born was a son, the name given was Chaska.

Morrison

July 20, 1945

Mr. Leo J. Billstein  
Morrison County Auditor  
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

A controversy about the names of certain lakes in Morrison County has been referred to the State Geographic Board, and we shall be grateful if you can help us in the matter.

Two of the lakes are in Cushing Township, T.131 N., R.31 W., one in sections 1 and 12, which is shown as Bass Lake on some maps, and the other just south of it in section 12, shown as Lagerquist Lake 1 on some maps. The third lake is on the line dividing Cushing and Clough Townships, T.131 N., R.20, 31 W., secs. 18;13, which is shown as Lagerquist Lake 2 on some maps.

We should like very much to know by what name each of these lakes is known locally. May we ask that you refer this letter to, or consult with, the county auditor, the county engineer, the town clerk and the county commissioner in the district in which the lakes are located. Any information that you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Please address me at the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

Sincerely yours,

Deputy to the Secretary  
State Geographic Board

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**Morrison County**

**See rolled map of this county.**

**U.S. Post Office Dept. Blue Print map - no date**