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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
SAINT PAUL 1

March 24, 1958



Mr. James H. Gray, Secretary  
Otter Tail County Centennial Committee  
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Gray:

I have your letter of March 21. As Chairman of the Minnesota Geographic Board I am referring your letter to the Secretary, Mr. Russell W. Fridley, Director of the Minnesota State Historical Society. You will hear from him within the next day or two.

Very truly yours

George A. Selke  
Commissioner of Conservation

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CC/ Russell W. Fridley ✓

Fergus Falls, Minnesota  
March 21, 1958

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Department of Conservation  
Administration  
MAR 24 1958

Answered

Mr. George A. Selke, Commissioner  
Department of Conservation  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Selke:

Perhaps this letter is addressed to the wrong person.  
Can you tell me to whom to write, in case it is?

The Otter Tail County Centennial Committee has considered  
the possibility of re-naming a lake in the county to honor the  
first white child born in the county.

The committee would like to know the procedure for  
re-naming a lake, possibly one of the numerous lakes now  
known as Long Lake, Mud Lake or Round Lake.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*James H. Gray*

James H. Gray, Secretary  
Otter Tail County Centennial Committee

March 26, 1958

Mr. James H. Gray, Secretary  
Otter Tail County Centennial Committee  
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Gray:

Your letter of March 21 addressed to Commissioner Selke has been handed to me. The enclosed mimeographed material contains information on the procedure you must follow to name or rename a lake in Minnesota. In general the State Geographic Board has looked with favor upon names that recall the history of the area, but it would be well to choose a name that is not duplicated elsewhere in the state if you hope to obtain the board's approval.

A quick check of the board's record shows that the following Long Lakes in Otter Tail County could be changed under the present law, provided the change is acceptable to residents living on the shores of these bodies of water:

Long Lake, T 131 N, R 39 W, sec. 8, 17 -- 48.75 acres  
" " , T 134 N, R 41, 42 W, sec. 31, 25, 26, 35, 36  
" " , T 134, 135 N, R 39, 40 W, sec. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,  
1, 31, 32, 33,  
34, 36 -- 1187.15 acres  
" " , T 134, 135 N, R 41, 42 W, sec. 6, 1, 31, 36  
" " , T 135 N, R 41 W, sec. 20, 29, -- 117.94 acres

The following Mud Lakes in your county also seem eligible for changes:

Mud Lake, T 131 N, R 38 W, sec. 3, 9, 10  
" " , T 133 N, R 41 W, sec. 2, 3 -- 168.06 acres  
" " , T 133, 134 N, R 41 W, sec. 6, 31 -- 80.9 acres  
" " , T 133 N, R 42 W, sec. 4, 9 -- 96.30 acres  
" " , T 137 N, R 38 W, sec. 11, 14  
" " , T 137 N, R 39 W, sec. 5

I hope that this information will be of help to you in your project.

Sincerely,

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

cc: June D. Holmquist

Dr. George A. Selke

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COMMISSIONER  
E. V. WILLARD  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



DIVISION OF GAME & FISH  
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DIRECTOR

ST. PAUL 1, MINN.

September 11, 1952

Hon. Roy E. Dunn  
Representative 9th District  
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Dunn:

This has reference to your letter of September 3rd, in which you request that a certain lake be given a name officially.

I am referring this letter to Miss Mary Berthel, Secretary to the State Geographic Board, with a request that she get in touch with you and forward forms and such other information as she may wish to give you in reference to the naming of this lake.

The board has not met for some time, but I understand that an effort is being made to hold a meeting in the near future, at which time your request, and others which are on file, will be acted on.

Sincerely yours,

E. V. Willard - Deputy  
Commissioner of Conservation

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CC/Geographic Board



ROY E. DUNN  
50TH DISTRICT  
PELICAN RAPIDS, MINN.



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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
JOHN A. HARTLE, Speaker

Answered \_\_\_\_\_

September 3, 1952

Mr. Chester S. Wilson, Commissioner  
Department of Conservation  
State Capitol  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Wilson:

There is a small lake four miles south of Pelican Rapids which is large enough to carry a name but does not appear on the maps as having a name.

A part of the lake is on the farm which was owned by Albert Knutson who died a year or so ago. Mr. Knutson was very active in civic affairs, was head of the REA, and was prominent in the promotion of the community hospital at Pelican Rapids. His neighbors and friends are desirous of having this lake named after him. They tell me they would like to name it Lake Albert.

As I understand it, you are a member of the State Geographic Board which has the authority to name an unnamed body of water, in the event the commission decides to take such action.

Thanking you for any attention you may give the matter,  
I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Roy Dunn*  
Roy Dunn

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*Forms sent  
MWB*

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*Please ackn. this, check with other members of board, and see what can be done.  
A.S.W.*



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



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ST. PAUL 1, MINN.

September 22, 1952

Miss Mary Berthel, Secretary  
State Geographic Board  
204 Historical Building  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Miss Berthel:

I have received another letter from Mr. Roy Dunn in regard to the naming of a lake referred to in my letter of September 11th to Mr. Dunn, copy of which was sent you.

I am attaching hereto copy of Mr. Dunn's letter.

Very truly yours,

E. V. Willard - Deputy  
Commissioner of Conservation

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ROY E. DUNN  
50th District  
Pelican Rapids, Minn.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

C O P Y

September 20, 1952

Mr. E. V. Willard  
Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Conservation  
State Capitol  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Willard:

Thanks so much for your letter of September 11th.

When your board meets I shall greatly appreciate your giving consideration to the naming of the lake near Pelican Rapids which was referred to in my letter of September 3rd.

Should it be necessary to make an appearance before the board in behalf of this proposition I will have a delegation come down from Pelican Rapids.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Roy Dunn

Roy Dunn

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