OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Series Title: Photographs of state parks, monuments, and recreational areas,
Abstract: Assorted sized black and white photographs mainly documenting buildings, scenery, personnel, special events and developments, particularly pool and road construction, in the state parks and related recreational and historical areas.
Quantity: 3.0 cu. ft. (3 boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE FILES

There are sizable groups of photographs for Alexander Ramsey, Baptism River, Camden, Charles A. Lindbergh, Father Hennepin, Fort Ridgely, Gooseberry Falls, Interstate, Itasca, Jay Cooke, Lake Shetek, Minneopa, Old Mill, Scenic, Sibley, St. Croix, and Whitewater state parks.

Of special interest are photographs of Dakota Conflict monuments at Birch Coulee, Camp Release, Fort Ridgely, Lake Shetek, Milford, and Wood Lake; markers commemorating the 1894 Hinckley fire victims, Senator Magnus Johnson, and the sites of Fort St. Charles, the town of Buchanan, Samuel Pond’s 1834 mill, and the Wasioja Seminary; the Charles A. Lindbergh and Ignatius Donnelly houses; restoration of historic Fort Ridgely; several Civilian Conservation Corps’ camps; the 1937 historical pageant at Camden State; Washkish Township; and Basswood Lake. There are also photographs with Minneapolis Park System superintendent Theodore Wirth, Parks and Recreation Division director H. W. Lathrop, National Park Service assistant director Connie Wirth, Josephine Brower, and Theodore Wegmann.

The majority of the undated photographs were most likely taken in the 1930s, although there are also scattered photographs dated from 1926 to 1953, as noted in the Detailed Description of the Collection.

The majority of the photographs were originally adhered to 5½ inch by 7½ inch craft paper envelopes with negatives and/or duplicate photographs housed in the envelopes. Most of the
Photographs were so poorly adhered that they were removed from the exterior and also placed in the envelope. Many of the envelopes house both photograph and negative; some, however, have just one or the other. Some have multiple copies of the photograph; some have multiple photographs, even when the information on the envelope lists only one photograph and, vice versa, it may list several photographs and contain only one. The content of the photograph(s) will usually match the description on the envelope, however, the numerical sequence numbers on the envelope, photograph, and negative may vary. And the photographs found at the end of many of the series labeled “prints with no negatives,” are sometimes duplicates of those in the series. The miscellaneous photographs and negatives found at the end of the collection may also be duplicates of earlier photographs.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

The photographs are organized alphabetically by site and/or general topic and by numerical sequence within each category. The numbering system does have gaps and discrepancies.

RELATED MATERIALS

Minnesota Division of Parks and Recreation photographs, Minnesota Dept. of Conservation photographs by Chester S. Wilson, and Minnesota Dept. of Conservation photographs by Napoleon N. Nadeau, all housed in the Minnesota Historical Society state archives collections (each cataloged separately).

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

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Persons:
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Wegmann, Theodore—Photographs.
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Organizations
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Wasioja Seminary (Wasioja, Minn.)—Photographs.

Types of Documents:
Photographs—Minnesota.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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Footbridge, river and highway photos taken at this CCC camp, which became Cascade River State Park in 1957.

Cass Lake, undated.
   Proposed site for an Indian Council Hall.

Charles A. Lindbergh State Park, undated and 1948.  5 folders.
   Bridges, including a replica done by the WPA of a footbridge built by Lindbergh, superintendent’s residence, shelters, the Lindbergh house, memorial plaque, and 1948 photos of the picnic grounds, trail and Lindbergh’s old car.

Father Hennepin, undated.  4 folders.
   Golf course; proposed park site; activities, including horseback riding and boating; the beach; and scenic views.

Fort Ridgely State Park, undated.  4 folders.
   Mainly photos of historic fort structures during and after reconstruction. Also views of the old soldiers’ cemetery and the Fort Ridgely State Monument, which commemorates the fort’s defenders during the nine day 1862 siege.

Fort St. Charles, undated.  2 folders
   Fort site, rock and wooden cross markers, and a grave site.

Garvin Heights [Winona], undated.
   Picnic shelter and scenic view from this city park.

   Mainly photos of buildings under construction and completed, including the refectory (1945), stonework used in the walls and facilities, the picnic and beach area (1936), the upper and lower falls, tree planting (1935), scenic views, and recreational activities, including logrolling, baseball, and tobogganing.

Grand Portage State Park, undated.
   Five scenic views from the summit of Mount Josephine.

Happy Hollow, undated.
   Three scenic views from the highway.

Highway Waysides and Historical Monuments, undated.
   Two photos of the Buchanan Townsite marker. Buchanan, located on Lake Superior south of the Knife River, was laid out in October 1856, existed as the seat of the U.S. Land Office for the Northeastern District of Minnesota between September 1857 and May 1859, and then disappeared.

Hinckley Fire State Monument, undated.
   Monument established in 1900 to mark the mass grave of 248 victims of the 1894 forest fire.

Ignatius Donnelly, undated.
   Donnelly’s house and the surrounding land in Nininger.

Interstate State Park, undated.  7 folders.
Buildings, picnic area, river scenes, including the St. Croix Dalles area, boat landing and launches, and glacial potholes.

Mainly photos of buildings, including the Forest Inn, Douglas Lodge (undated and 1943), and Wegmann cabin, scenic views of the woods and Lake Itasca, Preacher’s Grove, campsites, dams, docks, historic markers, and the Mississippi River headwaters. Also photos of Theodore Wirth (undated and 1934), Theodore Wegmann, Josephine Brower, Wegmann’s funeral, windstorm damage, and construction projects completed at Elk Lake Camp (1939).

113.A.1.2F  2  Itasca State Park, undated and 1934, 1939, 1943. 11 of 25 folders.
See previous description.

Jay Cooke State Park, undated. 5 folders
Mainly buildings, scenic views, parking area, bridges, picnic areas, roads, dams, and the St. Louis River.

John Latsch State Park, undated.
Proposed locations for building projects.

Kaplan Woods, undated.
Scenic views.

Kilen Woods, undated.
Scenic views of woods and the Des Moines River.

Kettle River, undated.
Scenic views.

Lac qui Parle, undated and 1940. 3 folders.
Trails, shelters, the Watson Wayside Area, a dock (1940), and the Lac qui Parle Mission.

Lake Bemidji State Park, undated. 3 folders.
Photos illustrating both the construction and deterioration of the park, including the beach, bathhouse, and campground.

Lake Bronson State Park, undated. 3 folders.
Beach and photos showing the deterioration of facilities. Between 1937 and 1945, this site was known as Two Rivers State Park.

Lake Carlos State Park, undated and 1945, 1948. 3 folders.
Beaches, roads, scenic views, buildings, a farm group picnic (1945), and areas of planned sites to build or renovate (1948).

Lake Shetek State Park, undated. 4 folders.
Buildings, roads, lake, beach, and the Lake Shetek State Monument, established in 1925 to the memory of those who died in the 1862 Dakota Conflict.

Magnus Johnson Monument, undated.
Monument to Johnson, a Minnesota legislator (1914, 1916, 1919), U. S. Senator (1923-1924), and U. S. Congressman (1933-1934).

McCarthys Beach State Park, undated and 1951. 2 folders.
Trails, Norway pine, and a series (1951) showing cabins, the beach, roads, and deer.

Mille Lacs Kathio State Park, undated.
Views of a picnic shelter and the concourse at Garrison.

Milford Monument, undated.
Milford State Monument in Brown County, established in 1929 to commemorate the over 50 Milford Township settlers killed in the 1862 Dakota Conflict.

Minnehaha Falls, 1937.
Close-up of the falls.

Minneopa State Park, undated and 1937, 1943. 4 folders.
High (undated and 1937) and low (undated and 1943) falls, buildings, and bridges.

Mission Camp and Parker’s Lake, undated.
Buildings of the Minneapolis Gateway Mission Camp on Parker’s Lake, Hennepin County.

Monson Lake State Park, undated and 1941.
Scenic views, signage, buildings, and some type of observance in 1941.

Mound Springs, undated and 1953.

Nerstrand Big Woods State Park, undated.
Winter photo of roads and woods.

Old Crossing Treaty Memorial Park, undated and 1944.
Picnic area, scenic views, historic plaque, and views of proposed acquisition property (1944).

Old Mill State Park, undated and 1937-1938, 1948. 6 folders.
Dams, millwheel and amphitheatre sites, picnic area, bathhouse, pool construction (1938), bridge and scenic views (1937), parking (1948), and decaying facilities (1948).

Old Mill at Shakopee, undated.
Site of a mill constructed in 1834 by Samuel W. Pond.

Oronoco State Park, undated and 1953.
Scenic views (undated and 1953) and a marker commemorating the 1856 discovery of gold in the Zumbro River.

Pageant, 1937. 3 folders.
Photos of an historical pageant based on Indian legends, sponsored by the Northwestern Historical Association and the
Minnesota Tourist Bureau, held at Itasca State Park on July 4 and
8 and August 1 and 15 and Camden State Park on July 10 and 11.
These photos show the costumed cast, both white and Native
American, the outdoor set, and a powwow at the Camden
showings. The photos are stamped HAK, Bemidji, MN on the
reverse.

Personalities, undated and 1938-1939, 1943. 1 of 5 folders.
Park personnel and visitors, including H. W. Lathrop, School
Superintendent Palmer Roen, state park and National Park
Service employees (Christmas 1938 and 1939), and an
unidentified female lifeguard (1943).

113.A.1.3B  3  Personalities, undated and 1938-1939, 1943. 4 of 5 folders.
See previous description.

Pine Tree, undated.
Picnic grounds.

Pomme de Terre, undated and 1941, 1951. 2 folders.
Bathhouse and amphitheatre sites, beach and diving dock (1941),
dam, ice fish houses, and tools, equipment, and buildings (1951).

Sam Brown Memorial Park, undated.
Samuel J. Brown State Monument, located in Sam Brown
Memorial Park, Browns Valley, established in 1929 in honor of
Brown, the “Paul Revere of the Northwestern frontier.”

Scenic State Park, undated. 11 folders.
Buildings, picnic area, signage, lake views, trails, roads, and CCC
camp construction and stonework.

Sibley State Park, undated and 1938. 6 folders.
Buildings, campgrounds, fish cleaning house, council ring, and an
unidentified ceremony (1938).

Split Rock Creek State Park, undated.
Building and beach.

Split Rock Wayside, undated.
Scenic view.

Spring Valley Area, undated. 2 folders.
Scenic views of Meighen Woods.

Spruce Creek, undated.
CCC camp cabins and footbridge.

Standard equipment, undated.
Steel fireplaces, picnic tables, and signage.

St. Croix Recreational Area, undated.
Road construction in this National Park Service site.

St. Croix State Park, undated and 1944. 11 folders.
Mainly views of the boys’ and girls’ seasonal camps, including the 1944 field day activities at St. John’s Landing and the Norway Point camp; also winter and summer scenic views and photos of the beach, canoe racks, and bridges.

Stewartville Proposed Park Area, undated.
Scenic views; negatives only.

Toqua Lakes, undated.
One scenic view of this Big Stone County park area.

Traverse des Sioux, undated and 1941.
Memorial boulder with plaque, French cemetery plaque, and the 1941 Minnesota Historical Society State Historical Convention commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux.

University of Minnesota Forestry School, undated.
Located in Itasca State Park; all views of the infirmary.

Washkish, undated.
Hotel, general store, post office, and picnic area in this Beltrami County township.

Wasioja Seminary, undated and 1926.
Ruins of this Dodge County seminary, founded in 1858, opened in 1860, and burned in 1905.

Whitewater State Park, undated and 1936-1937, 1948. 8 folders.
Buildings, including the bathhouse (1937) and concessions (1948), dam, river, bridges, including a vehicle bridge (1936), diving dock and pool, cabins, golf course, and transient camp.

William O’Brien State Park, undated and 1951. 2 folders.
Road, picnic grounds, fireplace (1951), scenic views, and the Notesteen residence and workshop.

Wood Lake, undated.
Wood Lake State Monument, established in 1910 to honor the seven soldiers who died in the 1862 Battle of Wood Lake.

Worthington area, undated. 2 folders.
Scenic views of landscape and a lake.

Miscellaneous, undated and 1937. 4 folders.
Buildings, people, and scenic views, including the Bemidji tourist building bureau, a portable concession trailer, a snow scene (1937), Basswood Lake campsites and fishing, some with H. W. Lathrop, and Connie and Theodore Wirth at the Minneapolis airport.

Negatives, miscellaneous, undated.
Buildings, people, and scenic views.