

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.1**
INTERVIEW: Bakeless, Katherine Little
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Katherine Little Bakeless
DATE: February 6, 1987
PLACE: At the Bakeless home in Seymour, Connecticut
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Bakeless is a native of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and received her degree from the Bloomsburg State Normal School. She studied piano at the Peabody Conservatory of Music and also received private instruction in London and Salzburg. She taught piano in private schools in New York and New Jersey and in her New York City studio. In 1920 she married John Bakeless. For over forty years she has resided in Seymour, Connecticut. Mrs. Bakeless is the author of Story Lives of Great Composers, Story Lives of American Composers, Birth of a Nation's Song, Glory Hallelujah, and In the Big Time.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Her background; her friendship with Ernest Oberholtzer; social life at Rainy Lake; canoe trip and visit with Oberholtzer's Indian friends.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: Oberholtzer's friend, Ted Hall, also participates in the interview. A separate interview with Ted Hall is part of the project series.

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 90-minute cassette
Original : 2 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour, 10 minutes

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 18 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.2

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.2**
INTERVIEW: Bray, Edmund
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: **Edmund Bray**
DATE: February 11, 1987
PLACE: At the St. Paul home of Mr. Bray
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Bray is a native of Taunton, Massachusetts. He received his bachelor's degree in science from Middlebury College and his master's degree in physics at Brown University. Bray moved to Minnesota in 1951 and taught at St. Paul Academy. In 1965 he left the Academy to work for the University of Minnesota on a National Science Foundation project. Bray became involved with The Nature Conservancy in the early 1960s and served as its vice-chairman and chairman of the Minnesota chapter. He also served on the Commissioner's Advisory Committee for Scientific and Natural Areas for the Department of Natural Resources.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: How he and his wife became involved with The Nature Conservancy; early history of the Minnesota chapter of The Nature Conservancy; The Conservancy on a national level; acquiring tracts; funding; stewardship program; registration program; important contributors to the development of The Conservancy; who provides technical expertise for The Conservancy; and the criteria for determining importance of preservation projects.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette
Original : 1 60-minute cassette

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 14 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.3

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.3**
INTERVIEW: Bryson, William
YEAR: 1988

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: William Bryson
DATE: February 29 and April 30, 1988
PLACE: At the Alden area home of the Brysons
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Bryson is a native of the Alden, Minnesota area and graduated from Alden High School in 1944. He has earned credits in natural history from Sacramento State College in California. He is a full-time farmer and an active conservationist, having served on various state and local soil and water conservation boards and having testified before the U.S. Senate on water issues. He also has been involved in 4-H projects and state conservation education committees.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Farming background; wetlands lawsuit; involvement with the Sierra Club; relationship between agricultural and environmental interests (water quality; effectiveness of soil and water conservation boards); farming (soil erosion; groundwater quality); protection of wetlands; education and funding for environmental and agricultural issues (Reinvest in Minnesota; 4-H; Minnesota Council of Parks; The Nature Conservancy; Audubon Society). Major environmental concerns facing Minnesota.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: February 29 was an audio interview, and April 30 was a video interview.

VIDEO TAPE: **Beta:** 3 20-minute 1/2" master video tapes
VHS: 1 60-minute master copy with time code (from Beta)
1 60-minute user copy (from Beta)

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copies:** 1 90-minute cassette (audio interview)
Original : 2 60-minute cassettes (audio interview)

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour, 10 minutes (audio interview)
1 hour (video interview)

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 27 pages (audio interview). A shot list and a six-page rough transcript of the video interview are also available in the Oral History Office.

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.4 (audio)
AV 1989.221.3 (video)

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.4**
INTERVIEW: Franey, Edward M.
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Edward M. Franey
DATE: February 11, 1987
PLACE: At the Minneapolis home of Mr. Franey
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Franey is a native of Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1919. He later attended the University of Minnesota from 1922 to 1923. Franey worked for the Minneapolis Tribune, Times, and Star and wrote an outdoors column in the 1930s and '40s.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His background; writing the outdoor column; the Izaak Walton League; Richard Dorer; establishing the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: Mr. Franey was in ill health at the time of the interview.

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette
 Original : 1 60-minute cassette

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 11 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.5

CATALOG NUMBER:
INTERVIEW:
YEAR:

OH58.5
French, Nelson
1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Nelson French
DATE: January 12, 1987
PLACE: The Minneapolis offices of the Sierra Club and the Project Environment Foundation
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: French was born in Duluth and raised in Hibbing, Minnesota. He received his degree in general science from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In 1977 he began volunteering for the Sierra Club, and in 1979 he was named executive director of the Project Environment Foundation. He is currently the assistant director of The Nature Conservancy.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: How French became involved with the Sierra Club and Project Environment; relationships of environmental groups in Minnesota; organization of the Sierra Club; funding guidelines; working with attorneys; involvement with Voyageurs National Park; position towards the Boundary Waters (portages and dams); role of Sierra Club vs. Izaak Walton League in the 1978 Boundary Waters Wilderness act and the image of the Sierra Club; future of environmental restrictions; involvement of politicians in environmental issues; how the Sierra Club sets priorities; the Reinvest in Minnesota program; how the Sierra Club picks legal issues to pursue; and working with government agencies.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 90-minute cassette
 Original : 2 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 1/2 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 36 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.6

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.6**
INTERVIEW: Gregerson, Michael
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Michael Gregerson
DATE: September 24, 1987
PLACE: At the Nicollet Mall corporate offices of Northern States Power Company
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Gregerson is a native of Rochester, Minnesota, and attended the University of Minnesota, receiving a degree in 1969 in engineering. He went on to receive his masters in public health in 1973. He joined Northern States Power Company (NSP) in 1973 as an electrical engineer and was named director of its environmental regulatory activities department in 1984.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His responsibilities as director of the environmental regulatory activities department; how state and federal regulations affect NSP; working with regulatory agencies; dealing with acid rain laws; groundwater pollution; nuclear plant controversy; Minnesota's environmental regulations and NSP's decisions; working with environmental groups (The Nature Conservancy and Sierra Club); future environmental concerns for NSP.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette
 Original : 1 60-minute cassette

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 15 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.7

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.7**
INTERVIEW: Haik, Raymond
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: **Raymond Haik**
DATE: January 8, 1987
PLACE: At the downtown Minneapolis offices of Popham,
Haik, Schnobrich, Kaufman & Doty
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson
PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Haik is a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and received his undergraduate degree at the University of Minnesota. Upon graduation from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1953, he became the assistant attorney general for the Minnesota Department of Conservation. Haik later helped to found the law firm of Popham, Haik, Schnobrich, Kaufman & Doty. He also served as senior vice president and general counsel for Northern States Power Company. Haik rejoined his private practice in 1986. He has served as a member of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Review Committee, and was appointed to the U.S. Water Pollution Control Advisory Board and the Quetico-Superior Committee. Also, Haik has served as chapter president, state president, and on the national board of directors for the Izaak Walton League.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His background; how he became involved in environmental law; memories of Richard Dorer; the Izaak Walton League; issues he was involved in while working for the Attorney General's office; U.S. Congressman John Blatnik; accomplishments of IWL while Haik was president; Water Pollution Advisory Board; environmental work while in private practice; and working for Amex and NSP.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette
Original: 1 60-minute cassette

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 23 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.8

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.8**
INTERVIEW: Hall, Edward M. "Ted"
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Edward M. "Ted" Hall
DATE: February 5, 6, and 8, 1987
PLACE: New York City
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Hall is a native of Frontenac, Minnesota, and attended Antioch and Hiram Colleges. He served in the merchant marine during World War II and then began a journalism career which included stints with the Newark Evening News, NBC News, and Time magazine. In 1974, he founded the Rainy Lake Chronicle. He also wrote Drumbeat, a book that describes life in the northwoods. He retired from full-time newspaper work in 1983. Hall had a life-long friendship with Ernest Oberholtzer and is active in the Ernest C. Oberholtzer Foundation.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His background; his friendship with Ernest Oberholtzer; childhood visits to Rainy Lake; canoe trips and visiting Ober's Indian friends; observations of Indian life; Ober's relationship to Sigurd Olson; the last years of Ober's life; Will Zimmerman; lobbying in Washington; Ober's legacy as conservationist; and Edward Backus.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: Hall also participated in the Katherine Bakeless interview of February 6, 1987.

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 3 60-minute cassettes
 Original : 3 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 3 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 40 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.9

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.9**
INTERVIEW: Hansen, Paul
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Paul Hansen
DATE: June 11, 1987
PLACE: At the Bloomington, Minnesota offices of the Izaak Walton League of America
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Hansen is a native of Bridgeport, Connecticut and attended Antioch University, where he received his B.A. in biology and his M.A. in natural resources management. Hansen first worked with the Izaak Walton League in 1982 as part-time acid rain project coordinator. In 1984 he moved to Minneapolis to open the IWL Upper Mississippi Regional Office. He also holds the position of information consultant on acid rain for the Canadian government's Department of the Environment. Hansen is the author of the IWL report Acid Rain and Waterfowl: The Case for Concern in North America.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: How he became involved in the Izaak Walton League; how the IWL acid rain study developed; U.S. government studies on acid rain; Canadian vs. U.S. studies; acid rain as a regional issue; the IWL study and the effect of acid rain on black ducks and seasonal wetlands; next steps in the control of acid rain; effect of the Canadian government on U.S. policy; options for industry to reduce acid rain; the Upper Mississippi and barge traffic; the Army Corps of Engineers relationship with environmental groups; 1985 farm act; and the IWL and the Boundary Waters.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: This was a videotaped interview.

VIDEO TAPE: **Beta:** 3 20-minute 1/2" master video tapes
VHS: 1 60-min master copy with time code (from Beta)
1 60-minute user copy (from Beta)

SOUND RECORDINGS: none

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 18 pages.

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1989.221.1

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.10**
INTERVIEW: Hansen, Robert E.
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Robert E. Hansen
DATE: November 12, 1987
PLACE: The Saint Paul offices of the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR)
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Hansen is a native of South Saint Paul. He graduated from the American Aeronautics Institute in Saint Paul in 1944 and served as a U.S. Navy flight engineer during World War II. Hansen entered the insurance business and operated his own agency until 1968. He went on to serve in a number of governmental positions, most recently as the executive director of the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Background. LCMR: its strengths; how it receives its revenue; natural resource usage in relationship to attracting high tech industry. Significant projects while at LCMR: restoration of Fort Snelling; soil surveys of Minnesota; involvement with the forestry community. LCMR involvement with water issues. Opinions on the Perpich administration's suggested proposal to eliminate the LCMR. The environmental trust fund and its effect on LCMR. Future of LCMR.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: User copy: none
Original : (2 60-minute cassettes originally noted, but cannot be found)

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 1/2 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 22 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.11

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.11**
INTERVIEW: Harrison, James M.
YEAR: 1986

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: James M. Harrison
DATE: December 16, 1986
PLACE: Minnesota Historical Society
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Harrison was born in Minneapolis in 1937 and spent his childhood in the Worthington, Minnesota area. After attending Carleton College, he graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1962 with degrees in journalism and radio and TV speech. He spent several years in the communications field before serving as a research assistant to the Minnesota Senate. Harrison joined the Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission in 1968 and was named its executive director in 1971.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His background; history of the Boundary Area Commission; relationship of the Commission and the Minnesota and Wisconsin legislatures; the Lower St. Croix Commission; relationship of the two states' DNRs, the U.S. Park Service, and the Commission; master plan for the lower St. Croix River; land zoning; the effects of increased recreational use on the St. Croix area; the Upper Mississippi River Management Act; the Corps of Engineers; the role of Northern States Power Company; a Wisconsin lawsuit over the sewage issue; and the history of conservation in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 90-minute cassette
 Original : 2 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 1/2 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 30 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.12

CATALOG NUMBER:
INTERVIEW:
YEAR:

OH58.12
Heinselman, Dr. Miron L. "Bud"
1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Dr. Miron L. "Bud" Heinselman
DATE: February 2 and 3, 1987
PLACE: At the St. Paul home of Dr. and Mrs. Heinselman
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Heinselman is a native of Duluth, Minnesota, and received his degree in psychology from the University of Minnesota in 1942. After serving two years in the Army during World War II, he returned to the University of Minnesota and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in forestry. He served as a research scientist at the Rhinelander and Grand Rapids field stations of the U.S. Forest Service. In 1961, he received his Ph.D. from the University. He transferred to the headquarters laboratory in Saint Paul in 1966 where he continued his research on the virgin forests of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Heinselman retired from the Forest Service in 1974 and serves as adjunct professor in the department of ecology and behavioral biology at the University of Minnesota.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His background; forest ecology of the Boundary Waters project; impact of the Selke committee; the wilderness act (1964); U.S. Forest Service's involvement; logging lawsuits and virgin forests in the Boundary Waters; working with Congressman James Oberstar; the Oberstar bill; Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness (formation and role of); working with Congressman Don Fraser; the Fraser bill; loss of logging injunctions; interaction with the U.S. Congress; results of the administration bill; Congressman Philip Burton; Congressman Bruce Vento; creation of and passage of the Burton-Vento bill; the Lake Vermillion border issue; the Conservation Alliance; Senator Wendell Anderson and support of the Oberstar bill vs. the Burton-Vento bill; issues of logging and mining vs. motorboats and snowmobiles in the Boundary Waters; Friends of the Boundary Waters and the Conservation Alliance negotiation session and result of session (Dayton-Walls Compromise); passage of the Anderson-Humphrey bill through the House and the Senate; aftermath of the passage of the act; the Conservation Alliance and the state of Minnesota joint lawsuit against the act concerning water rights, and motorboat and snowmobile use in the area; provisions for transporting boats, dams, and steel arch across the Isabella River; the Conservation Alliance current feelings toward the act; opinion towards future legislation; theory of the natural role of fire in the ecosystem and fire management programs.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: Mrs. Heiselman occasionally participated in the interview.

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 6 60-minute cassettes
 Original : 6 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 6 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 124 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.13

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.13**
INTERVIEW: Herbst, Robert
YEAR: 1988

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Robert Herbst
DATE: May 16, 1988
PLACE: At the offices of Trout Unlimited in Vienna, Virginia
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Herbst is a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and graduated in 1957 from the University of Minnesota with a degree in forestry and wildlife management. After graduation, he worked as a forester for the Minnesota Conservation Department. He then served as executive director of Keep Minnesota Green, Inc., and as executive director of the Izaak Walton League of America. He has served as deputy commissioner and commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as well as assistant secretary for Fish, Wildlife, National Parks in the U.S. Department of the Interior and as acting secretary of the Department of the Interior. In 1981, Herbst became executive director of Trout Unlimited. While assistant secretary for the Interior, one of Herbst's major achievements was the passage of the Alaska lands bill.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His role as forester for the Department of Conservation; programs he was involved in as executive director of Keep Minnesota Green; importance of environmental education; events leading to his role as deputy commissioner of the Conservation Department. The Izaak Walton League of America: history of, his role as executive director, lobbying for wastewater treatment plants, and Earth Day. The clear-cutting issue in the Monongahela National Forest; role of U.S. Forest Service. His tenure as Commissioner of the DNR: Leech Lake and Indian negotiations; the Reserve Mining case (disposal of taconite tailings), the 1976 fire season; the role of the DNR commissioner, the Boundary Waters issue. His tenure at the U.S. Department of the Interior: background of the Alaska lands bill, current issues in management of Alaskan resources, James Watt, current federal attitudes toward conservation, and future environmental concerns.

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 3 60-minute cassettes
Original : 3 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 3 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 52 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.14

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.14**
INTERVIEW: Kelly, Charles S.
YEAR: 1986

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Charles S. Kelly
DATE: September 24 and 25, 1986
PLACE: At the Evanston, Illinois home of Mr. Kelly
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Kelly was born in Hudson, Wisconsin, and was educated in the Hudson schools. After attending River Falls Normal School, he completed his education at the University of Minnesota Law School in 1925. He first worked for the law firm of Fred Ingersoll in Saint Paul, which represented James J. Hill. He then joined Frank Hubachek & Son in Minneapolis, which later established the firm Hubachek, Kelly, Rausch & Kirby in Chicago. He retired from the firm in 1973. A long time activist in conservation issues, he was chairman of the Quetico-Superior Committee and the International Quetico-Superior Committee. Kelly died on June 13, 1987 in Evanston, Illinois.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His background; involvement with Quetico-Superior; Ernest Oberholtzer; the fight against Edward Backus; Sigurd Olson; lobbying efforts in Canada; Ontario Premier Leslie Frost; involvement of the Izaak Walton League; methods of obtaining monies for land acquisitions; the wilderness bill; and media response to Quetico-Superior.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: Mr. Kelly was in ill health at the time of the interview.

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 3 60-minute cassettes
Original : 3 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 3 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 23 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.15

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.15**
INTERVIEW: Kerfoot, Justine
YEAR: 1986 and 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: **Justine Kerfoot**
DATE: November of 1986 and March of 1987
PLACE: In Saint Paul and at the Gunflint Trail home of Ms. Kerfoot
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Kerfoot was born in Barrington, Illinois. She graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in zoology and completed one year of graduate study before moving to Gunflint Lake in 1928. She was owner and operator of the Gunflint Lodge for 51 years until her retirement in 1979. Since then Kerfoot has published a best-selling memoir, Woman of the Boundary Waters: Canoeing, Guiding, Mushing, and Surviving. She has also written a weekly column for the Cook County News-Herald since 1953 and is a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Naturalist program; running a resort; relationship between the U.S. and Canada; effects of legislation on the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (resort buy-out, motorboat and snowmobile usage); development of the Gunflint Trail Association; establishment of ambulance service and electrical service in the area; experience with writing her newsletter and book; changes in the Gunflint Trail; early experiences living in the area; and problems with trail maintenance.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: There is some background noise in the early part of the interview.

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 90-minute cassette
Original : 2 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 2 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 28 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.16

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.16**
INTERVIEW: Kohring, Margaret
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: **Margaret Kohring**
DATE: October 7, 1986, and June 29, 1987
PLACE: Office of the Minnesota chapter, The Nature Conservancy
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson, Minnesota Historical Society

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Kohring comes from Michigan, where she is a fourth-generation female botanist. As a teenager, she became involved on her own in preserving a wetlands area from overdevelopment by Amtrak. She eventually enlisted The Nature Conservancy's help in this project, and the wetland was saved. After earning her undergraduate degree in botany, she began working for The Nature Conservancy in Michigan, and was eventually transferred to the Minnesota chapter. In 1983, she was named its executive director.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Her background; The Nature Conservancy programs; stewardship program; funding; affiliation with other conservation groups; lobbying efforts; The Nature Conservancy administrative structure; The Nature Conservancy's "master list" of conservation projects; its techniques of non-confrontation; its affiliation with business; its goals; future of The Nature Conservancy, such as projects to protect migratory bird habitats in South America. Focus was on the unique nature of The Nature Conservancy's success.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: An audio interview was conducted in October of 1986, and a video interview was done in June of 1987.

VIDEO TAPE: **Beta:** 3 20-minute 1/2" master tapes
VHS: 1 60-minute master copy with time code (from Beta)
1 60-minute user copy (from Beta)

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette (audio interview)
Original : 1 60-minute cassette (audio interview)

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 55 minutes (audio interview)
40 minutes (video)

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 18 pages (audio interview). A shot list and a four-page rough transcript of the video interview are also available in the Oral History Office.

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.17 (audio)
AV 1989.221.2 (video)

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.17**
INTERVIEW: Kruger, Willis E.
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Willis E. Kruger
DATE: January 13, 1987
PLACE: At the Reads Landing home of Mr. Kruger
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Kruger is a native of Reads Landing, Minnesota. His first job was repairing radios. He then worked for the Wabasha County Highway Department before becoming a game warden for the Minnesota Conservation Department in 1939. He continued as game warden until his retirement in 1970. Kruger was actively involved in the establishment of the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest. A section of the Forest was named Kruger Recreation Area in honor of Kruger's involvement. He has also been active in the Izaak Walton League as an organizer and charter member of the Wabasha chapter. He has received the Sigurd S. Olson conservation award from the IWL and has been recognized by the Wabasha County Association of Sportsman's Clubs for his outstanding work in conservation.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His background; role as game warden in the Department of Conservation; loss of the clamming industry; return of wildlife; involvement with the Dorer Memorial Forest; tree planting; fire control; and storm of November 11, 1940.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette
 Original : 1 60-minute cassette

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 18 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.18

CATALOG NUMBER:
INTERVIEW:
YEAR:

OH58.18
Lappegaard, Raymond
1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Raymond Lappegaard
DATE: November 25, 1987
PLACE: At the St. Paul offices of J.L. Shiely Company
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Lappegaard is a native of Minneapolis and attended the University of Minnesota. He served as a paratrooper in World War II and completed his degree in 1948. He has held a variety of state positions, including serving as commissioner of corrections, commissioner of administration, and commissioner of highways. He also has held a number of positions in private industry and has been active in community affairs, including serving on the board of United Hospital. He was named vice president of J.L. Shiely in 1979.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His background, role as vice president of public affairs for Shiely; production of aggregate materials; involvement with and relationship to Grey Cloud and Cottage Grove; use of barges; aggregate tax; choosing new sites for quarrying; mining; and blasting.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

CASSETTES: **User copy:** 1 90-minute cassette
 Original : 2 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 2 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 21 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.19

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.19**
INTERVIEW: Lundblad, Ernest
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Ernest Lundblad
DATE: October 30, 1987
PLACE: At the Slayton area home of Mr. Lundblad
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Lundblad was born in 1911 on his grandfather's homestead and has lived in his parents' house in the Slayton area since 1920. A life-long farmer, Lundblad continued to hay a piece of virgin prairie his family acquired in 1892. In 1983 he sold this meadow to The Nature Conservancy in memory of his grandfather and father to preserve it as virgin prairie. In August of 1984, The Nature Conservancy held a dedication in honor of Lundblad and his family.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: History of the family-owned virgin prairie; selling land to The Nature Conservancy; dedication day; working on the land; reminiscences of childhood; dealing with taxes on the prairie; types of farming; experience with the farm crisis; and big farms vs. small farms.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

CASSETTES: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette
 Original : 1 60-minute cassette

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 12 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.20

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.20**
INTERVIEW: McGuigan, Thomas
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Thomas McGuigan
DATE: December 3, 1987
PLACE: At the State offices of the Audubon Society in Minneapolis
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: McGuigan is a native of Springfield, Massachusetts. He received his degree in natural resources management at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. While in college he did an internship as a lobbyist in Minnesota for the Sierra Club. After graduating, he worked for the Department of Natural Resources in Minnesota as a trail manager. He is currently the director of the Minnesota state offices of the Audubon Society.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His background--working for the DNR; how he became involved in the Audubon Society. How the Audubon Society is organized--state office; local chapters; setting priorities for state chapters; funding. Issues of concern for the Audubon Society--container deposit bill; recycling; waste abatement; solid waste; preserving prairies; acid rain; tropical deforestation. Audubon Society and preserving or restoring wetlands--Wetlands Watch; working for passage of RIM (Reinvest in Minnesota); Army Corps of Engineers; farmers' involvement. Audubon Society stance on the regulation of hunting and fishing. Role of and success of RIM. The DNR and the Audubon Society--forestry and wildlife planning process; old growth forests; forest fragmentation.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette
 Original : 1 60-minute cassette

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 24 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.21

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.21**
INTERVIEW: Merritt, Grant J.
YEAR: 1988

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Grant J. Merritt
DATE: April 15, May 18, and June 8, 1988
PLACE: At the offices of Grant J. Merritt & Associates
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Merritt is a native of Duluth, Minnesota. He received his B.A. in political science and economics, his M.A. in public administration, and his law degree from the University of Minnesota. In 1971, he was appointed as executive director of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency by Governor Wendell R. Anderson. He resigned from the post in 1975 to serve as Governor Anderson's special assistant on the Reserve Mining issue and to return to private law practice. He currently heads the law firm of Grant J. Merritt & Associates in Minneapolis.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Background; Stoddard report on taconite tailings problem; involvement in the Reserve Mining taconite tailings disposal issue--including Save Lake Superior Association; MECCA (Minnesota Environmental Control Citizens Association), Congressman John Blatnik, milepost seven vs. milepost twenty as a dump site, Taconite Amendment to the Minnesota state constitution, taconite tailings and dumping, air emission concerns, asbestos particles; the PCA--since Merritt left as executive director, relationship with the Health Department, Gordon Rosenmeier and the birth of the PCA, Merritt's role as executive director, creation of its Special Services unit, organization of; Pigs Eye waste treatment plant; NSP lawsuit over air emission standards; nuclear power moratorium; role of PCA board; role of media; NSP; PCA's relationship with DNR and Bob Herbst; copper-nickel mining issue; reasons for leaving PCA; future Minnesota environmental issues; and the role of citizen groups in the regulatory environment now vs. 20 years ago.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: Audio interviews took place April 15 and May 18, 1988, and a video interview took place June 8, 1988.

VIDEO TAPE:

Beta:	2 20-minute 1/2" master video tapes
VHS:	1 60-minute master copy with time code (from Beta)
	1 60-minute user copy (from Beta)

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.22**
INTERVIEW: Munger, Willard
YEAR: 1987 and 1988

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Willard Munger
DATE: November 23 and 24, 1987 and June 10, 1988
PLACE: At the West Duluth office and home of Representative Munger
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Willard Munger was born in 1911 on a farm north of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and graduated from Fergus Falls High School. As a young man, he was active in Farmer-Labor party politics, serving as a county chairman and field representative. He also was involved in the campaigns of governors Floyd B. Olson and Elmer Benson and of Nonpartisan League founder A. C. Townley. In addition, Munger worked as a grain inspector for the Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission, as a shipbuilding foreman, and as a supervisor for both the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the Office of Price Stabilization. Munger developed a gasoline station and grocery store in Duluth and later built the Willard Motel, which he still operates. Munger was elected to the Minnesota House in 1954 and has continued to serve in that capacity with the exception of 1964 through 1966, when he ran unsuccessfully for the Minnesota Senate. Throughout his tenure in office, Munger has been known for his advocacy of environmental issues and has been successful in the passage of numerous bills. He has served on the House environment and natural resources committee since 1973 and has also served as its chair. In addition, he is a member of the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources. Munger is the winner of numerous awards, including the Izaak Walton League of America's "Fifty-Four" Founders Award.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His background. His political and environmental education--the influence of Grandfather Munger, A. C. Townley, and Floyd B. Olson. Involvement with the Farm Holiday Association. Involvement with the Farmer-Labor party--as field representative and as secretary. Establishment of the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District. Acid rain bill. Environmental trust fund--history of; how to fund it (issue of tax vs. lottery); structure for managing it; types of programs. Success in the legislature with relationship to environmental issues--district support; Reserve mining case. The role of a legislator. Hazardous waste--state bill to operate facilities for processing; private vs. public operation of facilities. Comprehensive waste management plan--recycling. Honors and awards. Importance of education in making the public aware of the need for action. Working for the Railroad and Warehouse Commission. Campaigning for Elmer Benson in 1936 and 1938--problems of second campaign; working for the Department of Agriculture; Office of Price Stabilization; losing job.

Starting gasoline station and grocery store. Job as shipbuilding foreman. Running for the legislature in 1954. Selling gasoline station and grocery store and building the Willard Motel. Floyd B. Olson--political importance; speaking ability; All-Party Committee; Farmer-Labor platform and seating the Trotskyites. Passing environmental bills--importance of early action; environmental groups. Role and importance of the Department of Natural Resources. 1987-1988 legislative session--Indian hunting and fishing rights bill; motor vehicle inspection; environmental lien law. The significance of selling state-owned land and lakeshore property. Whether one can have both a strong environmental and a strong business climate. Assessment of Congressman John Blatnik and environmentalist John Pegors. Support of the environmental community. Future issues in environmental protection.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: Some background noise on tape.

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 6 60-minute cassettes
 Original : 6 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 6 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 81 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.23

CATALOG NUMBER:
INTERVIEW:
YEAR:

OH58.23
Proescholdt, Kevin
1986

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Kevin Proescholdt
DATE: October 28, 1986
PLACE: At the Minneapolis offices of Friends of the Boundary Waters
Wilderness
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Proescholdt is a native of Iowa, and graduated from Iowa State University in 1977 with degrees in history and biology. As a student, he guided canoe trips in the Boundary Waters and became interested in the various legislative bills proposed during the 1970s concerning the BWCA. He worked for the Iowa Public Interest Research Group (IPIRG) and became involved with the lobbying efforts of the Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness. In 1981 he joined the staff of the Minnesota chapter of the National Audubon Society. He became executive director of the Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness in 1985.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: How he became involved with the Boundary Waters Wilderness Area; his experiences lobbying on behalf of the Boundary Waters; working for the Audubon Society (lobbying, testifying); major concerns of the Society (1982 acid rain control bill, state superfund bill); Friends of the Boundary Waters (structure, members, creation of group); goals of the Friends; future confrontations over the BWCA for the Friends; dealing with Minnesota's Congressional delegation; impact of the 1978 legislation--specifically fishing, resorts, and Indian community; dam removal vs. maintenance; Canadian legislation; expansion of the BWCA; Superior National Forest appeal; roadbuilding; Man in the Biosphere Program; and fire management.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 90-minute cassette
 Original : 2 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 1/2 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 21 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.25

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.24**
INTERVIEW: Rom, William
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: William Rom
DATE: April 2, 1987
PLACE: At the Ely home of Mr. Rom
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Rom is a native of Ely, Minnesota, and spent his childhood hiking, canoeing, and hunting in the area. He attended Ely Junior College (now Vermilion Community College) and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in wildlife management. Rom served in the Navy during World War II for five years. Following his military service, he and his wife started Canoe Country Outfitters in Ely. They sold the business in 1975. Rom is a member of Friends of the Boundary Waters and was active in the passage of the 1978 wilderness bill.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: How his family came to Ely; growing up in Ely; working for the Forest Service portage crew; years in the Navy; his outfitting business (Canoe Country Outfitters); family involvement in business; flying: Ely (economy, attitude of); Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness; the Conservation Alliance; Boundary Waters Canoe Area; effect of resort buy-out; issue of public access to BWCA; logging; trail maintenance and potential trail usage; aircraft ban; mechanical vs. manual portages issue; and role of Forest Service.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 90-minute cassette
 Original : 2 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 1/2 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 34 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.26

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.25**
INTERVIEW: Salerno, Frank
YEAR: 1986

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Frank Salerno
DATE: October 1 and 2, 1986
PLACE: At the Salerno Land Sales office in Ely, Minnesota
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson, Minnesota Historical Society

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Salerno was originally trained as an electrical engineer. He became disenchanted with the demands of travel and of his time and decided to move his family to Ely, where they had previously vacationed. He and his wife, Betty, learned the real estate business and opened an office in the early 1970s. When the 1978 BWCA legislation was proposed, the Salernos became spokespersons for the Boundary Waters Conservation Alliance, Ely-Winton chapter, which advocates multiple use in the BWCA.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Impact of the legislation on Ely and the surrounding areas; how the group was formed; three methods of change (lobbying the legislative branch, pursuing the appeals process through the judicial branch, and dealing with administrators in the executive branch); comments on Sierra Club, Judge Miles Lord, Congressman Bruce Vento, and others; impact of restrictions on the handicapped, Native Americans, and border lakes; future of BWCA; best use of the BWCA; the benefits of multiple use.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: The interview is with Frank Salerno; however, his wife, Betty, occasionally offers an observation.

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 2 60-minute cassettes
Original : 2 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 2 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 32 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.27

CATALOG NUMBER:
INTERVIEW:
YEAR:

OH58.26
Strong, Paul I.V.
1990

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Paul I. V. Strong
DATE: February 14, 1990
PLACE: Walker, Minnesota
INTERVIEWER: James E. Fogerty

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Paul I. V. Strong was born in Augusta, Maine. He received a degree in biology from the University of Maine at Orono and later earned a masters in wildlife ecology and a doctorate in wildlife resources from Oklahoma State University. He joined the staff of the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin, in 1985, serving as coordinator for Wisconsin Project LoonWatch, and later of the Chippewa National Forest in Walker, Minnesota. He is a trustee of the North American Loon Fund and has published widely in the field of wildlife management.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Strong discusses issues related to preservation and management of the loon population in Minnesota and in the U.S. in general. He comments on community action groups, national loon protection associations, and other avenues of citizen involvement in loon protection efforts.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 2 90-minute cassettes
 Original : 4 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 3 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 65 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1990.58

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.27**
INTERVIEW: Thornton, David
YEAR: 1988

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: David Thornton
DATE: April 11, 1988
PLACE: At the office of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Thornton is a native of Texarkana, Texas. He received his undergraduate degree at Texas Christian University and is working on his graduate degree in environmental engineering at the University of Minnesota. He has conducted acid rain research for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and is currently chief of program development and air analysis for the agency's division of air quality.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Acid rain research and Minnesota acid rain standards; working with Canada and other states on acid rain issues; state vs. federal concerns; acid rain damage; expense to clean up and control; carbon monoxide problems in Minnesota; role of and issues regarding vehicle inspection; air toxins program; use of municipal incinerators; role of EPA and state; EPA standards vs. state standards; changes in Minnesota's air quality regulations; indoor air as a future air quality concern; and the role of the PCA.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette
 Original : 1 60-minute cassette

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 19 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.28

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.28**
INTERVIEW: Wedll, Don
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Don Wedll
DATE: November 9, 1987
PLACE: At the tribal offices of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Wedll is a native of Elizabeth, Minnesota. He received his B.A. in mathematics as well as his teaching and M.A. degree in mathematics from Moorhead State University. In 1972, Wedll began working at the Mille Lacs Reservation as a mathematics tutor for Indian students. When a private contract school was established on the reservation he was hired as the director. He is currently the director of Natural Resources for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: How he began to work for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians--role as director of school; developing the natural resource program. Issues with the DNR--treaty rights. History of Indian treaty rights with U.S. government. Establishing rights for the Indians—on-reservation; off-reservation; economic benefits. Treaty involving White Earth and Leech Lake. Wisconsin's actions in dealing with Indians. Economics vs. conservation on the reservation--hunting; fishing; water quality; non-source-point pollution; working with EPA, DNR, PCA; dealing with resort community. Racism. Hunting and fishing controls leading to dietary changes for Indians. Bureau of Indian Affairs and environmental issues.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette
 Original : 1 60-minute cassette

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 22 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.29

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.29**
INTERVIEW: Whiting, Robert
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: **Robert Whiting**
DATE: March 23, 1987
PLACE: At the St. Paul offices of the Army Corps of Engineers
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Whiting is a native of Lone Pine, California. He received his B.A. and his M.A. in fishery biology from California State University at Humboldt. He is a 1985 graduate of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Planning Associates Program. Currently, he is a supervisory biologist in the St. Paul District Army Corps of Engineers environmental resources branch.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Changes in the Army Corps of Engineers; overall plans for the Mississippi River; how they integrate the various plans; maintaining/responsibility for habitat; private exclusive use; issues with shoreline management plan; private boat usage; changes in water control; goal of water control; the Corps' public image; and focus on projects for the Corps such as dredging and Weaver Bottoms.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette
Original : 1 60-minute cassette

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 18 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.30

CATALOG NUMBER:
INTERVIEW:
YEAR:

OH58.30
Witzig, Frederick T.
1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Frederick T. Witzig
DATE: February 23, 1987
PLACE: University of Minnesota, Duluth campus
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Witzig, a native of Morton, Illinois, served three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. At the conclusion of his military service, he went on to receive a B.S. degree from Bradley University. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D in geography from the University of Illinois. After teaching at both the Bradley and Illinois campuses, he joined the University of Minnesota-Duluth faculty in 1953 and was named its head of geography in 1965. Witzig has written articles for a number of publications, including "The Crane Lake Issue in the Establishment of Voyageurs National Park," which appeared in the 1983 Upper Midwest History journal.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Involvement with the establishment of Voyageurs National Park; arguments against the park; role of the National Park Service; Crane Lake issue; Park Service vs. Forest Service; Boise Cascade proposal; Voyageurs National Park Association; Citizen's Committee for Voyageurs National Park; and the future of Voyageurs National Park.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette
 Original : 1 60-minute cassette

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 17 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.31

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.31**
INTERVIEW: Woida, Math
YEAR: 1988

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: Math Woida
DATE: April 5, 1988
PLACE: At the Sauk Centre home of Mr. Woida
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Woida has been a farmer in the Sauk Centre, Minnesota area since 1943. He and his former wife, Gloria, were involved in the Minnesota powerline dispute of the 1970s. He has continued to farm and has actively opposed the establishment of other high-voltage powerlines as well as hazardous waste sites in rural areas.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: Changes in farming since the powerline was installed; powerline-related problems; involvement in other powerline disputes; success of the powerline controversy in preventing the installation of other powerlines; people's involvement in protesting; hazardous waste issue; farm crisis; law enforcement and the powerline dispute; being a farmer today; dump sites; state vs. private operation of hazardous waste sites; and worthiness of the powerline fight.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW: See previous interview with Woida in connection with the Minnesota Powerline Construction Oral History Project.

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 60-minute cassette
Original : 1 60-minute cassette

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 17 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.32

CATALOG NUMBER: **OH58.32**
INTERVIEW: Zentner, David
YEAR: 1987

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW

NAME: David Zentner
DATE: March 4, 1987
PLACE: At the Duluth offices of Mr. Zentner
INTERVIEWER: Margaret Robertson

PROJECT SERIES: Minnesota Environmental Issues Oral History Project

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Zentner is a native of New Glarus, Wisconsin, and attended Clinton Junior College in Clinton, Iowa. He graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 1959. Soon after, he began a career in the life insurance business which he has continued in to the present. Zentner has served as chapter, state president, national president, and chairman of the national board of the Izaak Walton League.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED: His background; the Duluth chapter of the Izaak Walton League; IWL nationally vs. state chapters; IWL issues (wetlands, Memorial Hardwood Forest, timber management, water pollution) of the 1960's; how these issues affected the Duluth area; the Oberstar bill and the development of the Boundary Waters legislation vs. the administrative process; future of the Boundary Waters Wilderness Area; multiple-use issue and the creation of the Voyageurs National Park; IWL Endowment Fund; IWL goals for the Upper Mississippi; and the future of the League and conservation.

COMMENTS ON INTERVIEW:

SOUND RECORDINGS: **User copy:** 1 90-minute cassette
 Original : 2 60-minute cassettes

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 2 hours

RESTRICTIONS ON USE: none

TRANSCRIPT: 30 pages

ACCESSION NUMBER: AV 1988.99.33