



MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Minnesota State Archives

**CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**  
**An Inventory of Photographs by Commissioner Chester S.  
Wilson**

**OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

**Agency:** Minnesota. Dept. of Conservation.  
**Series Title:** Photographs by Commissioner Chester S. Wilson,  
**Dates:** 1931-1954 (bulk 1940-1949).  
**Quantity:** 0.3 cu. ft. (1 box, and 2 items in partial box).  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE FILES**

Photographs, largely taken by Wilson, of departmental projects in which he was interested as commissioner of conservation. Many are forest or lake scenes documenting forest fire, wind, erosion, flood, or other damage, particularly in state parks or forests. Others include personnel or activities of forestry staff or private organizations; tracts involved in the Kabetogama land exchange; and state park sites and facilities. set includes both prints and negatives, many of which do not each other.

**RELATED MATERIALS**

Minnesota Division of Parks and Recreation photographs, Minnesota Dept. of Conservation photographs of state parks, monuments, and recreational areas, 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.*

### **Topics:**

Erosion--Minnesota--Photographs.  
Flood damage--Minnesota--Photographs.  
Forest fires--Minnesota--Photographs.  
Forest reserves--Minnesota--Officials and employees--Photographs.  
Park buildings--Minnesota--Photographs.  
Parks--Minnesota--Officials and employees --Photographs.  
Windstorm--Minnesota--Photographs.

### **Places:**

Kabetogama Lake (Minnesota and Ont.)--Photographs.

### **Persons:**

Wilson, Chester Sawyer, 1886-1983.

### **Types of Documents:**

Photographs--Minnesota.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### **Preferred Citation:**

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Archives.

*See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.*

### **Accession Information:**

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
116.A.6.1	1	Prints [in 5 inch by 7 inch envelopes]: Beatty Lake Portage, Loon Falls Portage, undated. Beatty Lake Portage, October 30, 1931. Beatty Lake Portage, October 1, 1954. Halverson, Roy. Picture of airplane, Littlefork, [1946?]. International Joint Commissioners, Fishing on Lac la Croix, July 1945. Itasca State Park, Wind fallen trees, July 25, 1946. Itasca State Park, Wind fallen trees, August 3, 1946. Itasca State Park, Wind fallen trees, Bohall Trail, July 31, 1946. I.W.L.A., Sault Ste. Marie, Lake City Chapter, undated. Kabetogama, 1945. 8 envelopes. Kabetogama, May 1945. Kabetogama, May 28, 1945. Kekekabic Lake, U.S. Plane, 1945. Lake Agnes Boy's Camp, Group photo at Curtain Falls portage, [December?] 18, 1945. [Lake la Croix?], [1945?]. Lake Superior, Black Point, North Shore, Rex Green's Cabin, 1940. Lake Superior, Encampment Point, North Shore, undated. Lake Superior, Shovel Point, North Shore, 1945. Mississippi River Trip, includes flood scenes, 1945. 2 envelopes. Mud Lake, Wild Life Refuge, undated. 2 envelopes. Rabbit Lake, 1945. Rainy Lake, September 19, 1944. 5 envelopes. Red Lake Indian Reservation, undated. Scenic Park, [1943?]. Scenic Park, Lake of the Woods, trip with Mr. and Mrs. J. Hammond Brown, 1943. Split Rock Lighthouse, 1944. State Forest Tower, undated. Unidentified, undated. William O'Brien State Park, July 16, 1946. Wilson, Chester. Planting trees in Game Warden's plot, [Nomis?] Camp, 1951. Also pictured: Frank D. Blain, Taylor Huston, E. R. Starkweather.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
116.A.6.1	1	<p>Prints [8 inch by 10 inch]. 1 folder.</p> <p>Contains: Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hammond, President of the Outdoor Writers Association (1943), International Association of Game and Fish Conservation Commissioners, 36th Annual Convention (September 11-19, 1946), [Kabetogama?] (undated), Manitou River, Upper Manitou River Falls (July 10, 1946), and Moscy, W. S., Land Exchange (July 2, 1946).</p> <p>Negatives [in 3 inch by 5 inch negative envelopes]:</p> <p>Baptism River, Lower Falls, undated.</p> <p>Baptism River, Upper Falls, undated.</p> <p>Beatty Lake Portage, Loon Falls, undated.</p> <p>Beatty Lake Portage, August 15, 1945.</p> <p>Halverson, Roy. Picture of airplane, Littlefork, [1946?].</p> <p>International Joint Commissioners, fishing on Lac la Croix, July 1945.</p> <p>Iron Lake, Painted Rocks on Lac la Croix, Rebecca Falls, Curtain Falls, July 13, [1945?].</p> <p>Isle Royale, August 27-28, 1946.</p> <p>Itasca State Park, defoliation of trees by deer, 1943.</p> <p>Itasca State Park, wind fallen trees, August 3, 1946.</p> <p>[Kabetogama?], undated.</p> <p>Kabetogama Land Exchange, August 21, 1944. 2 envelopes.</p> <p>Kabatogama Land Exchange, September 7, 1944.</p> <p>Kabetogama Land Exchange, September 1944.</p> <p>Photographs by Alex J. Gerber.</p> <p>Kabetogama Land Exchange, September 19, 28, 1944.</p> <p>Photographs by Alex J. Gerber.</p> <p>[Kabetogama?], [1944?].</p> <p>Kabetogama, May 28, 1945. 2 envelopes.</p> <p>Kabetogama, May 1945.</p> <p>[Kabetogama?], August 15, 1945 [date is verified]. 3 envelopes.</p> <p>Lake Agnes Boy's Camp, Group photo at Curtain Falls portage, [December?] 18, 1945.</p> <p>Lake la Croix, 1945.</p> <p>Lake la [Criox?], July 13-14, [1945?].</p> <p>Lake la Croix, Indian rocks, 1945.</p> <p>Lake Superior, Encampment Point, North Shore, undated.</p> <p>Lake Superior, Kadunce River, North Shore, July 25, 1945.</p> <p>Lake Superior, Shovel Point, North Shore, 1945.</p> <p>Manitou River, Upper and Lower Manitou River Falls, July 10, 1946.</p> <p>Mississippi River Trip, includes flood scenes, 1945.</p> <p>Moscy, W.S., Land Exchange, July 2, 1946.</p> <p>Mud Lake, Wild Life Refuge, undated.</p>

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116.A.6.1	1	Nerstrand Woods, October 16, 1944. Pennasse, Minn., Lake of the Woods, [1943?]. Rabbit Lake, 1945. Rainy Lake, September 19, 1944. Red Lake Indian Reservation, undated. Scenic Park, [1943?]. Scenic Park, Lake of the Woods, trip with Mr. and Mrs. J. Hammond Brown, 1943. St. Croix Picnic Grounds, December 26, 1948. 3 negative strips. State Forest Tower, undated. Syracuse Lake, Embarrass Mine, June 12, 1947. Unidentified, possibly Kekekabic or Lac la Croix, 1945. 4 sleeves. Unidentified, July 14, [1945?]. Unidentified, aerial photo of lake, [1946?]. White Bear Lake, October 11, 1944. Whitewater Project, Davidshoffer farm, undated. William O'Brien State Park, July 16, 1946.
114.A.2.2F-2	2	Prints: Conservation Department, [ca. 1945]. 8 inches by 10 inches. International Association of Game and Fish Conservation Commissioners, 36th Annual Convention, September 11-19, 1946. 8 inches by 16 inches.