

A HISTORY SHORT
Wilke's Island
Resort



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In the fall of 1905 Joseph Wilke bought property at the head of Pokegama Lake from W. A. Hayden. Mr. Wilke had plans to turn his land into a resort. As the lumbering business moved out of the area, the waterways became less clogged with logs. The public was quick to claim the water for the pursuit of pleasure.

ANOTHER SUMMER RESORT

The Island at the Head of Pokegama Lake to be Converted into a Park—Cottages and Pavillion to Be Built.

Joseph Wilkie has purchased the W. A. Hayden island and will clear it of underbrush and build cottages.

He will have a gasoline launch to take patrons from the island to this place. Among other improvements he will put up an addition to the Hayden house 24x40 feet, two stories high, and will in the near future build a pavilion and institute a genuine summer resort. Mr. Wilkie has already commenced clearing the island and will immediately commence the erection of the addition contemplated. The island is one of the finest places on the road for a summer resort, and Mr. Wilkie informs us that he will spare neither time, labor nor money in making the garden spot of Pokegama one of the best places in the state in which to spend the summer. The island is situated at the head of Lake Pokegama, and can be reached easily by team or boat from this place, as a good road runs to within about a mile of the place, and Mr. Wilke says he will have that fixed up so that there will be a good road directly to the summer resort.

W. A. Hayden was up from St. Paul this week on business. He has sold practically all of his property at the head of Pokegama lake, only reserving about two acres of ground on the point opposite the Fritzen sanatorium. The deal was closed yesterday whereby Jos. Wilkes, of St. Paul, came into possession of about 56 acres for which he paid \$2,000. Mr. Wilkes intends fitting up his newly acquired property as a summer resort and picnic ground. Wednesday Mr. Hayden disposed of two acres of land to Judge Loren W. Collins for a compensation of \$380. Judge Collins will erect a cottage on the picturesque lakeside where he will make his home during the summer months.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
NOVEMBER 17, 1905

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
OCTOBER 6, 1905

Interestingly W.A. Hayden had only owned the land for a couple of years, as evidenced by the following set of clippings.

W. A. Hayden accompanied by Mr. Silk spent Sunday at this place, the former to see about the erection of his summer home on "Indian Island" which he recently purchased.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
MAY 1, 1903

W. A. Hayden, of St. Paul, came up Sunday to see about having building material transported to the "Indian Island." His brother, Mr. Hayden, of Chicago, was with him.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
MAY 29, 1903

Mrs. H. A. Hayden and two sons, of St. Paul, have arrived at this place and are settled into their new summer cottage on "the island."

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
JULY 3, 1903

In spite of needing the doctor, Hayden Island must have left a positive impression on the stepsons of Joseph Wilke, Ed and Peter Rebholz. Two months later Joseph Wilke bought the property.

Ed Rebholz, who is camping with his brother Peter, on the Hayden Island, met with quite a serious accident Monday night while going from the mainland to the island he stumbled and fell striking on his thumb causing a green fracture. He walked down arriving here at one o'clock, and saw Dr. Barnum who attended to the injured thumb and Ed. will soon be as well as ever.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
AUGUST 25, 1905

Joseph Wilke wasted no time getting construction started. He stayed at Indian Island and supervised the construction. His wife made occasional visits from St. Paul.

Mrs. Wilkie, of St. Paul, arrived here Saturday. The Wilkies have in course of erection the finest house on the lake. It is situated on what was formerly called the Indian Island.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
MARCH 9, 1906

Mrs. Jos. Wilke, of St. Paul, who has been visiting her husband and son at their place on Indian Island, ta Lake Pokegama, departed for her home Saturday noon to pack up and get ready to move up to Pokegama as soon as the ice goes out of the lake and river, at which place she will make her future home.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
APRIL 6, 1906

John Anderson is putting the finishing touches on Jos. Wilkie's new house. When completed it will be one of the finest houses at the lake.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
APRIL 27, 1906

By the spring of 1906 construction was completed and plans were made to start the season.



Mrs. Wilke prepared to move up from St. Paul.

POKEGAMA.
Mrs. Dr. Fritzen and daughter, Florence spent Sunday at the lake. Edward and Carrie Robholz, and mother, Mrs. Jos. Wilke, arrived at this place Saturday to prepare their home for the coming season.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
MAY 5, 1906

Mrs. Jos. Wilke and daughter, Florence, came up from St. Paul Saturday last. Mrs. Wilke will remain at the Wilke summer resort at Pokegama Lake during the outing season. *I believe the name Florence is a typo.*

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
MAY 18, 1906

The Wilkes planned to operate a boat to transport guests. The boat was named "Pokegama" and it arrived with a splash. The Wilkes were ready. Let the season begin!

Launch "Pokegama."
One of the finest gasoline launches on the lake and river is the "Pokegama," built by Mr. Dingle, the St. Paul boat builder, and the engine built by Mr. Mooney, of the Capitol Engine Works, of the same city, for Jos. Wilke, proprietor of the Island Hotel and Summer Resort at Pokegama lake. The launch is 28½ feet long, and will carry about fifteen passengers. The engine is an eight horse power and will drive the boat through the water at the rate of about nine miles an hour. The launch will be used for transporting the patrons of the Hotel to and from Pine City.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
JUNE 1, 1906

"Pokegama," the Wilke launch, arrived last evening and was assigned to the waters of the Snake. It is a beaut—large and roomy and is impelled by a two-cylinder seven horse power engine. Next!

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
MAY 18, 1906

The Island Hotel and Summer Resort is the name given to the Jos. Wilke place, at the head of Pokegama lake. This coming popular resort will be opened to the public in about ten days, with a genuine old-fashioned house warming. On the above occasion Mr. Wilke's new gasoline launch "Pokegama" will be on hand to transport free of charge all who wish to attend from this place.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
MAY 18, 1906

The inaugural season went very well.

The register shows that forty-nine persons were guests at the Wilke Island Hotel at Pokegama lake this week. That's business! And the resort is bound to gain in popularity with the advance of the season.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
JUNE 29, 1906

Gus. Drews, W. H. Kennedy and W. J. Ryan broke camp at Pokegama lake Friday and returned to St. Paul. They enjoyed a two weeks outing at Wilke's place and were thoroughly satisfied with the treatment accorded them. The trio have promised to come again.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
JULY 27, 1906

Wilke's resort proved to be a popular place to do what the paper referred to as "*rusticating*".

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McGrath and children, of Stillwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Organ and child went to Wilke's resort, Pokegama lake, Sunday, to rusticate.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
AUGUST 10, 1906

Wilke's resort at Pokegama lake is gaining more and more in popularity with the advance of the season. Over sixty-five partook of dinner and nearly a hundred sat down to the supper board at that place last Sunday.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
AUGUST 10, 1906

A. W. Friend went to St. Paul Monday to spend a few days at the state fair. He is a camper at Wilke's, Pokegama lake

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
SEPTEMBER 7, 1906

By the end of September the resort had quieted down enough that Joseph could go to St. Paul for a visit with his former co-workers.

Jos. Wilke, the popular landlord of the Island Hotel at Pokegama lake, returned Saturday from a visit among his old comrades in the fire department at St. Paul.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
SEPTEMBER 7, 1906

Souvenir plates featuring Wilke's Island Resort were available.



The Mercantile Co. has a very pretty and attractive window display this week. The display advertises a fine line of souvenir China-ware, together with a number of pretty lamps and pictures.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER 1906

LADIES!

Have you seen our
Souvenir China?

Finest Austrian Ware

Useful as well as Ornamental.
Large stock now displayed and the price
15c. to \$2.00.

FOUR LOCAL VIEWS:

Island, Pokegama Lake;
Bergman Point;
Chippewa Indians and Canoe;
Pine County County Court House.

**Come and
look them over.**

BRECKENRIDGE'S PHARMACY
Main Street, Pine City, Minn.

Pine City Mercantile Co.,
General
Department
Store.

We have just received
direct from Germany
a most beautiful line of
Souvenir China
with views in and
around Pine City.

We invite you to
look it over
pick out a piece and
send away to friends.

It will help to
advertise Pine City.

**PINE CITY MERCANTILE
COMPANY**

Both Breckenridge's Pharmacy and the Pine City Mercantile offered souvenir china.

Preparations began for the 1907 season.

Ed. Rebboltz returned Friday last from St. Paul to remain at the Wilke resort at Pokegama lake for the season.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
APRIL 19, 1907

Mrs. Robert Houser and sister, Miss Carrie Rebbholz, arrived yesterday to spend the summer at Wilke's place, Pokegama lake.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
APRIL 26, 1907



But the guests started arriving well before the official grand opening of the season.

A. G. Shultinger, of Stillwater, spent Sunday with his friend, E. M. Kuby, at Wilke's summer resort. By his brief visit, Pokegama lake gained another convert to the "simple life," and Mr. Shultinger has promised to give himself and family an outing at Wilkie's some time during the coming summer.

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MAY 17, 1907

E. M. Kuby returned to his home at St. Paul Tuesday, after a four weeks' stay at the Island Hotel and Summer Resort, Pokegama Lake. He is a member of the wholesale millinery firm of Strong, Warner & Co., and succeeded in regaining a great deal of lost health as a result of his stay at the popular Wilke resort. Sunday afternoon he went out on a fishing expedition and caught 23 pike, one of which weighed 8½ pounds. Mr. Kuby is enthusiastic over the lake and its environments, and considers it a delightful rendezvous for any seeking recreation and real enjoyment.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
MAY 17, 1907

The grand opening for the season was set for June 8, 1907. A crowd was expected so special provisions were made.

**Grand
Opening**
at Wilke's Island
Hotel and Summer Resort
**Tomorrow
Night**

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
JUNE 7, 1907

Grand Opening Tomorrow.
The long looked for grand opening at Wilke's summer resort will be held tomorrow (Saturday) evening. Fritzen's steamer "Fritz" will be in commission, the barge has been chartered and a fleet of launches will furnish transportation, etc and from the resort, so the transportation facilities will be ample. Mr. Wilke and assistants have made splendid provision for the entertainment of a large crowd and a banner attendance is anticipated. Everybody is invited to the grand opening. Boats will leave the dock tomorrow afternoon and evening, and boats will leave Wilke's in good season for the return trip.

Fritzens, a neighboring resort, ran a steamboat between Pine City and Pokegama Lake. They ran a special schedule for Wilke's opening. Stumne's orchestra played for the dance.



SCHEDULE for Str. "FRITZ."

Leave Fritzen's 9 a. m.	Leave Fritzen's at 2:45 p. m.
Leave Pine City 12:35 p. m.	Leave Pine City 5:00 p. m.

Special runs on Sunday but will usually meet the afternoon trains

Saturday, for Wilke's Opening, boat leaves Pine City at 5 and 9:30 p. m.

ROY FRITZEN, CAPTAIN.

Opening a Success.
The Island Hotel and Summer Resort was formally opened for the season last Saturday, and that attractive place on Pokegama lake was the rendezvous for a large number of people. A splendid supper was served after which the floors were cleared and dancing was begun. Stumne's orchestra furnished the music. All present testified to a real good time, and all agree that the Wilkes are past masters in the art of entertaining. Their beautiful homelike resort on the lake is bound to grow in popularity.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
JUNE 14, 1907

1907, the second season was even busier than the first.

Geo Hart came up from St. Paul Wednesday, and spent the night at the Wilke resort, Pokegama. He was accompanied to the lake by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lambert and daughters and Miss Irene Grater.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
JUNE 21, 1907

Capt. Ferguson, a captain of the St. Paul fire department, and one of the best known fire fighters in the state, is camping with his family at Wilke's resort.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
JULY 12, 1907

Some weeks the local paper ran the names of all the guests.

Guests at Wilke's.
E. M. Kuby, St. Paul; V. J. Torrey, Chicago, Ill.; A. M. Epperly, wife and son, St. Paul, Miss Sadie M. O'Gorman, St. Paul; E. M. Wallgren, St. Paul; Chas. Warlick and wife, St. Paul; O. F. Leltner and wife, St. Paul; P. L. Getchell, St. Paul; A. M., R., and L. Hausor, St. Paul; Henry Bockstruck and family, St. Paul; H. A. Dreyes and family, St. Paul; Mrs. H. A. Ovlatt, Madrid, Iowa; Mrs. H. Holderoft, Madrid, Iowa; S. Cahn, New York, N. Y. and F. F. Gottschall, Mora.

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AT WILKE'S SUMMER RESORT.
Alfred Luederman, C. V. Kerstead and wife, A Kostil and wife, Mr. Ledy and family, Misses Lottie and Zilla Grant, E. Villaume and family, Mrs. J. J. Hurley, M. F. Kain, Miss Mayme Mahoney, Miss Mildred Reed, Miss Mary Burke, E. M. Kuby, J. Drews, Reggie Ryan, Will Kennedy, St. Paul; Frank Dicks, Mr. and Mrs. F. Dicks, St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Judson, J. F. Williams and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Statler and child, Minneapolis; Mrs. Jessie Wilson, Dr. H. D. Hamilton and wife, Mrs. Thos. P. Klee, Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Clara Gustafson, Pine City.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
AUGUST 16, 1907

Jos. Wilke, who has been in St. Paul on business since Saturday last, returned Wednesday morning to spend the winter at his home at the Island hotel, at the head of Pokegama lake.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
NOVEMBER 01, 1907

It was October before Joseph Wilke was able to get to St. Paul and finish his business for the year.

Fishing was a popular activity for many of the guests.

Fishing Good.

Reports from reliable sources say that fishing is exceptionally good at Pokegama lake. Among other respectable fish stories we learn that two St. Paul gentlemen were out about two hours one day the first of the week and in those two wee hours of fitting time they succeeded in lauding 26 nice sized pike. The gentlemen were E. R. Bassford, a broker, and James McClure, a railroad man. They were registered at Wilke's Island Hotel. McClure is the true type of an Isaac Walton and is strictly in his element when engaged with rod and reel in coaxing the finny fellows. He stated that he expects to go to Ireland next fall to do some "real" fishing. The gentlemen were delighted with their sport at the lake and will go there

Mrs. L. P. Straubach and friend, Miss Daisy Kranz, of of Hastings, went to Wilke's resort at Pokegama Tuesday evening and remained until the next morning to enjoy a few hours fishing for members of the finny tribe. They succeeded in catching twenty-seven fish.

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AUGUST 3, 1906

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JUNE 28, 1907



An Hours Catch by the Fair Ones, Pine City, Minn.

(Pub. for Breckenridge's Pharmacy)

This photo taken in 1908 features two Pine City women, Kate Greeley and Hattie Pennington.

Small Boys Capture Big Fish.

Last Tuesday two sons of Iver Stumne had quite a thrilling experience while fishing from a small hunting boat eight or ten feet from the shore in about four feet of water. The little fellows, who were aged respectively four and five years, felt a tug on the line and they started for the middle of the lake. After towing the boat and boys for a half a mile the fish they had hooked became exhausted and came to the surface. The plucky little fellows reached over the side of the boat and got him by the gills but were unable to pull him into the boat. The order was then reversed and the boys started for the shore towing their prize. When nearly to the shore they were met by Dr. Healey, who was an eye-witness, and went out to help the boys. The combined strength of the three was not sufficient to lift the fish into the boat, which proved to be a 40 pound sturgeon. The fish furnished a dinner for the guests at Wilke's hotel Wednesday.

This fish story features neighbor boys Elmer & Henry Stumne who caught a fish big enough to feed all the Wilke guests one evening.



Henry
April 1, 1902

Paul
August 11, 1897

Herb
May 4, 1896

Alve
January 22, 1899

Elmer
August 4, 1900

THE IVER STUMNE FAMILY ABOUT 1904.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
AUGUST 28, 1908



Fishing from the rear dock of the Island Hotel and Summer Resort, Okauchee, Wis.,
Joseph Wilke, Prop.

Some had a real fish tale to tell.

Committed Suicide.

Last Saturday forebreakfast Messrs. Paul Martin and Jas. Nugent underwent an experience at Pokegama lake that they would not care to have repeated on a seething sizzling sea. The gentlemen are natives of St. Paul—at least they exercise the rights of their citizenship at that place—and are not accustomed to the wildly ridiculous pranks of some species of aquatics at the lake. The gentlemen are guests at the Wilke resort and had been plotting to do an unusual stunt of fishing for some time past when Sunday morning they waxed restless and tossed themselves out of their dream-dens and simultaneously shot down to the water's edge from whence they rowed in 6-8 time to a fishing hole. They were rowing about and rather enjoying the novelty of the forebreakfast atmosphere when suddenly Paul let a yip out of him that for tone and action would give any one outside of a lunatic observatory a feeling of misplaced confidence. About the time Nugent had complet-

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ed a hurried examination of the top of his thick tank, the cause for action was discovered complacently kneeling on one fin on the only vacant seat in the boat. A foolish sturgeon, apparently tired of water and wishing to gain the friendship of two early birds, had decided to either form their acquaintance or commit suicide in the attempt. The fool fish had done both. And maybe our St. Paul friends weren't glad to see the chunk of brain food. Oh, no! They'd be shaking hands with it yet if the breakfast bell hadn't told them that it wasn't right to fish on—empty stomachs. After they had exhausted their repertoire of telling how all big fish are caught they acknowledged that their friend from the deep (it weighed 19 pounds) had voluntarily jumped into their boat, possibly thinking at the time that it had struck a millionaire angle worm joint. Vouchers for this story can be had from any of those who were registered at the Island Hotel last Sunday, but we reserve the right to refuse to forego a cross examination in the case of the aquatic suicide.

The paper doesn't mention a grand event to open the season in 1908 but it does mention a preseason dance given by the young folk of Cornell. The town of Cornell later changed its name to Henriette.

There was some nasty weather in September. So nasty that alternative transportation had to be found for some guests

The dance that is to be given at Wilke's Island Hotel and Summer Resort a week from tomorrow night (Saturday May 2nd) will be given by the young folk of Cornell.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
APRIL 24, 1908

On Sunday the waves were running so high on Pokegama Lake that Commodore Wilke, of the Island Hotel would not venture out with his launch, and Geo. Hart and wife, Al. Friend and two lady friends had to get Tony Dlouhy to bring them down for the limited by team.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
SEPTEMBER 4, 1908

Miss Clara Gustafson, who has been at work at the Wilke hotel at the head of Pokegama lake, for the past year, came home on Sunday afternoon the season having about closed at that popular summer resort.

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SEPTEMBER 4, 1908



Eighteen year old Clara Gustafson spent the summer working at the Wilke house. Clara was the eldest daughter of Charles and Ann Gustafson and this may have been her second summer working for the Wilkes. Clara is pictured with her sisters in this 1898 photo holding what the back of the photo calls, "*the Hinckley fire cat*".

Business continued to be good in 1908.

The Island hotel is full to overflowing. Mrs. Wilkie informs us that she don't know what to do with them, but they will find a way to care for all who come. There is a gay party of young people there now who are enjoying the beauties of the lake and country to their heart's delight.

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JULY 24, 1908

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AUGUST 7, 1908

A Pleasant Outing

In response to an invitation from Mrs. J. E. Norstrom the ladies of Emily J. Stone Circle G. A. R. boarded the Wilkie Launch at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning for a day's outing at her pleasant home on the north bank of Pokegama lake.

The day was ideal and twenty ladies enjoyed the trip. A long table had been arranged under the shade of the fine old trees and words would fail to tell of all the good things that were spread for the hungry visitors. Those who were so unfortunate as to be detained at home missed the delicious fried chicken and genuine home-made ice cream and many other dainties.

The time for saying goodbye came all too soon as our boat left at 3 p. m. All present voted the day a happy one and will gladly respond to another like call.

Mrs. Oliver Wilcox remained over night with Mrs. Norstrom and Miss Susan Shearer stopped at Mission Cottage with Mrs. J. Y. Breckenridge.



A crowd of picnickers at Wilke's.

1909 was a difficult year for the Wilkes. Son Ed Rebholtz was ill and died. His brother Peter had died of the same disease in 1905

Mrs. Jos. Wilke, who has been spending the past couple of weeks in St. Paul, came home Monday. She reports that her son, Ed. Rebholtz, who has been quite ill at a one of the hospitals in Minneapolis during the greater part of the winter, is speedily recovering, and that if every thing goes well he will be back at his home at the Island Hotel at Pokegama lake this summer. Ed's many friends will be glad to hear such a favorable report from him.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
FEBRUARY 19, 1909

Died at St. Paul.
Peter Rebholtz died at his home in St. Paul last Friday night. His death occurred after a lingering illness with that dread disease, tuberculosis. Peter was quite well known in this place, having worked here and also visited here a number of times prior to the past summer, which he spent at Pokegama lake and was here almost every week. He was of a cheerful disposition and his demise will be regretted by his many friends.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
DECEMBER 29, 1905

Jos. Wilke wishes to announce to his friends and patrons that he will open up the season at the Island Hotel and summer Resort, Pokegama lake on Saturday evening June 12th, one week from tomorrow evening. Dancing will be indulged in and a grand supper furnished. All are cordially invited.

EDWARD REBHOLTZ.
On last Saturday morning the sad news was circulated that Edward Rebholtz, only son of Mrs. Joseph Wilke, of the Island Hotel and Summer Resort at Pokegama lake, had died at a hospital in St. Paul Friday evening at about 9 o'clock of consumption.
Ed has been a sufferer with that dreadful disease for the past four or five years. Four years ago he camped out on Pokegama lake during the entire summer, and when leaving in the fall felt fine, but during the winter went to the city and worked for the Golden Rule Co., when he returned in the spring he was away down in health again, but during the summer he got to feeling fine every year since he has done the same. Last fall he went to the city and during the winter was taken to the hospital where he died.
Ed. was a young man that made friends with all he came in contact with and will be greatly missed by the visitors at the popular resort at Pokegama lake.
The funeral was held in St. Paul Monday morning at 9 o'clock.
The Pioneer extends its sympathy to the bereaved ones.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
FEBRUARY 19, 1909

There was a grand opening for the season.

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JUNE 4, 1909

The county commissioners visited and a guest named Emma sent a friend an enthusiastic report about her time at Wilke's.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurley accompanied the Board of County Commissioners went to the Wilke hotel Monday night.

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JUNE 11, 1909



—Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Wilke, of The Island Hotel and Summer Resort, at Pokegama lake, have both been very ill, but at the present writing they are getting along as well as can be expected, under the care of Dr. R. L. Wiseman.

There is one last mention of the Wilkes in 1909.

Unfortunately our research has a gap of information starting at 1910 and so for now we have to leave the Wilkes here.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER
DECEMBER 31, 1909

We have one reference to the Wilkes in 1911. We have a family photograph of the Dave Deaver family having a picnic. The caption on the back it states "We had a picnic on the banks of Pokegama at Wilkes."

Mother's (her picture is blurred) myself, Dad, Ben Masler, ~~Paul Hill~~, Emory, John Trining, Howell, Lillian, ~~Mr. Acton~~, Rels. Hill on date summer of 1911. We had a picnic on Banks of Pokegama, at Wilkes.



The next reference in our files to the Wilke Resort is from 1923 when the resort is being sold. It is clear that there has been at least one owner since the Wilkes. The 1920 census confirms that Nick Taugner managed the resort for at least 3 years.

<p>Buys Summer Resort</p> <p>Dr. Howard T. Eachus of the Twin cities has purchased the Nick Taugner summer resort on Pokegama lake and is now in possession. The Taugners have gone to St. Paul where they will make their future home.</p> <p>The new owner of the resort, which is the old Wilke place, plans on running an up-to-date summer resort with especial attention and</p>	<p>PINE COUNTY PIONEER JUNE 21, 1923</p> <p>care for week end parties. It is an ideal place to spend a few days with plenty of boats and fishing for patrons and will undoubtedly draw a good patronage from the Doctor's friends in the cities</p> <p>Chocolate ice cream soda on Friday and Saturday at Prochotka's for 5c.</p>
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Flowers, Trees, and Shaded Lawn Invite You

Island Hotel on Lake Pokegama

Pine City, Minnesota

An Ideal Summer Resort

Island Hotel is an ideal place to while away the pleasant hours of a summer vacation.

Located seven miles from Pine City, it is easily accessible from the Twin Cities and Duluth over highways Number One or Five. Dining room service is unexcelled with tables plentifully supplied with fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs, milk and cream and home cooking widely praised by guests.

Reservations made by telephone, Pine City, 32-F-13.

HOWARD T. EACHUS
Manager and Owner
Pine City, Minnesota



*A Youthful Fisherman
With a Good Catch*

It appears from this 1926 ad that this location was still thriving as a summer resort.

The last item for this location is the photo below. The date is unknown but estimated to be in the 1930s. The name has changed to Johnson's Island Resort.

There are lots of blanks to fill in on the history of this location. If you have any information to add we would love to hear from you.



JOHNSON'S ISLAND RESORT - PINE CITY - MINN. - A-5323