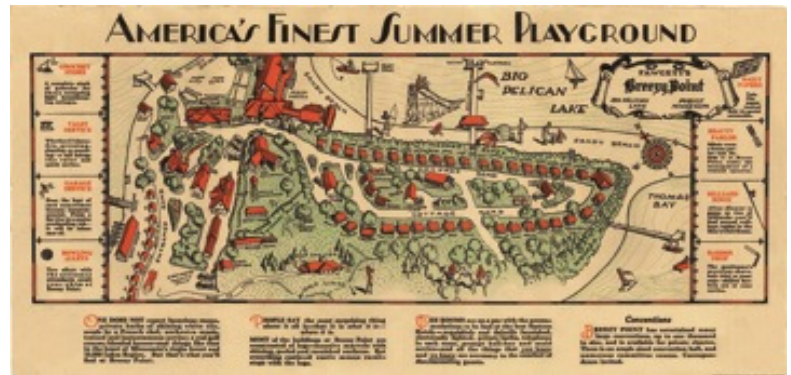


## Where is Thomas Bay?

By Dr. James D. Henderson

In past newsletter articles I've written about the origins of many of the bays on Pelican Lake. One that does not appear on any map today is Thomas Bay. Where is it located and how did it get its name?

The only map that illustrates the location of Thomas Bay is on a Breezy Point Resort map from the 1920s. The bay is the body of water just off the point of land occupied by the Fawcett Hill Cottages (see previous article in Fall 2013 Newsletter). When Captain Billy Fawcett built the small vacation cottages in 1922 he created a double size one for himself overlooking the bay. Since he called the cabin the Thomas Cottage after Thomas Avenue in St. Paul, it was natural that he would call the bay Thomas as well.



ABOVE - Thomas Bay is located in the lower right corner of this Breezy Point Resort tourist map from the 1920s. The string of small red cabins are the Fawcett Hill Cottages. Image courtesy of MINNESOTAPOSTERS.COM



ABOVE - This 1925 aerial view of Breezy Point Resort shows the location of Thomas Bay. Today both bays are known as Mousseau or Moose Bay. In the distance, Little Pelican Lake was still part of Big Pelican Lake.

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The author is collecting information and old photos of resorts and lake views around Pelican Lake for future articles in the PLA newsletter. If you have photos or information you'd like to share with our readers please email Jim Henderson at [james7122@gmail.com](mailto:james7122@gmail.com).