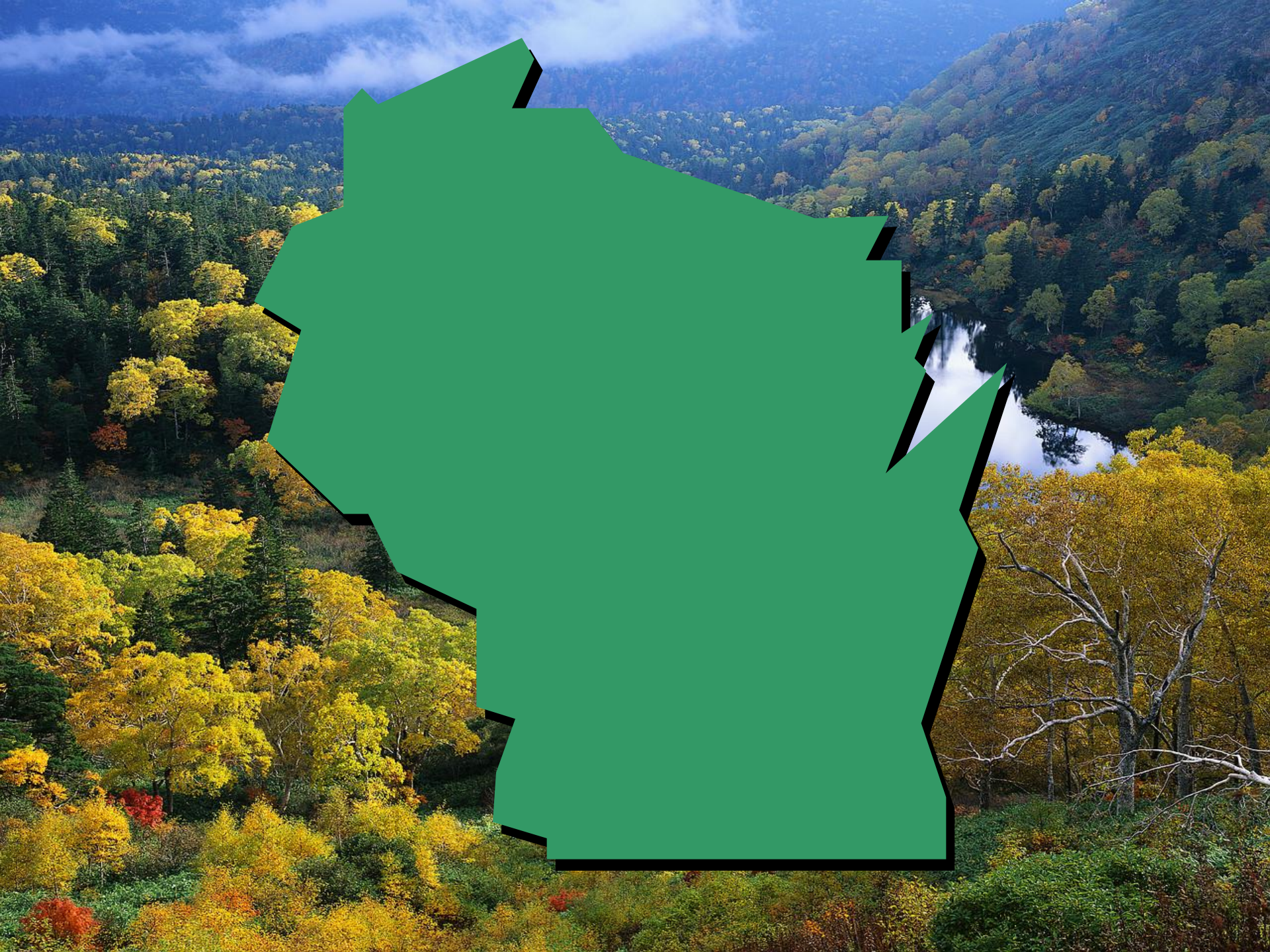


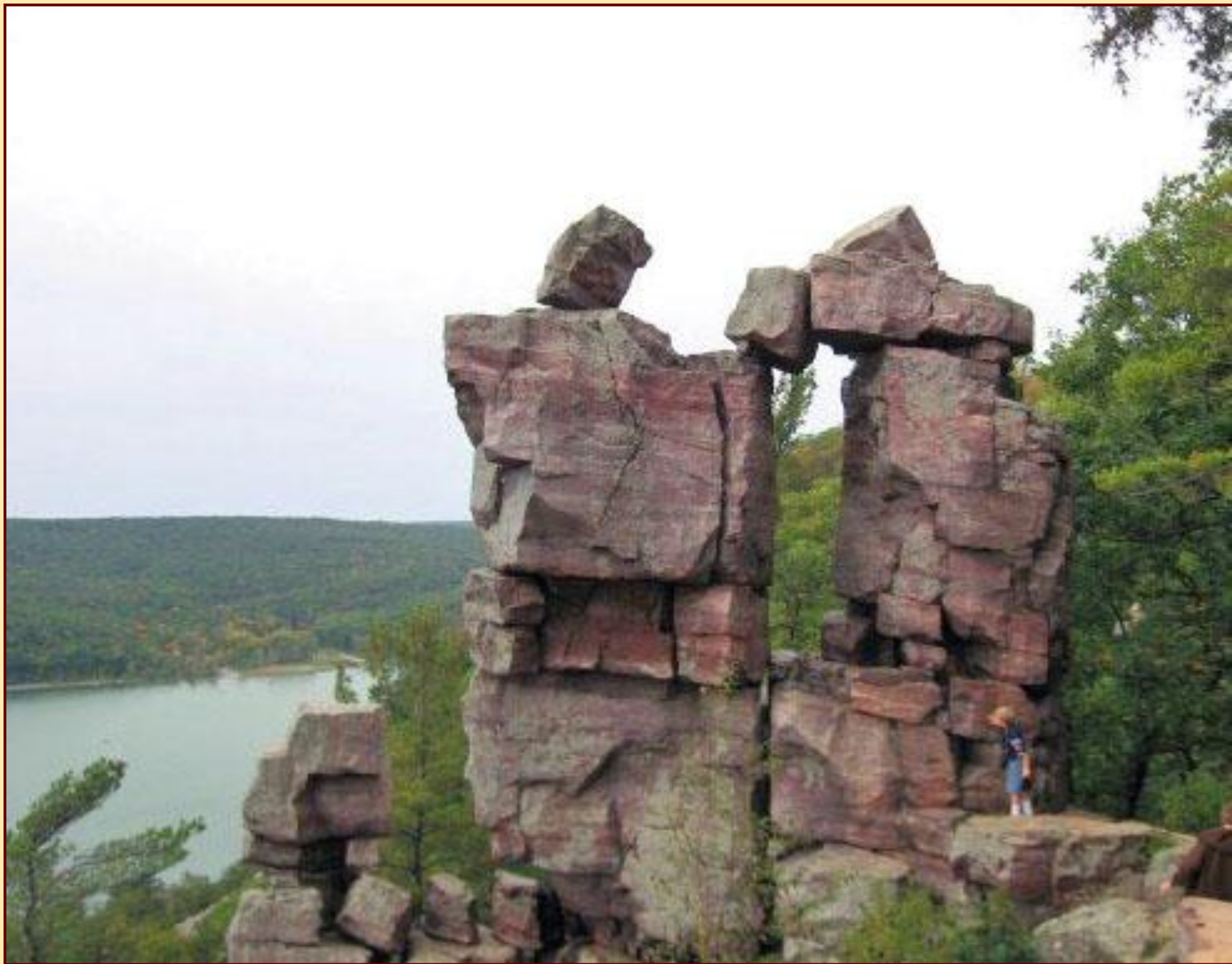
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Dick Barber's Camp

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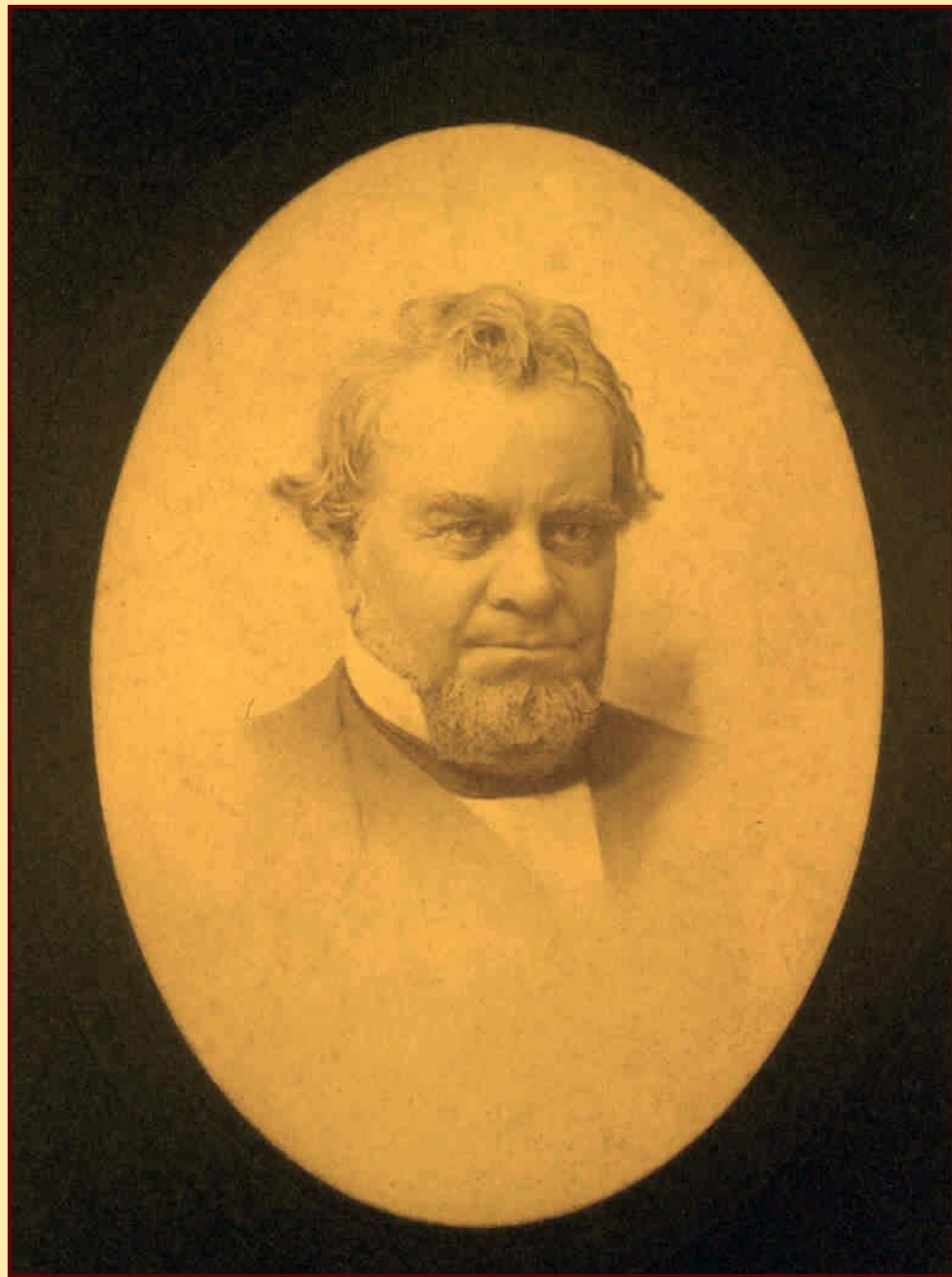
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Making: 1867-1987

A 120 Year Evolution

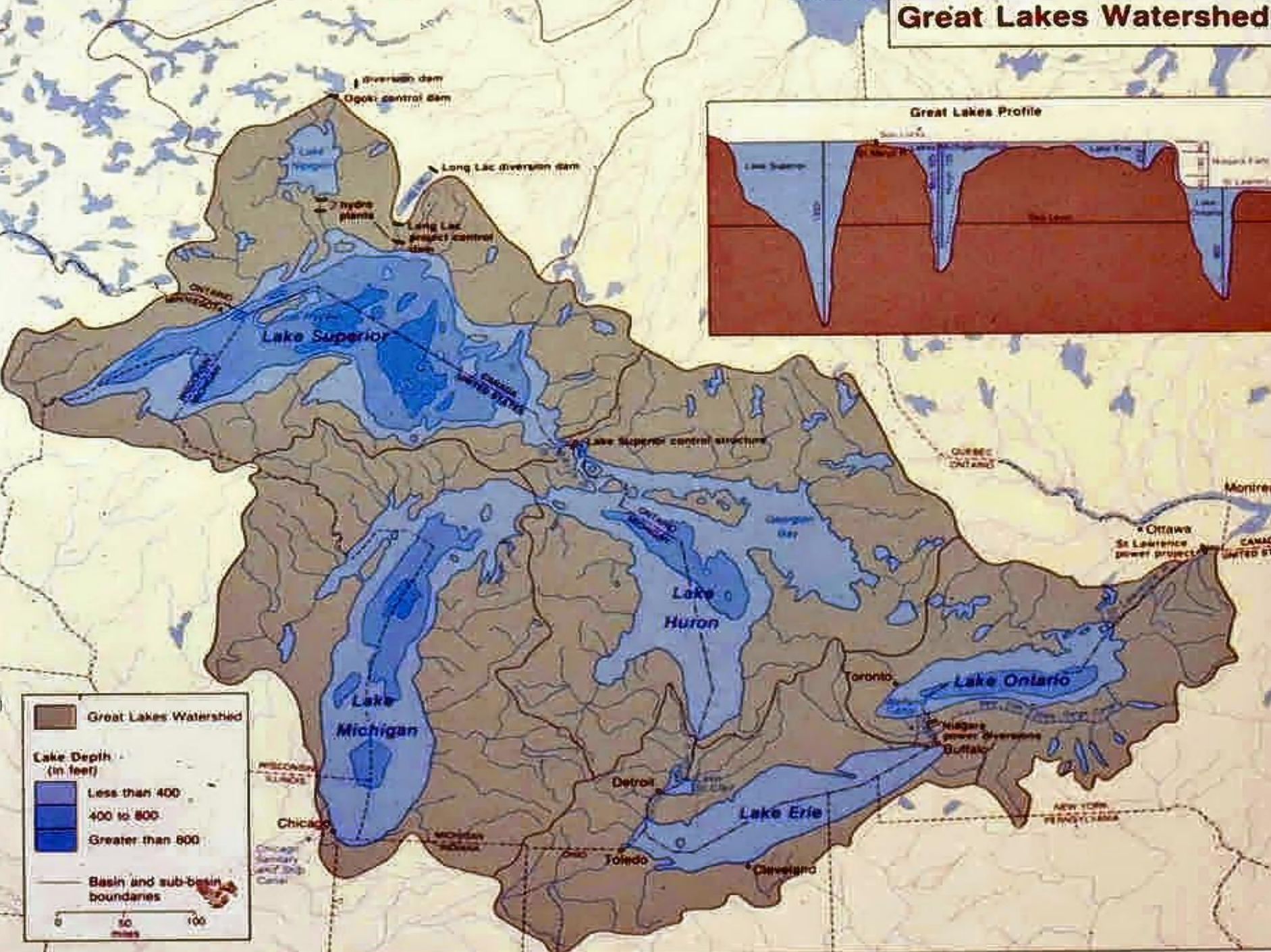
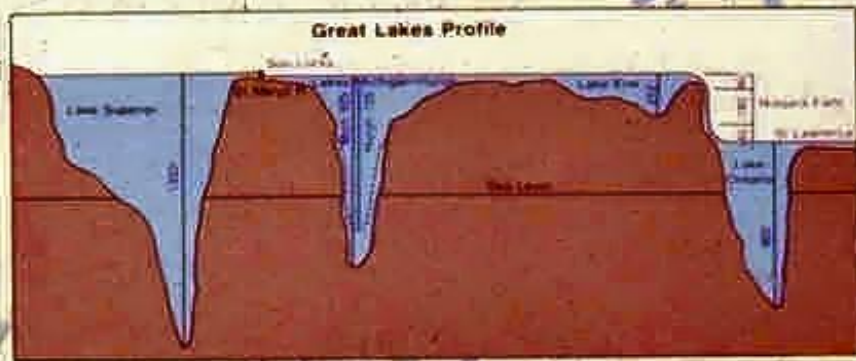




The Era of Exploitation

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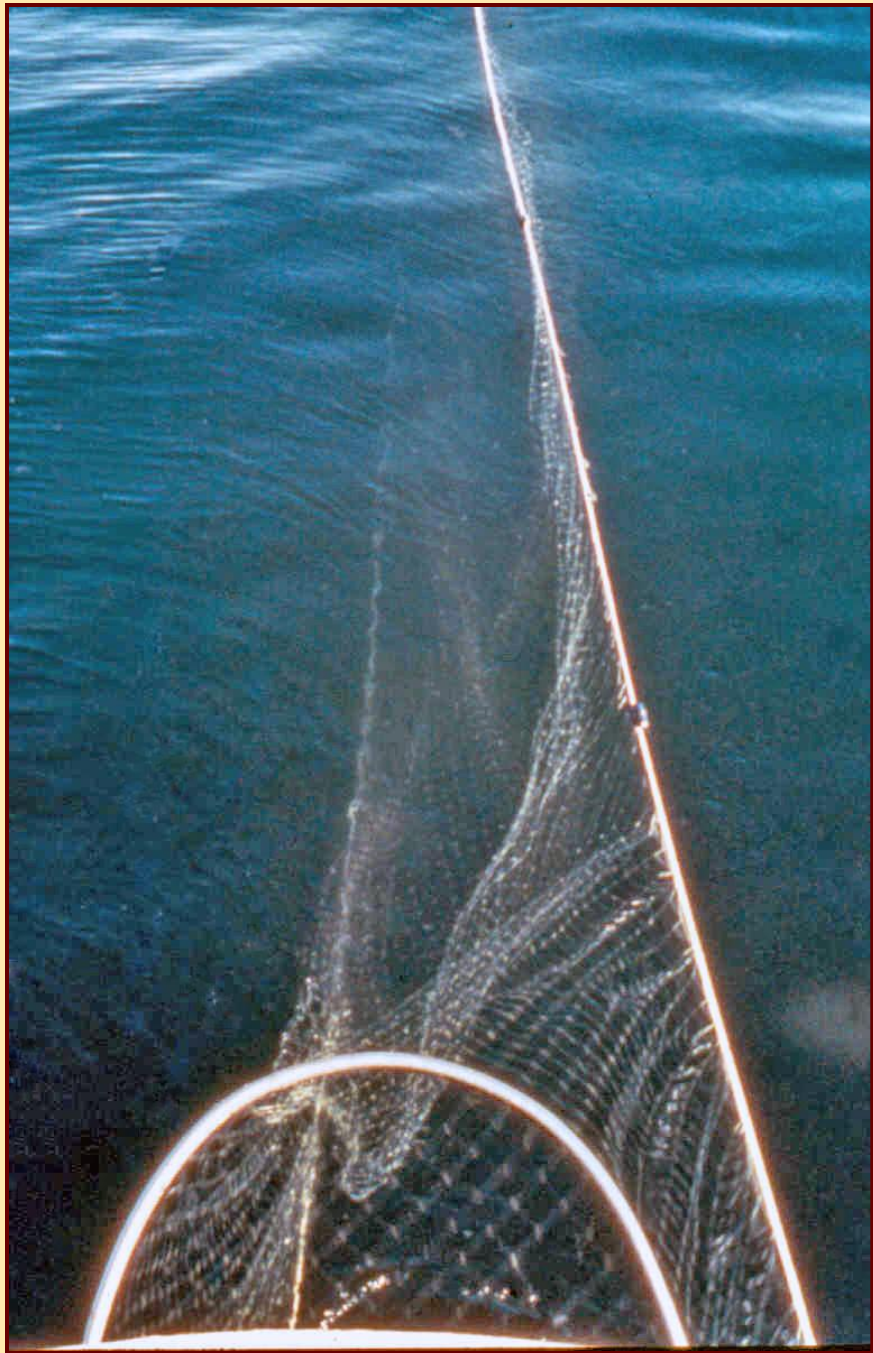
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Wisconsin Fisheries Commission
Three Unpaid Citizens





The Progressive Conservation Era

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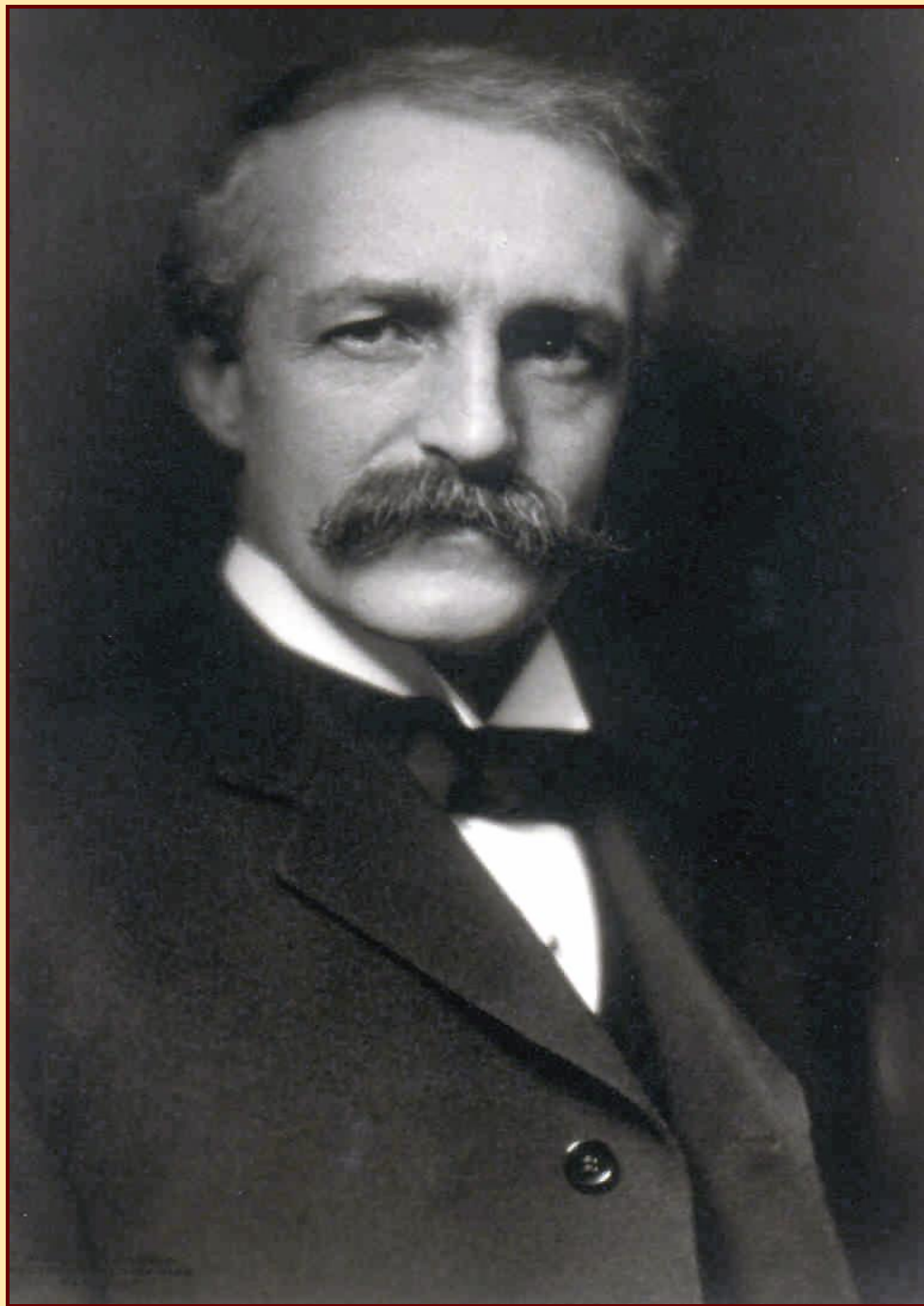












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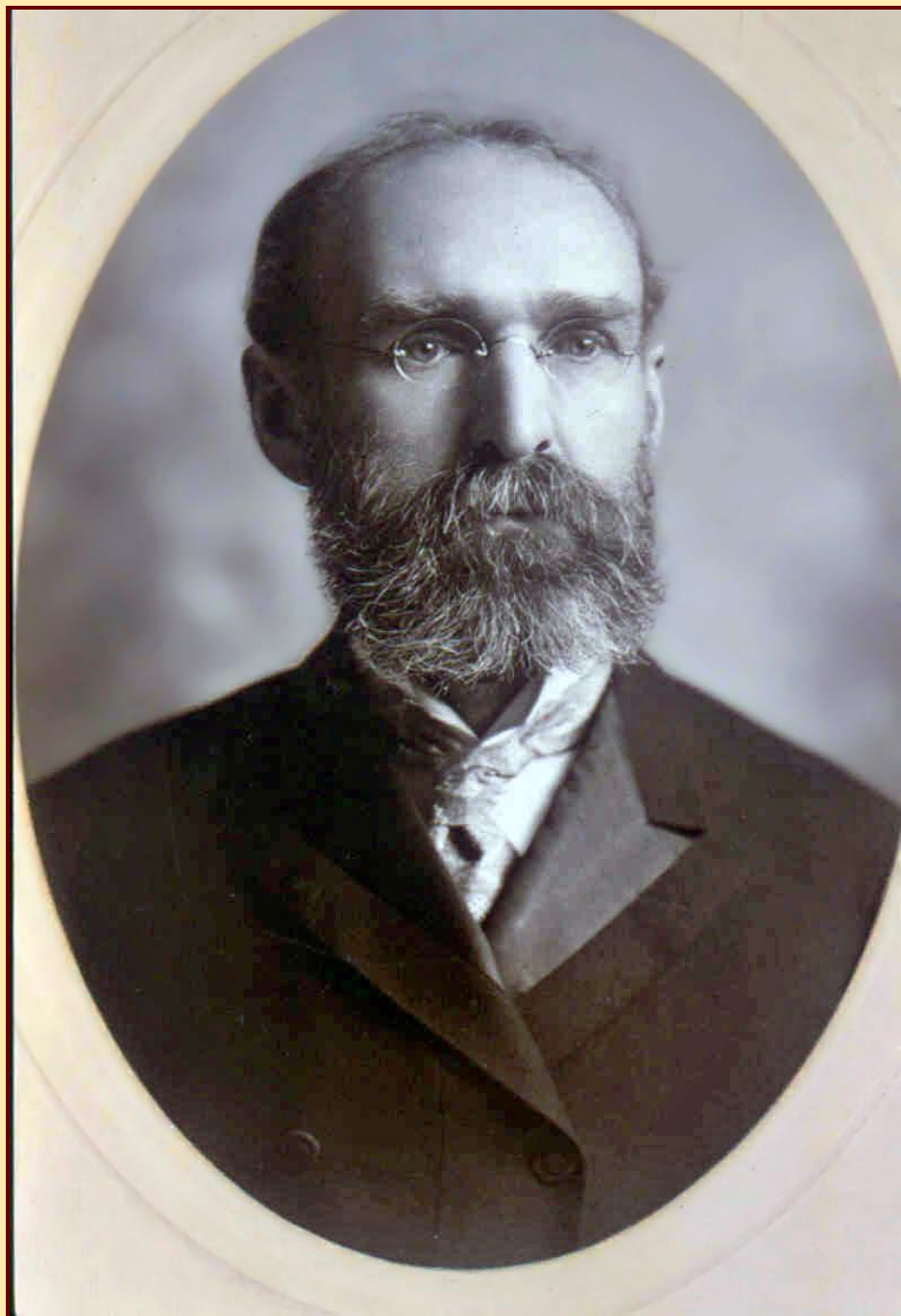
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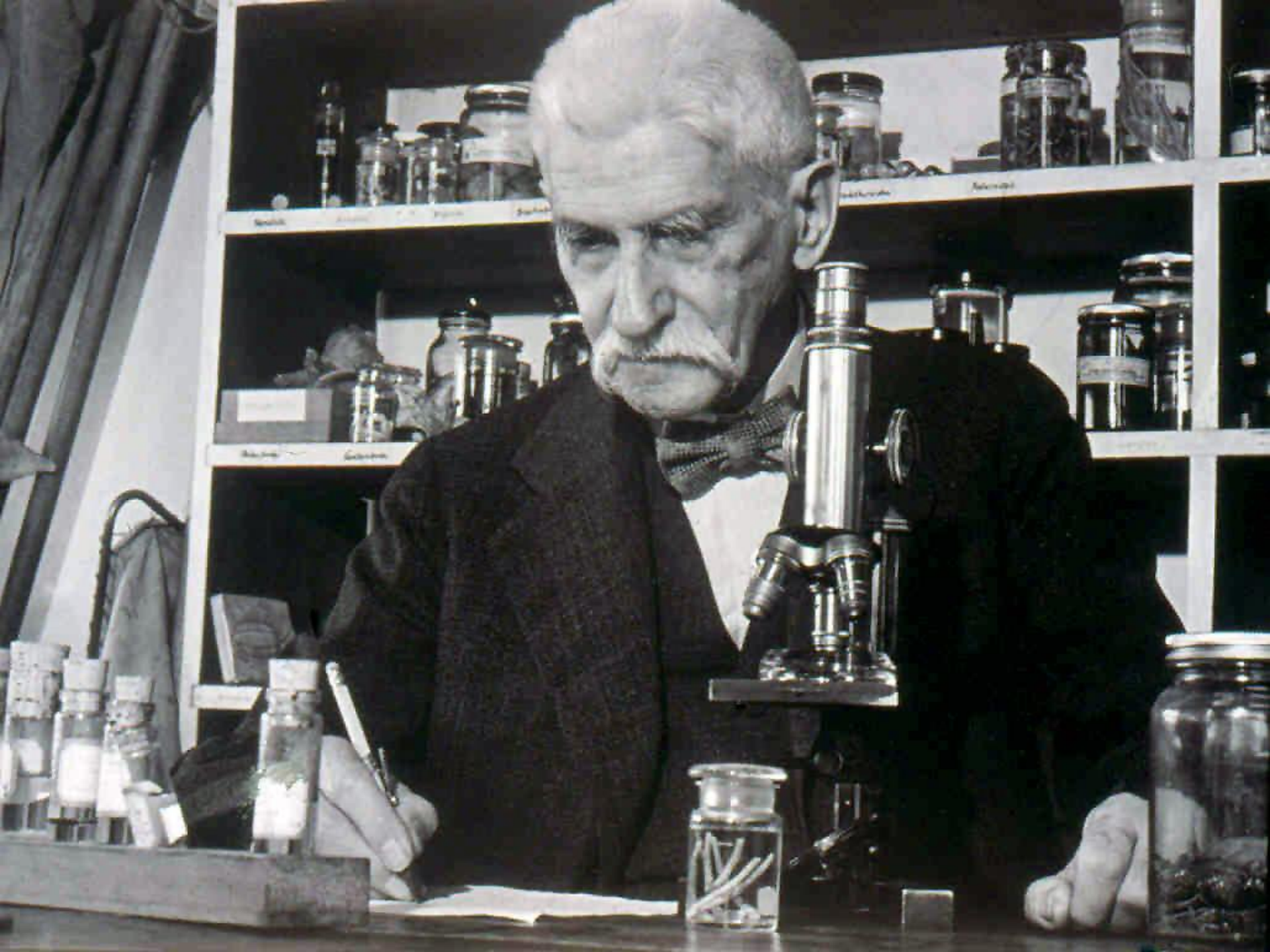
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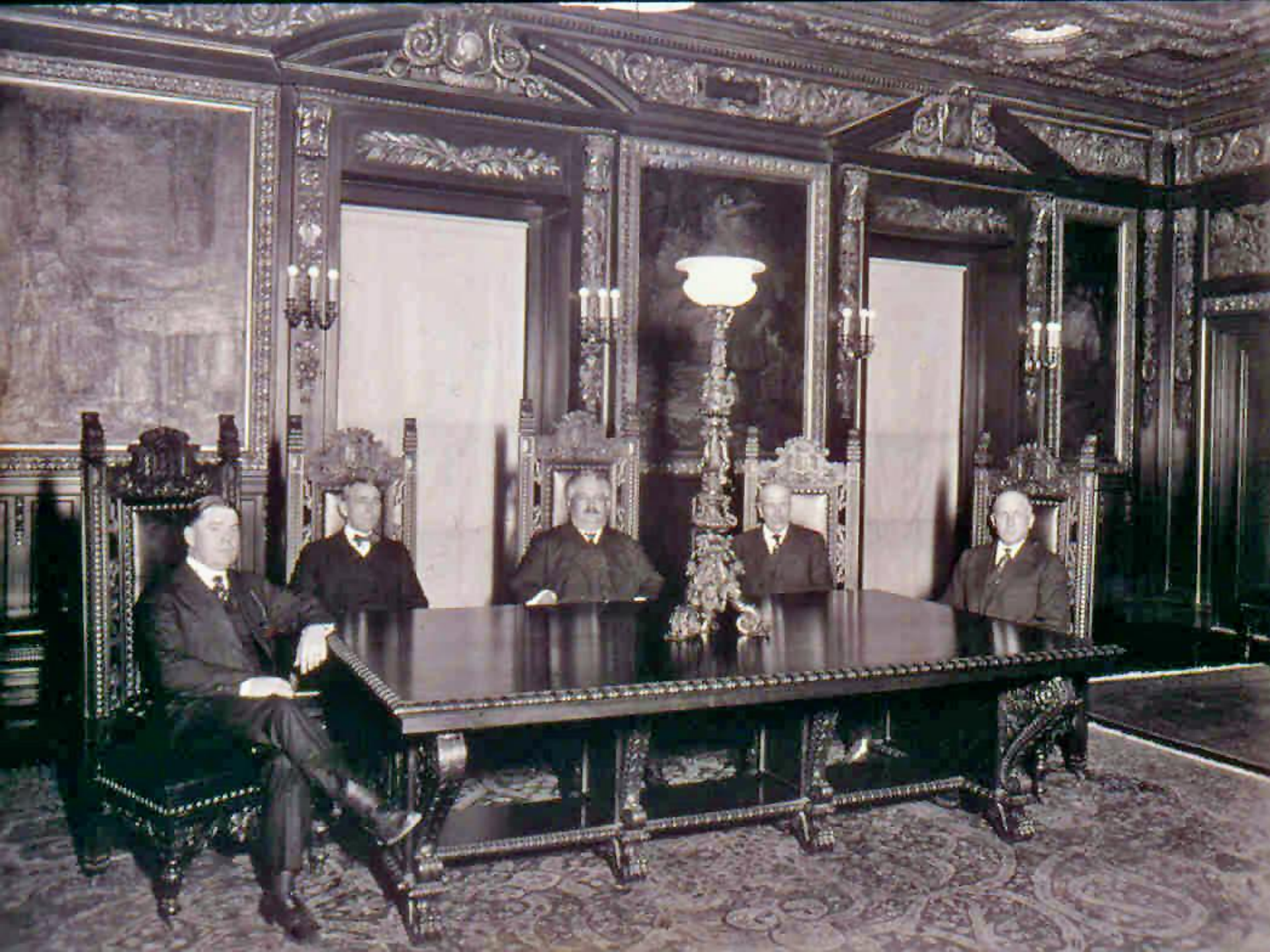
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Wisconsin Conservation Department

Three Paid Commissioners









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Wisconsin Conservation
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The Wisconsin Conservation Congress Gets the Gold



Still glitters after 50 years

Ernest Swift Resigns Game Post for US Job

JOURNAL FINAL

Milwaukee, Wis., Thursday, February 4, 1954

State Official Was Involved in Controversy

Madison, Wis. (AP) — Ernest Swift, for seven years director of the Wisconsin conservation department and a world renowned authority in wild life management, resigned Thursday to become assistant director of the United States fish and wild life service. Swift said he had three opportunities to join the fish and wild life service during the last seven years, and this was the



Ernest Swift



US Will Halt Hiring Setup for Mexicans

Washington, D. C. (AP) — The interior department said Thursday that it was closing down Friday its temporary program for bringing Mexican farm workers to the country. A spokesman said the action was taken because of an administrative ruling that the program was no longer legal without specific authorization from congress and because funds have run out. Solutions are pending in the

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THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL

Wednesday, February 24, 1954

Game Department Is Storm Center

Four of its five permanent directors resigned by request or were fired. Both External Affairs and Internal Dispositions Have Caused Trouble Through the Years

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Conservation Chiefs Lead 'Double Lives'

Two Sets of Meetings Held by Commissioners—One for the Public and One Secret—With Separate Minutes Kept for Each; Swift Spoke His Mind at One Closed Session

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Conservation Funds Investigation Urged

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April 5, 1967

Knowles Presses '67 Reorganization

By **RICHARD C. SEAMAN**
Journal Madison Bureau

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Conservationist Raps Change in Kellett Bill



Poynette, Wis. — UPI Knowles' compromise reorganization of the department drew opposition Saturday afternoon at a public hearing of the Wisconsin conservation congress.

Robert Thompson, vice-chairman of the advisory group, Knowles' proposal is less acceptable to conservationists than the bill.

Plans to merge conservation department resources agency, such strong opposition, legislative inquiry into illegal lobbying by conservation department started.

Knowles told a legislative session Wednesday moving on passage of reorganization act reducing the statute to 26. He said take effect this year.

The compromise of the policy making conservation commission completion of the

APR 27, 1967

Senate May Hear Kellett and Foes

Madison, Wis. — AP — Major foes of the Kellett bill on government reorganization and the man who headed the reorganization study may be called to the senate floor Tuesday before debate on the bill resumes.

Majority Leader J. J. Leonard (R-Bayside) said Thursday that he was tentatively planning a hearing before the entire senate.

Mergers involving conservation and health have been the main stumbling blocks facing the measure, which would reorganize state government into 26 major departments and boards.

Kellett Named
Leonard said he expected William R. Kellett, chairman of the task force which wrote the bill, to appear and added that a few department heads might also be called. He named Lester Voigt, director of the department of conservation, and E. Hall Jorris, the state health officer.

The Kellett bill would merge conservation and water pollution control into a new department and would combine health with the department of public welfare.

Backed by Republicans
Gov. Knowles went before

Knowles' recommendations were introduced in the senate Thursday as a new version of the bill. It listed nine Republicans as sponsors. No Democrats were willing to join them.

Sen. Taylor Benson (D-Franksville), who was a member of the Kellett committee, originally was listed as a sponsor, but he crossed his name out in red ink. He said he wanted an opportunity to read Knowles' version thoroughly.

Leonard had halted debate on the bill Mar. 9 to avoid a series of votes considered likely to

spell defeat for the proposal. Debate is scheduled to resume next Tuesday, but Leonard said the hearing would precede any votes on the bill itself and added, "We probably won't get to it until Wednesday."

Nixon, Sato Meet

Tokyo, Japan — UPI — Former United States Vice-President Richard M. Nixon Thursday met with Japanese Prime Minister Eisaku Sato. Nixon is on what he calls a "private foreign policy fact finding tour."

WE APOLOGIZE

to those Wisconsinites who were unable to find room at our Charter Meeting Sunday, April 2 at the Red Carpet Motor Inn.

In order to give you all an opportunity to meet your fellow members and to join the Pilgrims International, the finest Air Travel Club, we invite you to come and see us and have your questions answered.

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4747 S. Howell Av., Milwaukee, Wis.
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Propose Two-Year Delay On Reorganization Plan

MADISON (AP) — The heavy question of merging conservation and water agencies is being pointed toward the 1969 legislative session.

The suggestion for a two-year delay is one of the proposals in a bill introduced by Sen. Taylor Benson (D-Franksville) and Rep. William R. Kellett (R-Bayside) against the sale of

part. Kellogg had the two-year delay on the key part of the reorganization plan as the only practical way to pass the Kellett bill and reorganize the other efforts toward streamlining state government.

The bill had been supported by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau federation. It had been considered a compromise measure with the \$5 million appropriation regarded as a compensation to dairy farmers for allowing the use of the competing product.

the governor was likely to make in the next session who favored an eventual merger. The legislature can apply the transfer if they want to. But they must be given a choice to reject the bill and to delete a provision that would have prohibited the serving of oleo to students in state institutions.

The call road police cruiser reached 100 miles an hour. Finally, on a curve, Balazs' car crossed the center line and smashed into an oncoming station wagon. The other motorist, Lynn Matthews, 45, of Grahamsville, N. Y., was killed.

Balazs in satisfactory condition at a Newburgh hospital, was charged with driving without a license. State police said he would also face a charge of vehicular homicide.

Hampton Resigns As Director Of OEO Office

WASHINGTON — The Center for Community Development Programs...

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Knowles said the changes he recommended would "permit us to embark upon this program on July 1, 1967." The reorganization committee, headed by William R. Kellett, retired Menasha industrialist, had

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Ample Time

"The new board, in conjunction with the existing boards, would have ample time to develop a structure which would guarantee such Wisconsin traditions as the segregation of land fish and game revenues and

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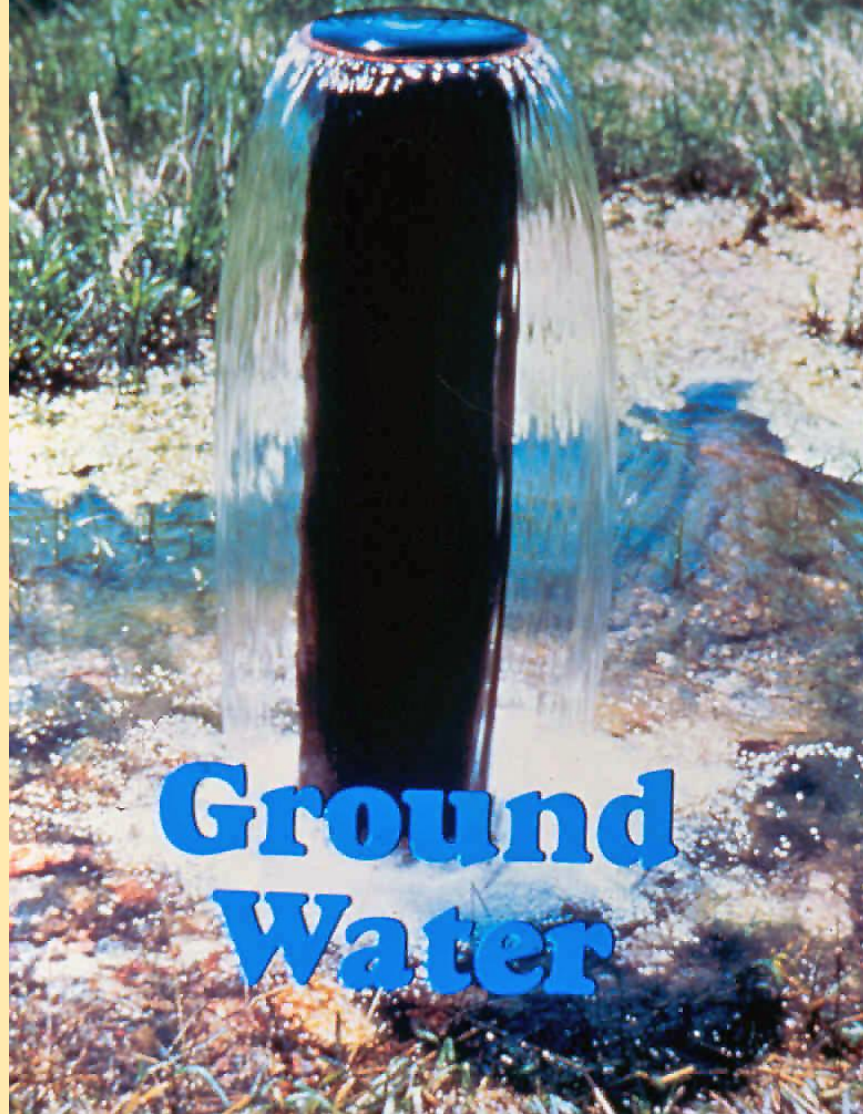
The Environmental Decades:

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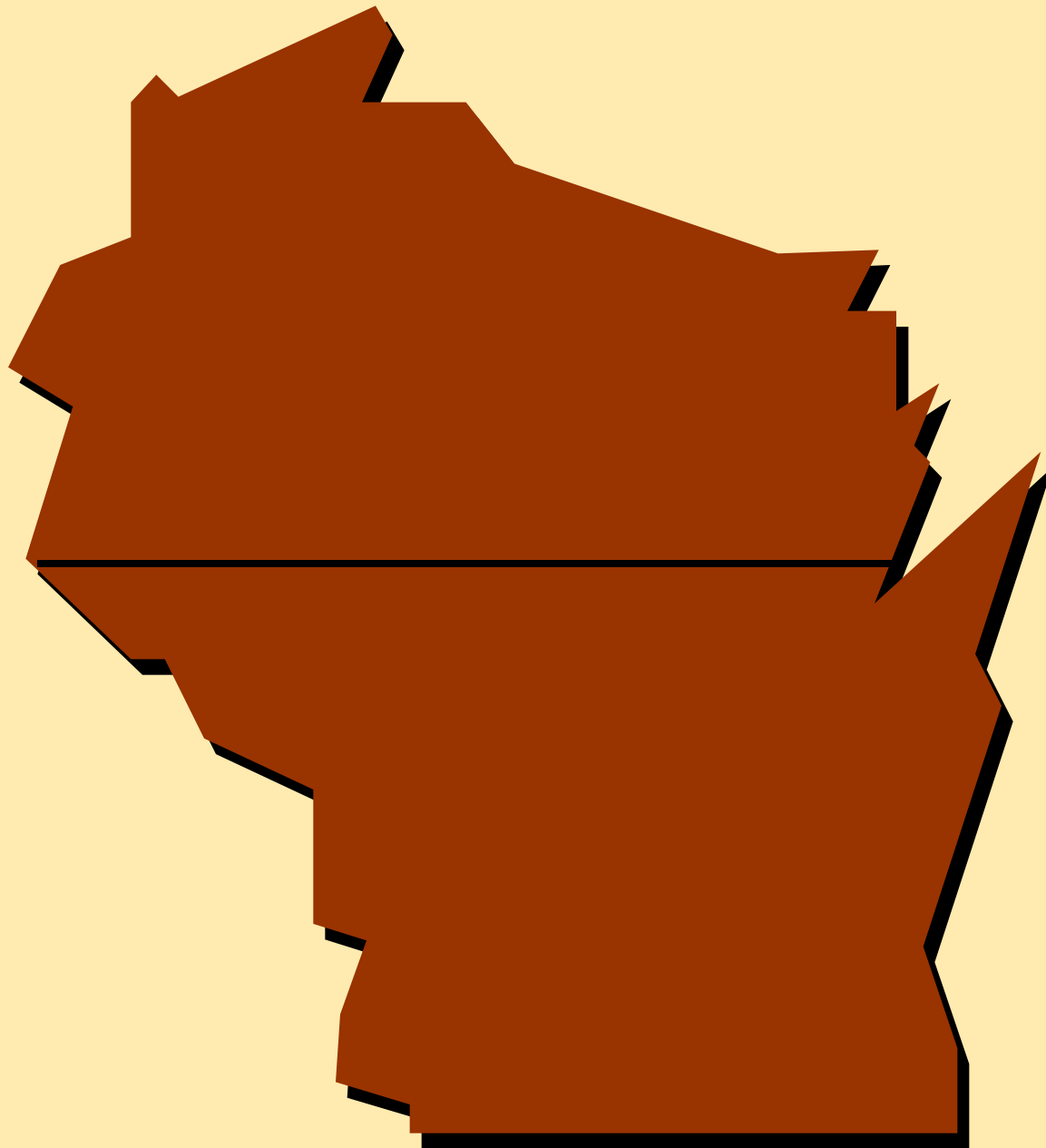


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