

## Old Lady's Lake

Smith Lake, a short distance north of Hayward, the old people among the Chippewa Indians know as "Old Lady Lake." The story of how the lake obtained this name is as follows. Some Chippewa, who were traveling northward over a trail from the present locality of Hayward, had in their party a very old Indian woman. She was very infirm, and there appeared to be no doubt that she would be unable to stand the hardships of trail travel, so when they reached the shores of Smith Lake they made her as comfortable as possible and left her to die. No one ever knew what became of her. For many years after that Indians traveling over the trail saw, or thought they saw, the spirit of the old lady when they passed the shores of the lake. The spirit harmed no one, but the Indians were never desirous of lingering long in the vicinity.