

FENN M. HOLDEN
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June 13, 1965

Mr. Wesley L. Hall
1283 Rochester Rd. R.R. 1
Oxford, Mich. 48051

Dear Mr. Hall:

I have your letter of June 9, with a copy of your very fine letter to Miss Gahagan. She seems to be interested in the Kirtland's Warbler and I have hopes that she may print your letter in full.

Doug. Middleton phoned me and I picked up the plaque at his place yesterday morning. Your club has done a very fine job on it. I will start organizing immediately to get the cement work done. Like you, I will be greatly relieved when there is a substantial marker in place. The surface of the country down there is changing so fast that in a few years more solution of that puzzle would be impossible.

The date and time for your dedication looks OK.

I anticipate no trouble in getting the cement work done. There will need to be some brushing out done to make the spot accessible to even a small crowd (as a result of the pulp wood cutting operations).

Do not expect me to make a speech. If you call on me my remarks will be very, very, brief. If you want a speaker I suggest that you get in touch with Harold Mayfield. He is a good speaker and is very generous in donating his services, especially if the Kirtland's Warbler is involved. His address is:

River Road, RFD, Waterville, Ohio.

I will write him if you wish, but would rather you did it. Doug. Middleton says he cannot attend. He will be in the West at that time.

If there is anything further I can do to help please advise. Will be interested in further details of your plans, however, I am quite indifferent to the size of the crowd and the amount of fan fare; the main thing is to get the marker placed.

Sincerely yours,



E. H. Frothingham

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August 7, 1965

Mr. Fenn M. Holden
Box 428
Grayling, Mich.

Dear Mr. Holden:

Indeed I am interested in the event described in your letter of July 27. I am greatly indebted to you for your thoughtfulness in writing me about it. If convenient, I wish you would extend my appreciation to the Pontiac Audubon Club for their courtesy in including my name and that of Tom Gale on the marker. It wasn't at all necessary, of course, since the discovery was so entirely a matter of accident. But it's thrilling, just the same!

I shall copy your letter for the information of Tom's two sons and his sister-in-law.

The enclosures are from my album of our second Au Sable trip in 1903, from Roscommon to Oscoda. If you decide to write your story I hope the pictures will turn out as well as those of the same set did in your article for the Jack-Pine Warbler of September, '64.

With thanks and best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Earl H. Frothingham

FENN M. HOLDEN
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Aug. 11, 1965.

Mr. Wesley L. Hall
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Dear Mr. Hall:

Enclosed is a letter which is self-explanatory. I thought you might like to show it to the other members of your Club - perhaps have it copied for your records - to show how much the Kirtland's Type Nest Marker did to brighten the last days of a very fine gentleman of 85.

I am in no great hurry to have the letter back, but want it eventually for my files.

You know how happy I am to have the marker placed. I thought the dedication went off very well, and you and your Pontiac Audubon Club deserve a lot of credit for organizing the project.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fenn M. Holden". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.