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(Editors: The following sidebar story is intended to be used with the background story on Sieur du Luth or the stories involving the Nov. 5, 1965 du Luth statue dedication at the University of Minnesota, Duluth.)

DULUTH -- Four Superiorites and a resident of Minnesota point are responsible for naming the city of Duluth!

A volume published in 1910 on the "History of Duluth and St. Louis County" relates how it came about during the winter of 1855-56.

The men from Superior--George E. and William Nettleton, J. B. Culver and Orrin W. Rice--and Robert E. Jefferson, who resided as a squatter on the land covered by the plat of Upper and Lower Duluth, on Minnesota point were taking steps for the platting of the city.

In February 1856, these gentlemen were canvassing learned citizens of Superior for a suitable name. Rev. Joseph G. Wilson of Logansport, Ind., then living in Superior as a home missionary for the New Presbyterian church, was asked to suggest a name for the future city and promised two lots in the new town if the name he submitted was accepted.

The Rev. Wilson set about the task, visiting the homes of citizens he expected might have a library. In searching through old books belonging to George Nettleton, he discovered an old English translation of the writings of the French Jesuits. In this he ran across the name of du Luth.

The name Duluth and several others were presented by Rev. Wilson to the five men at a meeting in the home of George Nettleton, and after discussing the merits of the names submitted, the name Duluth was selected.

"There was little or no thought at that time that Duluth would ever attain to the world-wide fame and rank which it now has," the author of the history wrote. "Superior was then generally regarded as the future great city to be at the head of the lake."