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Editor of Minn. Histories: -

Dear Editor: -

7559 In looking over the last Minn. History, I saw on page 125, that there has been a life of Jesse James, Bank robber, written.

I have not read that book but I have read considerable about Jesse James and his band of outlaws. There is one thing that I have never seen in print. Shortly after the Northfield raid, while some of the gang were in the Fairbault jail, there were fourteen mills in Rice County, burned to the ground, and the Jesse James gang was

supposed to have started those fires. I wasn't quite four years old, but I distinctly remembered seeing two of those fires; the Beards Mill and the Grange Mills in Fairbault. I have never forgotten those fires.

As far as I have been able to find out, Jesse James' ancestors were all good, honest, law abiding citizens.

I have been told that two James brothers, Thomas and Joseph, twins, went into Kentucky with Daniel Boone in 1769.

Thomas, later, went into Indiana where he has numerous descendants.

He also has descendants here in St. Paul.

The other brother, Joseph was an ancestor of Jesse James,

the out-law.

Maybe you have all of this information, but if you haven't, I think you should have.

Respy

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