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MEMO

STATE BOARD OF PAROLE

O. F. ZABEL, PAROLE AGENT

TO

RE:

YOUNGER BROTHERS

Robert, James and Cole all were received here from Rice County Nov 20, 1876 for the crime of Murder 1st degree which was the shooting and killing of the Cashier of the Northfield Bank, one Mr. Hayward.

Robert died in prison Sept 16, 1989

James and Cole were paroled July 14, 1901

James later on Oct 19, 1902 killed himself in Ryan Hotel, St. Paul by shooting.

Cole was pardoned Feb 4, 1903 and later on returned to Lee Summit, Missouri where he died in 1917.

Revenge was the cause of crime: Claims troops of General Butler's of Unkon Army assaulted their aunt, mother of the James Boys, shot her in arm which had to be amputated. They were informed General Butler had holdings in Northfield bank so they came here to get even with him, found he was in the east, so decided to holdup the bank and get even this way. Same resulted in murder of the cashier. They were captured about 2 or 3 weeks later 30 or 40 miles away. at time of robbery, all were mounted.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, President and General Manager.

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Higginsville, Mo, May 8 [1901]

Col. Henry Wolfer,

Stillwater, Minn.

Wire me Laclede Hotel St Louis action pardoning board regarding Younger my expense-

W. C. Bronough

Too Hannager Bros A. M. Hannaford, POLICE MAGISTRATE. Warden of knimice of Fentinaly Stelemater · Musici I have got with an argument in regard to the true of The northfield Bank Robbery, and the twice that the Loungers Boo have served, I' when did the Robbery Ocean ? Becardo do mot show. 2. How long have the Louinger Boys View in the Pyrion; 10 to the Povember. While furnish the above information and oblige Quitamaford JP. Roodhouse

700 Fort Logan beder May 381701 Still Clatter Peneteray Affin I have a request to ask. off for whitch I hope you will lensue South pleasure g cerish you would please inform me whitek of the Hongers Brothers is at the printenery land what his there Hames. Some papper Say that look and Bob and Home pappers Say it is look and James. So with your Kindness I hope for will inform me Jores Ball Ofly & Alls. Frank & Shoul Hort Logan Golo

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St Louis, Mo, June 3 [190]

Col. wenry Wolfer,

Warden, Stillwater, Minn.

Will Pardoning board meet on sixth June answer Lacledde Hotel.

W. C. Bronough

West Virginia Humane Society, OFFICE OF DR. LEEDS, AGENT.
J. L. HECHMER, ATTY.
J. A. MCCABE, SECY.

Grafton', W. Va. June 2/ 1901 20 Mr - Whalfer Warden of Penetentiany Stillwater Minn S. N. of Minnesota I ask if you will furnish me with a Photograph of each of the younger brothers, theat as recent a date as possible. I hope the Board of pardeus may see fit to parale them for Dwely they would not live over their young life again. If you will Kindly yeform of me the Cish of the Photos I will rewill the Same toyou at once Very muly yours Leed

Dericos Bolines Leeds Kutez Servely Allender Knyens

Stillwater Minn. July 1901 Ea. Britisch. Hilltop Kans. The younger boys nov- yo-1876 The death of Bob younger occurred on the 16th day of - Pift in the year - 1889 at 10 30 P.M. yours -



HE KANSAS CITY STAR'S

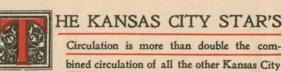
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Mr Woefer, Warden State Prison Stolwater, Minn.

My Dear Sir; I Am informed that arguments for the parale of the Youngers wice be heard by the governor boguing July 8. Since my visit to the prison four years ago, when application for parton was mile, Thank has it in view to the mosent in the Event of their Mease, Of course I do not care To make the trip unless there is a fair possibility of their parale. Whatever information you may se six to give me



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will be treated in the strictent Confidence and win be greatly approximated, Remembering your Mintmen to me Dam sing Taithfully yours Wade Mountforth Editorial Dept The Star

Causas Citz, Mo Juz 2, 1901

July 6, 1901.

Wade Montfortt, Esq.,

Editorial Department, Star,

Kansas City. Mo.

My dear Sir:-

lay in replying to your inquiries concerning the probable parole of the Younger Bros. In reply beg to say, that it is impossible for me to say what the chances are for favorable action on the part of the Board of Pardons. I have had no talk with either one of the members since the application was formally filed with that Honorable Body, and neither one of the members have indicated to me in any way, what their action is likely to be at its next meeting on July 8th.

In the event of Paverable consideration, I think it not unlikely that they will postpone action for some days, taking the matter under advisement. This is a common occurance, and it seems to me more likely to occur in this case than any other that has come before the Board in the past.

I shall be pleased to give you any further information I can that will enable you to grasp the situation, but I can give you nothing more definite than outlined above at the present time.

N. A. Welson, a young newspaper man in this pity, who has had a great deal of experience in newspaper work, is thoroughly wide-a-wake is familiar with the history of the Younger Bros. and will be fully in-

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formed of the situation whatever it may be, could represent you here if you wish him to do so.

Yours very truly,

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Kansas City. Mo. July 9 [1901]

Henry Wolfer. Warden State Prison.

Stillwater. Minn.

If not inconsistent will you kindly wire me what you think prospect is simply for private information as explained in my letter

Wade Mount fort.

COLLEGY.

July 9, 1901.

Wade Mountfort,

Editorial Dept., Kansas City Star,

Kansas City, Lo.

Confidentially, am inclined to think there will be favorable action. This is only a guess, however.

HENRY WOLFER, Warden.

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Sioux City, Ia, July 11 [190]

Warden Wolfer,

100 Care Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minn.

When will youngers leave prison and what route will they take.

Evening Journal

July 11, 1901.

Evening Journal,

COLLECT.

Sioux City, Iowa.

Telegram reserved. Youngers will not leave State of Minnesota. Work will be secured for them in State. Location or work undecided as yet.

Henry Wolfer, Warden.

Lem sir Very heely your. 21. B. Carles. Harlen of General Prime Still wine St. Faul mino July 12/91 Vering in the papers of may the To that the generger mes, were obset the produced court, but before the Joans becomes Effective it must be appeared in writing by every member of the Branks. I ask, was it as Dappened? and all they trans pardineto dum much interested in this case as my father was there at the lime but who has series deid. If ham not asking too much I stould be very quate feet to you for a

W. B. Carter, Esq.,

41- W. 126th Street,

Mew York, H. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of recent date relative to the parole and release of the Younger Brothers, wish to say, that they have been paroled and are now at large inder parole conditions.

of life pri oners after having served 35 years in prison with good time allowance, provides, that a life prisoner may be paroled by the Board of Managers after having served nearly 25 years, with the consent in writing from the State Tourd of Pardons. This consent has already been given and paroles have been issued.

It has not been definitely decided just where they will be employed but it will be some here in the Twin Cities, that is, Minneapolis or Saint Paul.

Very truly yours,

Hilltop Kans. July 22, 1901. Harden of Penetentiary. Heard in: Dear sir: a discussion has arisen among several of our citizens as to the time of the death of Bob younger. Lince our newspapers do not agree I have been requested to ask you for the desired information. If you would kindly fill blank in enclosed letter we should be very grateful. JUL 24 & a. Britisch Minnesota State Prison.

July 24,1901.

E. A., Britsch, Esq.,

Hilltop, Kansas,

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favored inquiry of recent date, bog to may that Bob Younger died on the 16th, day of September, 1889 at 10: 50 P. H. and that the Younger loys were consisted to prison on Nev. 20, 1876.

Yours very tonly;

Manager Bros Springfillay 12 Mr Henry briller Still hauter Deur Bir hould you Pleas give methe Bourgen Brothers addies To Bombes if not to much troubel how very Desplayer Veens grown soont best Henrison fill

Aug. 14, 1901.

Mrs. Lou Liggett,

W. Harrison Str., Springfield, Mo.

Dear Madam:-

Replying to your favor of the 13th would a tet, if you will address the Younger Brothers in care of the Peterson Granite Co., Saint Paul, your letters will reach them.

Very truly yours,

HENRY WOLFER, Ward

Die. by

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an older Sister Bros Ineverse hamed to som the Mrs F & Hall JEE'S Shermont Mo Ereme all " In haste " 739

700 Ymnger Brig

Jan. 10, 1903.

Mrs. F. I. Hall,

Leens Smilt, Mo.

Dear Madam:-

Replying to you inquiry of the 5th inst., bog to say that I do not know the present address of Mrs. Gora MaNeil.

out on pirole and are both living in the city of St. Poul. They have made an application to the State Board of Pardona or an absolute or conditional pardon, which, if granted, will enable them to leave the State and return to their old home in Missouri. The Board of Pardona will beet next Monday when the case will be heard. I cannot say what the probable action of the Board of Pardona will be.

Very buly yours,

DALLAS, TEXAS,

Dear Sir;

I mail letter to Younger Bros in your care. I am not sure whether you know any thing of these parties or not. My letter is simply an effort to find certain heirs of whom I am inclined to think they know. I send letter unsealed so that you may know that it is all-right.

I will be thankful indeed if you will hand this to them if they are near you. If not, and you should know their address please remail the letter to them.

Respectfully

GeoA. Titterington

RECEIVED
JAN 31 1902
Minnesota State Prison.

Leading Hotel in the Village. Saloon in Connection.

Feb. 24, 1902.

Martin Dols, Esq.,

cologne, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your letter of the 21st inst., will state the Younger Bros. were sentenced on Nov. 28th, 1876. The date on which they robbed the bank at Northfield is not a matter of record at this office.

Very truly yours,

HENRY WOLFER, Warden.

Die. by

Clerk.

Honnger Bra Spaingfield Jug 1902 Mr holfer Dear Sin hould you please give me Cole of Jam younger of address of know traiten Leves al letters of they come Back I Suppose they Sont Jeach thate Non. pleas ausner this, for I am ausions to have from Them. yours very Thespfuley Mero Low Ligger hest Hearsson At Springfield ma

mples

June 12, 1902.

Mrs. Lou Liggett,

W. Harrison St.,

Springfield, Mo.

Dear Madam :-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 9th inst requesting the address of Cole and Jim Younger: beg to inform you that the address of Cole is St. Paul, Minn., care Chief of Police, and the address of J. H. Younger is Tremont Hotel, 400 Sixth Av. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

Very truly yours,

HENRY WOLFER, Warden.

Dio. by

Clerk.

Hayward, Wis. Sep. 6 th. 1902. State presson Wurden, Stillwather, Dear Six Co Dear Sir will you pleade inform me if the Younger's Brothers got out on a Varole, or if they are still confined in the Minnesota State pressor yours truly a. J. Jurgenson Hayward

Mr. A. J. Jurgenson,

Sept. 8th, 1902.

Hayward, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of the 6th, inst., in regard to the Younger Bros. will state they have been on parole one year the 14th, of July last.

Yours truly,

Die by

Asst. Clk.

HENRY WOLFER, Warden.

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Little Falls, Minn, Sept 8 [1902]

Col. Henry Wolfer,

Stillwater, Minn.

What address will reach Cole Younger answer Deadhead-

C. B. Buckman

Form No. 2.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, President and General Manager.





H. Paul, May 7, 1903

Mr.W.A.Prey,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir :-

For the information requested in your letter of the 4th.inst. I would respectfully refer you to Hon. Henry Wolfer, Warden State prison, Stillwater, Minn.

Yours truly,

Chicago May 8th 1903

How Henry Wolfer Warden State Greson Stelluster

Dear Sir: The information requested was, the date of the release of Cole Younger from Prison for which I wrote

the above named Official, with the reference above please find Stamped and addressed envelope for Peply

May 11, 1908.

W. A. Prey, Esq.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your request concerning date of release of Cols Younger from at the orison, beg to say that Gols and James Younger were paroled from the State Prison on July 14th, 1901, and Cols Younger remained on parole and lived in the city of st. Paul up to Pebruary 9th, 1903 when he received a pardon from the State Board of Pardons.

Yours very truly,

SIR: hat inquiries are being made d you will at once be communicated with.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Mar dece Stillwater Penn, Stillwater

Aug. 18th, 1903.

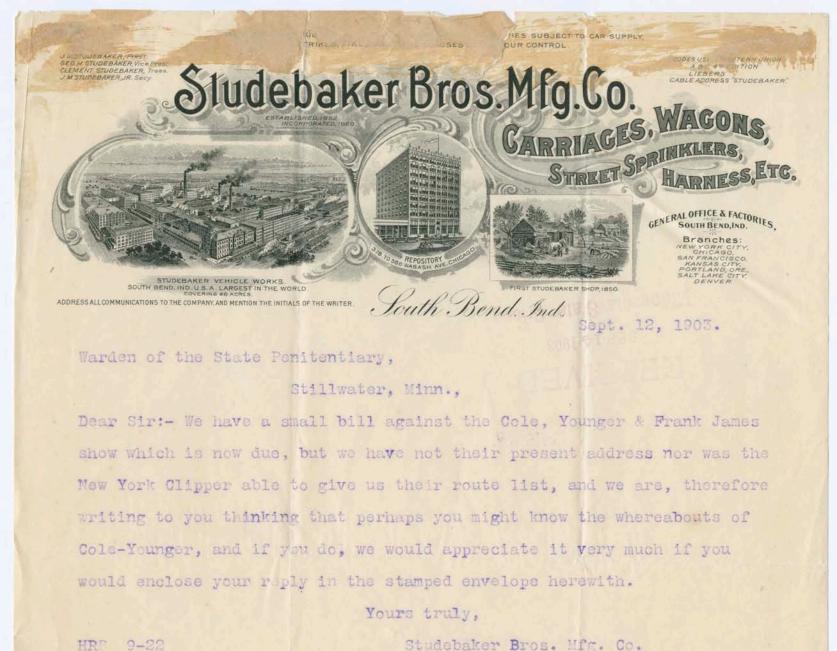
W. W. Rhoades, Esq.,

Chief of Police, Peoria, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of the 16th, inst., beg to say I do not know the present whereabouts of Colu-Younger.

Very truly yours,



W. F. WIGGINS.

Cale Younger 700 Sep. 14, 1903 T. P. Wiggins, Esq., Studeboker Bros., Mrg. Co., South Bend; Ind. Dear Sir:-Replying to your inquiry of the 12th inst., as to the present a dress of cole Younger and Frank James, beg to say that we do not know their address. If you will drop a line to

col. W.C. Propough, "Kansas City Star" Kansas City, Mo., I think he will be able th give you their address.

Yours very truly,

Hours: 10 to 4. PHYSIC. TELEPHONE 14 OFFICE: KOHL'S BLOCK. RES. 25. Escut address or

Nov- 10, 19084 A. E. Hedback, N. D. Barron, Wis. Dear Sir:-Replying to your inquiry of the 13th, inst., relative to the present address of Cole Younger beg to say that I am unable to give you this information. All I have heard or have known about him for the past few months I have seen in the newspapers. Very trul yours,

La Crosse Wis 1/3, 04 Himesofa Penal Institute Dear Sir; Will you Kinckly inform me when ones of the younger Brothers Died in your Prison MINNOSOTO State Prison & Macellan Dept 16-1889 ar 10,30 PDA

Feb. 1, 1904. J. G. Maertin, Esq., La Crosse, Wis. Dear Sir: -We are in receipt of your fa or of the 31st, ult., making inquiry about the death of one of the Younger boys. In reply to this will say that Robert Younger died in this Institution Sept. 16th, 1889 at 10:30 P. M. Yours truly, Die by - HENRY WOLFER, Warden. Asst. Clk.

HARRY Y. HALL, LEE'S SUMMIT, MO. Warden Henry Walfers Summit Nov 14th 1904 My Dear friend. Writing this lettis reminds One of the Corliners Gan a long time between, But stent want Gon man Jour Family to thinks for and moment that I have forgoten your kindness or failed to appriciate youth friendship par and manneys bense of Law your last the health Wham fast 12 gravel Dense v left you and had a bud spell of indigertin last Rumanns but fulled through all O. K. and Julien & and Spitter of the first and hape the instruction want return, V am Grahein Any hume hey in this quit little place with my Vices to Kephews in Right of the Ofat Cahere of was harm, and knew ever any end way taken taken place the state of the sta

HARRY Y. HALL,

LEE'S SUMMIT, MO.

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LEE'S SUMMIT, MO. How they ful about the males of had a lung talk with Gavernas Van Punt in A Jamis last Chring and will write him in full to day, Of luns glad to clear That Doctus Withrow and Chance gat married this are both duing well on shens will I will wat take up any more of your time love to Back Emember of Juny Family Nath porgeting Miss McKing to Miss Whampson with hist wishes to all and pleas sing his Kindest regards to all friends and believe me gams true friend and well mishes Cole. Gounger,

Partland Ore Jan 1st. 1905 J. The Hang Supt States Prison Stillwater Minn My Dear sir Will your please give me the desired information lig. What are of the pauryer Joans died in prison, & when What are Killed himself " + for What. I Which one is now living & Where is he. Haping you will befriend me in This request 2 remains Truly gours" Ofm. In Manning 1202" East Taylor st Portland are

Many Borz Jan. 6, 1905. Mr. Wm. H. Marning, 1202 E. Taylor Street, Portland, Oregons. Dear Sir:-Replying to your letter of the 1st inst. concerning the Younger Brothers beg to say that there were three Younger Bros. originally committed to the Minnesota State Prison under a life sentence. Coleman Younger, James Younger and Robert Younger. Cole was the eldest, the other two in order as named above. Robert died in prison of consumption about 17 years ago, Cole and James Younger were released from the State Prison on parole two years ago last July. James Younger committed suicide about a year later while living in St. Paul. Cole Younger, the oldest and last, was given a conditional pardon something over a year ago. He is now living somewhere in Missouri but I do not know his address. Yours very truly,