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Fairbault, Minn. July 10 1897

To The State Board of Pardons

Gentlemen

I most earnestly petition your honorable
body to pardon Coleman & James
Younger who for more than a score of years
have been serving a life term at St. Louis
during all these years they have been
exemplary prisoners; with no reprimand
or black mark "As a citizen who was one
of the first in the field for capture; One of others
invited by Sheriff Barton to assist in bringing
them from Madelon to Rice Co after they were
captured; also assisting said Sheriff in detaining
them at St. Louis." Proud of the people
of our Great State in the determination to
capture & bring these men to justice
I now believe that the ^{State} Escheaturs
will not be tarnished but the principles
of justice enabled by pardoning these
men whom we all believe are thoroughly
reformed and I do so pray
Respectfully This, T. Loyhed

ROBERT MEE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Faribault, Minn. July 10, 1897.

The Pardoning Board of the State of Minnesota,

St. Paul, Minn.,

Gentlemen:--

I was a resident of Rice County at the time when the Younger Brothers raided the First National Bank at Northfield, was familiar with the evidence of their crime and the circumstances of their trial. And carefully considering it all it seems to me that justice has been done and that these men had served a sufficiently severe sentence. I have always considered that they were not wilful accessories to the murder of Mr. Heywood, and that the killing of the Norwegian by Cole Younger was purely accidental, and it has always seemed to me that, while they were legally accessories of the crime of murder and should be sentenced as such, they should not be punished to the full extent of the law.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Robert Mee

Ex County Atty. Rice Co.

Board of Pardons
No. 85+86

Recommendation of
Robert Clee

Filed this 12th day of July 1897
Roland V. Parley
Clerk.

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Very Respectfully Yours,

Parley

Ex County Atty. Rice Co.

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St. Paul, Minn.,

The Pardoning Board of the State of Minnesota.

July 10, 1897.

STANDARD AT LAW

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FARIBAULT, MINN., July 10-97

The State Board of Pardons

St Paul Minn.

Gentlemen,

I have been a resident of
this county for over thirty years.
Was deputy sheriff at the time of the
Northfield raid, and help to keep
the and try the younger boys for
the robbery & c. was deputy sheriff for
Ten (10) years afterwards and was
personally acquainted with a
majority of the citizens of this county
and can say with all certainty that
a large majority of the best element
of the county are heartily in favor
of their being pardoned, as it is their
belief that justice has been satisfied

in their case after twenty one (21)
years of good behavior at the states
prison, and I hope your Honorable
Board may see fit to give them their
liberty and let them go back to
their relations where in my opinion
they will lead such honorable
lives that it will always be a
pleasure to you to think that you
did right in giving them their
liberty and our more chance

Respectfully

H. M. Barton

Board of Pardons.

No. 85486

Recommendation of

H. M. Barton

Filed this 12th day of July 1897

Frank A. Murray

Clk.

Gen. D. M. Clough, ex-Officio;
W. W. Pendergast, ex-Officio;
T. B. Clement, President,
Anthony Kelly, Vice Pres't,
Hudson Wilson;
J. G. Pyle,
R. A. Mott, Secretary and Attorney.

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A. C. Rogers, M.D., Superintendent.
J. R. Parrshall, Steward.

MINNESOTA INSTITUTE for DEFECTIVES.

(OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.)

Faribault, July 10th 1897

Dear Judge Start.

Will you excuse an old friend who has refused to sign either petition for, or remonstrance against the pardon of the Youngers. on the ground solely that I have the utmost confidence in ^{the} ability - the integrity and the moral ^{of the Board} courage, to do just what seems right ~~and~~ for doing what may seem an unprofessional act on the part of a lawyer; but I thought you might like to know that there is a large latent sentiment even in Rice County in favor of their release, ^{some of} The oldest settlers here who know the people best, believe that a majority of our thinking citizens would say yes - "It would be a gracious, magnanimous & proper thing to do;" (Believing ^{knowing} firmly) that you will do just seems to you to be right.

I am sincerely yours
R. A. Mott

Board of Pardons.

No. 85+86

Letter of P. A. Mott

Filed this 12th day of July 1897

Richard H. Darling
Clerk.

MINNESOTA INSTITUTE FOR DEAF-BLIND

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

St. Paul, Minn. July 15 1897

Dear Sir: I have received your letter of the 10th inst. regarding the application of P. A. Mott for a pardon on the ground of insanity. The Board of Pardons has no jurisdiction over the case of P. A. Mott as he is not a convict of the State of Minnesota.

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Very truly yours,
R. B. Mott

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MINNESOTA INSTITUTE for DEFECTIVES.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

Faribault, July 10 1897

Dear Gov. Clough

I thought you might like to know that even in Rice County there is a large latent sentiment in favor of the pardon of the youngers. It does not find as vehement expression as the other side. But old conservative citizens say that they believe a majority of our thinking people favor it, and believe that it would be a gracious, merciful & proper thing to do. I have such perfect confidence in the wisdom, integrity and moral courage of the Board, that I have declined to sign any ministerial either way, although I do feel quite strongly on the matter.

Very truly yours

R. A. Mott

Board of Pardons.

No. 85 + 86

Letter of R. A. Elliott

Filed this 12th day of July 1897

Colman H. Jackson
Clerk.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PENITENTIARY
PHILADELPHIA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Philadelphia, July 10 1897

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. in relation to the application of the Board of Pardons for the pardon of the above named convict. I have conferred with the Board and they have decided to grant the pardon of the above named convict. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. in relation to the application of the Board of Pardons for the pardon of the above named convict. I have conferred with the Board and they have decided to grant the pardon of the above named convict.

R. A. Elliott

WARDEN'S OFFICE
MINNESOTA STATE PRISON,

*Henry Woffler, Warden.
F. A. Lomen, Deputy.
George Bisby, Clerk.
H. E. Benner, Steward*

Stillwater, Minn.

July 10th, '97.

Roland H. Hartley, Esq.,
Clerk of Board of Pardons,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Sir:- Enclosed I hand you letter from Hon. Geo. P. Wilson who was Attorney General of the State of Minnesota at the time the Younger Bros. were convicted and committed to this prison. Please file letter with balance of the papers, and greatly oblige

Yours very truly,

Henry Woffler
Warden.

(Enc.)

Letter of Warden
Holger

Roland H. Harrell, Esq.,
Chief of Board of Pardons,

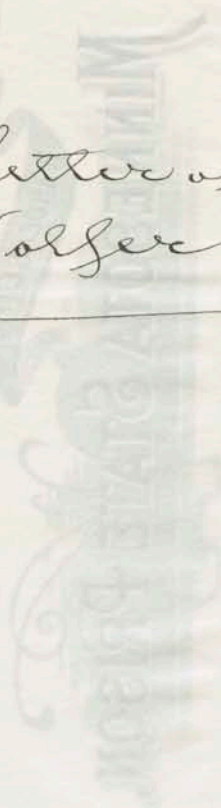
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Sir:- Enclosed I hand you letter from Geo. P. Wilson
who was Attorney General of the State of Minnesota at the time the
Younger Bros. were convicted and committed to this place. Please file
letter with papers of the papers and briefly advise

Yours very truly,
Wm. Holger
Warden.

(Enc.)

July 19th, 1901



Mpls July 10. 1897

Warden Meyer

Stillwater Minn

Sir. I wish to say that I
concur most heartily in the
position taken by you in respect
to the younger Brothers. I was Atty
General of the State at the time of
the raid and attended at Fairbault,
at the time of the trial, for the
purpose of assisting in the
prosecution. Embittered as I was
at that time against the accused
I felt chagrined that by pleading
guilty they could avoid a
trial, and in the State feeling
then existing, avoid conviction

and hanging by the neck until
dead. They are now old men.
Have endured more than twenty
years of confinement and during
all that time ^{have} behaved like
gentlemen. The State has nothing
~~now~~ to fear from giving them
their liberty for the few
remaining years they will have
on earth. To refuse them a
pardon would savour strongly
of vindictiveness. To release them
should not establish a bad
precedent - on the contrary, it would
be a generous and just thing to
do. You may use this letter as
you see fit. Respectfully yours
Geo P Wilson

Faribault July 10. 1897
The Pardoning Board of the State of Minnesota

Gentlemen

I am familiar with the circumstances
belonging to the crime for which
the Younger brothers were convicted
& have suffered confinement for
twenty one years & am thoroughly
convinced that justice has been
fully satisfied & that those
unfortunate ^{men} should be liberated
at once. I also believe that a
large majority of the best &
most enlightened people of this
vicinity are in accord with
my views regarding this matter
& I therefore pray your Honorable body
to do justice by showing mercy to
those who have suffered so long.
I must add to what I have already
said that for several years past I have
not met a person of either sex that did not
favor the pardoning of the Younger boys
Very respectfully yours
Geo W. Howell

Board of Pardons.

No. 25 & 86

Recommendation of
Geo. W. Newell

Filed this 12th day of July 1897

Richard H. Vanier
Clerk.



OFFICE OF

— GEO. W. BATCHELDER, —
Attorney and Counsellor.

Fairbault, Minn., July 10th 1897

To the Hon Charles M. Startt
Chief Justice & Member of Board of Pardons

I am asked to express my opinion to the board of pardons of this state as to the propriety of the pardon of I Coleman Younger and James Younger and am willing and anxious to make any truthful statement may tend to give them their liberty after almost twenty one years of imprisonment

First— They are not charged in the indictment to which they pleaded guilty with having committed the murder of Mr Hayward. but only as accessories to the crime and this bore out the statement of Coleman Younger lately made and published, that the murder was never planned nor designed by them and not committed in their presence or with their knowledge or approval, and although the statute fixes the same penalty to the accessory and the one who commits the murder these men were really only guilty of a bold attempt to commit the robbery of a bank in broad day light in which attempt they were defeated and failed and unquestionably deserved some punishment for their crime. The indictment states that the shot which killed Hayward was fired by a person to the grand jury unknown



OFFICE OF

—*— **GEO. W. BATCHELDER,** *—

Attorney and Counsellor.

Faribault, Minn., 189.....

Second They pleaded guilty and caused the state no trouble or expense of a trial. and they have suffered long and severe punishment—fully adequate to their crime and with a patience and demeanor worthy of good citizens and gentlemen— It is universally known and acknowledged that during all the time since their arrest— They have invariably conducted themselves with the utmost propriety and courtesy towards every officer of the prison and all their fellow prisoners, and all citizens who have visited them in the prison, with no manifestation at any time of any feeling of revenge, malice or resentment

Third Now as I understand, it is acknowledged generally that the object of prisons is reform as well as punishment; and that it has become the rule in the prisons of civilized countries to allow prisoners credit for good conduct and to reward them by shortening their term of imprisonment. These men it seems to me can invoke that rule upon the very best of grounds

From my personal acquaintance with them while in jail awaiting their trial in this country and the conduct universally accredited to them while in the state prison I feel confident they are disposed to be and will be

—*—*—* **GEO. W. BATCHELDER,** *—*—*—

Attorney and Counsellor.

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good and respectable citizens if allowed their liberty
and all reasonable and unprejudiced citizens with
whom I have conversed upon this subject concur in
the opinion above expressed.

For the above reasons I as a citizen of the state am
ful confident in recommending to the Board of Pardons
that, after so long and severe a punishment ~~that~~, they be
granted their liberty.

Such a decision has abundant precedents to rest upon
and would not impair the honor and dignity of the
state and in my opinion would result in no injury
to the state or any individual.

Yours very sincerely and Respectfully

Geo. W. Batchelder

Board of Gardens.

No. 85+86

Recommendation
of Geo. W. Batchelder

Filed this 12th day of July 1897

Robert V. Stanley
Clerk.

Geo. W. Batchelder

Secretary



George W. Batchelder

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D. CAVANAUGH.

E. L. FRINK.

CAVANAUGH & FRINK,
DEALERS IN
HARDWARE
AND
FARM MACHINERY.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Faribault, Minn. July 10th 1897

To the Hon Board of Pardons of the
State of Minnesota.

Gentlemen:-

I take pleasure in recommending
to your honorable body the
pardon of Solomon and James
Younger, now serving a life
sentence in the State Prison at
St. Croix, Minn. believing as I
do the ends of justice have been
fully met.

I am with respect
your obtt servt
D. Cavanaugh

Board of Pardons.

No. 85486

Recommendation of
D. Cavanaugh

Filed this 12th day of July 1897

Robert W. Garrison
Clk.

CHAS. COOLEY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
OVER MERCANTILE STORE.

INSURANCE,
REAL ESTATE, LOANS,
COLLECTIONS.

Gov. D.M. Clough

Madelia, Minn., July 10th 1897

DEAR SIR:

I herewith enclose a petition
for the pardon of the Youngers. please
place it before the board.
we call attention to the fact that we have
the only three survivors that now reside here
of the crew who went into the brush
and captured the Youngers we hope
the pardons will be granted

Truly yours
Cooley

Board of Gardens.

No. 85+86

Letter of C Cooley

Filed this 12th day of July 1897

Robert H. Farley
Clerk

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To The Honorable Board of Pardons
Of The State of Minnesota

We the undersigned Citizens of
The Village of Madelia Watonwan
County State of Minnesota.

Respectfully pray the unconditional
pardon of Cole and James Younger
now confined in the State Penitentiary

Dated July 6th 1897

at Madelia Minn.

@ Cooley Atty.

J. H. Haycraft assessor

F. J. Bill Druggist

J. W. Guellet

W. H. Staccorran

C. Griffin

L. Stahn Hotel

Mike Conier

E. O. Cooley, M.D.

J. M. Peast - Furniture

L. L. Davis Hardware

Edward Norman

Wm. Tallerson

Therman Wager

Peter Jacobson

L. Dodge Merchant

John W. Anderson

Geo. W. Dodge Merchant

M. H. Smith

O. H. Davis Merchant

O. C. Leachy

M. R. Johnson

J. Kitchen

C. D. Ash

Joe J. Koehn Cashier

S. D. Moran

J. E. Austin

Chas. Deputy

C. C. Lewis

Ed. Rustin

H. Duncan

F. Kelley

John Bruge

John Hudson

E.P. Hayercraft
Grant. Rodd.
J. R. Manning
W. S. ...
Joe E. McDonald
B.D. Rhoads
C.S. Harris
J. L. East.

at ...
A.B. ...
Stanfield Road

Board of Pardons.

No. 85+86

Petitions of Citizens
Madeira

Filed this 12th day of July 1897

Richard V. Hartley

Clk.

Includes three of the
seven who made the
Capture



G. W. TRESSLER
McKEESPORT, Penn'a,

July 10/97

Governor of Minnesota
Dear Sir

My good health and pleasure permits me to address you I notice in Pittsburg papers that Cole and James Younger are expected to be released by you I served 12 years at St. Stillwater was discharged about 4 years ago and robbed of about \$150.00 by Warden Halper and his cowardly Deputy, Lemon. who was at Chicago when I was released I informed several attorneys about the robbery but they informed me that if I went to law that it was a ~~case~~ combination of prison officials and I would spend what money I had and get beat the laws of Minnesota will not right my wrongs and the only way for me is to acquit my claim when I meet them which I hope I may not mean I anticipate it would be of serious results I feel friendly towards the Younger Brothers as during my 12 years servitude in Prison I found them gentlemen and I expect they will have quite a little

Judge Early known min.



HIGH COURT OF MINNESOTA.

OFFICE OF THE High Chief Ranger, % Browning, King & Co., 415 Nicollet Ave.

J. C. O'KEEFFE, HIGH CHIEF RANGER.

Minneapolis, July 11th 1897

High Standing Committee.	
H. C. R.,	JOSEPH C. O'KEEFFE, MINNEAPOLIS.
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H. TREAS.,	E. N. YOUNG, MINNEAPOLIS.
H. PHYS.,	F. W. DIMMITT, M. D., RED WING.
H. COUNSELOR,	T. J. McDERMOTT, ST. PAUL.

Judge Start.

Dear sir - I address you as a member of the Board of Parolees for to add my appeal for mercy and humanity to the Youngers. I am an old resident of the West, and am familiar with the facts, I will not offer any arguments, I could not add to what Warden Wolfger, and other Eminent citizens have urged in this plea for pardon, Scotland's Bara, the world's Post. Burns, pathetically appeals, on behalf of spring humanity, "Then gently scan your brother man,

Still gentler sister woman,
 Though they may gang a kerrin rurang,
 To step aside is human;
 One point must still be greatly dark,
 The morning when they do it;
 And just as lamely can you mark,
 How far perhaps they are it.

I hope that a pardon will be granted the youngers. Let them go to their home in the sunny South. and spend the few years remaining to them, in peace, with friends.
 Very Respectfully - Hector McLean, 320 S. 11th St

Fairbault Minn
July 11th 1897

The Pardoning Board of
the State of Minnesota.
St. Paul. Minn.
Gentlemen -

I was a resident
of Fairbault at the
time the Youngers Bros.
were captured for the
Northfield Bank robbery.
I attended their trial
and heard the indictment
read - and when I
believe they were guilty
of one the greatest crimes
known to the law I
believe that they have
been sufficiently punished
by their twenty one years
imprisonment at Stillwater
and I ~~believe~~ believe if

they are pardoned they
will make good citizens
and give the public no
further trouble. and I
sincerely hope your honorable
body will decide the case
in their favor.

Very Resp. Yours

W. N. Cosgrove.

Board of Soldiers
No. 56186
Encumbrance of
W. N. Cosgrove
Filed this 12th day of July 1897
Chas. [unclear]

W. R. ESTES,

MADELIA, MINN.

For Portland

[July 12, 1897]

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C. O. Cooley -	-	Physician
C. Stahn -	Stahn Hotel -	Hotel Keeper
J. E. Hale -	-	Restaurant -
J. A. Lovvett -	Lovvett & Kitchen -	Barbers
J. Kitchen	" "	"
J. J. Bill -	Bill Bros. -	Druggist -
S. Noonan	Flanders Hotel -	Hotel Keeper
G. W. Dodge -	-	Meat Market
O. H. Davis -	-	Hardware
L. L. McCurdy -	-	Physician
C. Cooley -	-	Lacquer -
C. S. Harris -	-	Elevator Dept.
T. C. Pratt -	Pratt Stair Co. -	Furniture
Noonan	Russell & Noonan	Hardware etc.

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Bankers -
 Doctors -
 Lawyers -
 Teachers -
 Preachers -
 Saloons

Board of Pardons

No. 85+86

Citizens of Madeline
in favor of Pardon

Filed this 12th day of July 1897

Richard H. Harley
Clerk

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10 am

STILLWATER, MINN.

July 12 1897

Dated

Bayfield Wis 12

To

Board of Pardon

Care Warden Wolfen

unexpectedly absent today and desire
to add my earnest endorsement
for clemency to younger Brothers
D M Sobie

Board of Pardons.

No 85+86

Recommendation of

D. M. Sabu

Filed this 12th day of July 1897

Voland V. Canby

Clerk.

Senate Chamber.

Jackson, Miss.,

July, 12th

1896.

Gen. Clough;
St Paul Minn.
Dear Sir,

There is not
one law-abiding citizen out of one
thousand in this state who
would not sign a petition for
the pardon of the Younger brothers.
I hope and pray the Board of
Pardons in your state will
pardon them -

Very truly yours -

C. Kendrick Md.
Kendricks.
Miss.
State Senator
for you

Accurate Chamber.

1897

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Board of Pardon.
 No 85 + 86
 Recommendation of C.
 Kendrick of Ohio.
 Filed this 13th day of July 1897
 Roland H. Danley
 Clerk.

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