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Board of Pardons

State of Minnesota

In the matter of the appln.

of

Thomas Calmen Younger

7/05

Younger Bros.

Madison Feb 9 1902

Hon Gov of Minn

Dear Sir

The Bible teaches

that the wise shall shine as the
Brightness of the Firmament and
those that instruct many to justice, as
the Stars through all Eternity.

I heard that your Hon had Per-
doned the James Boys it made my
heart feel glad because I knew that
they were not to blame they were the
victims of Bloody City which I will
tell your Hon about later
we men out to feel ashamed of the
Hon Position as Gov of the Greatst
of Minn, it is Powerfull in Rich land
and strong men also the greatest of
all the spiritual root of jessie is loc-
ated in Minn it is the same that
jesus came forth from there is a
Peply in Minn associated with that
Great Power there is also a

few of the People lives in Madison the
Head of that Power lives in Minn I
must tell your Son of a few things
that I have learned if we trade with
a Powerfull state or Nation, we receive
of a portion of the strength from that People
Perhaps your Son is not Interested in
small games I never cared about games
myself till last fall I was Carking on
the Dart ball trainers, of Course I felt
Interested in their success, I wrote up
to Minn to the one that I believe to
be the centre of strength of the state
and said send me a tub of your
Butter I went Wis to whip Minn, he
shipped the butter and wrote he did
not think his butter would help us
much, I fed the trainers on Minn
butter all through the training sea-
son my son had not learned this
secret as I had, or he would not have
sent the Butter there is a regular
source for heavenly spirit to go out to
the Powers of man and give them
strength till nothing can stand be-
fore them, I have lived in Minn and
Iowa Come here to see the Condition
of the state because of so many

Solomon the People are becoming
degenerate from the effects of the
Solomon, 85 in Madison will average
that number in many of large ^{cottages}
of the State, I have been keeping ^{an}
^{boarding} for Students and Trainers, it
is getting hard work for me to pay exp-
ences because a few are sterling clubs
and hire a Cook and make all
the Profit themselves, one of the
Athletes came to me to cook for
a club he cut me so short that I
refused to take it at his terms after
all their success ^{after} my cooking
for them, they are not very liberal
I will not take up any more of your
valuable time with my troubles I
have learned there is spiritual
Powers in Wis, Minn Iowa and
Ill that have led me to believe that
four States were once Occupied by
a Holy People, if we could learn the
Wisdom to make use of those no
Evil could ever stand before us
I believe Minn and Iowa have the
most Powerfull spiritual works of

them all, Wis, Minn, and Ill
seems to be associated with the King-
dom of the Father, Iowa God and
Jesus his son, the Root of Jesse as
I have already wrote is in Minn. by
the Bark of life associated with the
tree of life and Kingdom of the
Father prior to the Entrance of the
serpent into the Kingdom of the
Father the serpent was a deceiving
spirit which brought Death to the King-
dom of the Father, when Death came
that Closed the Bark of Life the tree
of Life in the Garden came forth from
the words of Peple in the Kingdom of
the Father prior to the time when Death
came to them the tree that Eve tested
the forbidden fruit came forth from the
words of Evil one and serpent after
they got controll of the Kingdom of
the Father, that tasting of that tree
Placed their Posterity in a condition
that they have been controlled by
the Powers of Death, Spiritual trees
come forth from the words of good
and Evil if a tree bringeth forth
good fruit hew it down and Cast it

into the fire, ⁵ The Bible speaks of
spiritual houses I have learned
there is two kinds those that here
come forth from the works of Evil
and those associated with the Holy
there is a spiritual house between
him and Iowah, associated with
the Powers of the Father and God
it is through those spiritual hou-
ses that the Minds of men is re-
ached by the Holy spirit, I went
into the above spiritual house in
spirit and heard a voice say it
says better to work for the Great
Artich then to work for anyone
else I have tried to do all I could
for him in the way of writing I am
a widow and half to support mys-
elf, have not as much time as I
ought to have I believe my letters
are the fulfilment of the follow-
ing I will sprinkle you with Clean
water and you shall be Clean I
have seen the effects my letter had
an Miracles I wrote to a Baptist

Minister, I saw a Clear Water
rise upon this side of the City and
flow over the City to the other side
the Power of God and strength
of Nations is in that Root of Jesse
the spiritual house which holds
that Root is occupied by one that
Married one of my Grandfathers
brothers Children she is a sence
bradceiving spirit, that reaches
the Minds of those associated with
that Power and keeps them in
Ignorance of the Powers between
God and man, The Lord saith
I will show my Children the
secrets of the Earth, that means the
secrets of the Powers of Death I have
learned some of the secrets of the
Powers of Death, also secrets of the
deceiving Powers After I had obeyed
the voice to Cleanse my garments by
Prayer I went into a spiritual house
in Him occupied by the Father and
and holy Ghost, it reads there that
are of God under the shape of

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the Father no man can see his
face and Live, I saw his shape
and the face of the Holy Ghost ^{she}
is a female spirit that, and source for
the spirit from the Father to reach
man if those that are sources are
not all cut off by the Powers that are
not of God, Holy spirit that brooke ^{me}
forth from works I believe the ^{sun}
Came forth from the works of the
spirit from Father through the Holy
Ghost to those of the Kingdom of the
Father they had a work for me to do
when Jesus was upon the Earth he
broke this Power which had bro-
ught Death to the Kingdom of the
Father he was a source for the
spirit that could remove the work
of Death by healing the sick and
doing all manner of good to the ut-
ched ~~persons~~ ^{at that time} he said
I am the Life & Heaven is at hand he
was destroyed by the deceiving
Powers before he had established
the Power of life and brought

heaven upon the Earth, his un-
finished work was in the spiritual
house of the Father, it had been pi-
eced up and painted over by the deci-
ding Powers that led the world to
believe that all we had to do to go
straight to heaven was to believe on
him, and our safe existence was
after Death, I believe the spirit from
the Power he belonged to can save us
after the Death of the Body I also be-
lieve the same spirit can save us
from Death and bring us Heaven
upon the Earth, my work from the
house of the Father was to take a
sharp Knife and Scrope of the old
Polished coat of the Deciding Powers
from the works of men, I heard a
voice do you think she can do it
I found the spiritual house of men
in Iowa all in Ruins it was cover-
ed with all manner of filth that had
been thrown upon it through my
works it was Cleansed and rebuilt
I found two roots had grown up in
the Earth where the Ruins had been
has two People come forth from the

same banner that he came from I believe one to be this man of strength in him, he has not been revealed yet, I will tell you of a few more good things then I will tell you a few things about the secrets of Death,

It was revealed to me that Gona was the Buda land flowing with Milk and Honey Corn and Wine these are Holy spiritual belonging to the same spiritual house where the Root of Jessie is located they are a Cooperative with the Root of Jessie to deliver the Children of God from the Banders of Death Moses was striving to reach that Buda Land in his day, he failed to reach the Cooperative banner Joshua reached the Buda land by way of Decraah Gona and set up the stones in Kendrick Bron Co Gona to mark the Place as God Comanded an Old quaker of Kendrick was shown in a

vision where the stones was set up
a description was recorded in 27
of Decr, I have learned that Presi-
dent Grant was the Representative
of Moses upon the Earth I was stan-
ding in spirit in a line between
Mim and Iowa facing Mim
when the Old President rode along
on his black horse and stopped
long enough to hand me the Man-
tle that he had wove together
by his work in this Nation it was
a blue and grey in alternate st-
ripes (he wished me to spread the
mantle over his Children with
the nice shaped feet I have been
describing those Children to your
Ear they are Children associated
with the decline of all Nations ^{which}
have been persecuted by what I will
explain, have come here for a shelter
and a home many of them Children
of Slings associated with the decline
Races those Children many of them
belong to the Political Powers of Nat-
ions there is another Power among

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which have followed the Devine
of Nations and are at work to again
Cut off the Devine of this Nation
and cause the Nation to become
degenerate I believe the same that
brought Death to the Kingdom of
the Father, it is called the big
horse in the Bible the Devil
best false Prophets are associated
with the same also Dragon which
is the Cause of all sin among men
they are just what they have been
made by those Powers you will see
in Rev where Evil spirits like fire
leaped forth from Mouth of Dragon
all the Kings of the Earth this Dragon
Power is what has made Kings of
a Mind to do unreasonable things to
destroy the Confidence of the People
and break up Kingdoms, the Dragon
has come in from the North to them
has got as far as Sefay them where
one Evil spirit has leaped forth to
destroy the Children associated with
the King of jessie which are from
David they have had the Promise

of being established for ever and
Ever the Mother of Herlots and bloody
Citty are the spiritual of Evil that co-
operate together and work with the
other Evil Powers the Mother and
Daughter of Herlots are the Cause
of all Herlots and foulness, Poly-
my Includid, Illegitimate chil-
dren are her victims she opens
the way through her Whoredoms
for spirit and seed from the Blo-
dy Citty to reach the minds of men
they are made to repeat the same
Evils that are associated with the
Bloody Citty that is the way it skins
are sold and families destroyed
that Power is associated with the
Big house and works of Death the
Mop of Daughter of Herlots is in Cana-
da her Illegitimate Child lives in
Hinn she is used as an Instrument
in the Powers of Death the Solomn
Traffic belongs to the same Powers
of Death all of these Evil Powers
has come down through the Her-
thunen has cut off this Nation once
or twice also brush the old Nations

many of them ¹³ to a degenerate
Condition has cut off the King
of Grace and filled her with
Forness and Crime, they have
Merryed among the Norwegians
which have good works many of
them spiritually also many of them
are being used as Instruments
of that Power there is a settlement
of them in Eagle Grove Iowa they
are used by the Evil one which
gets Power on Earth through them
to Control the Minds of all People
against the truth that Iowa was
the Bulwark, I believe what is
called the Syclogising comes
from them, there is one of them
among the Mormons which are hold-
ing the Saturday saints to believe in
their foul Religion, I have only told
you a little of the works of this Evil
Power, President Grant did not wish
to have his beautiful Men the spread
over such a People I have learned
what the Corn of the Bulwark was
associated with, the Corn Planter

was put in my head in Mine
by the Powers of the Father to plant
the Corn, there is plenty of seed corn
in Mine, and some Cornfields
have grown and had large ears
in down the Philistine Powers has
got into the Cakes and planted the corn
the stalks have grown there was no
fruit upon the stalks the Philistines
never had any Corn in their fields
the Corn is associated with Pro-
hibition, Life Eternal and our
Sabbath day of Rest, there has been an
attempt to have Prohibition in Iowa
they planted the corn they did not
have the Seed Cooperative Power
from the Root of Jesse to bring forth
any good results, the deceiving
Powers has got full Control of this
State there does not seem to be any
Cooperative Power to Deliver them
it is a good place for women to get a
living we read we cannot live by Bread
alone we must have the Spirit of God
I expect to go back to Him or Iowa think
I can do more good there I will now close
Remain with Mrs Keith March 25 University
Madison Wis

P. J. Han Groomer

This may be the only letter that I will ever write to you as you here seech a great and a glorious state to look after I will write a few more spiritual secrets many people blame God because he Comanded Joshua to kill off the Kanimites, they think it was a cruel thing for God to give such a command, the Kanimites were a people that Practised all manner of Witchcraft (that means using secret Influences to Control the Minds of People of other Nations to destroy them by causing them to do Evil works the Dragon of the Philistines was an Emblem of secrecy, enfling with a fish body means Secrecy, the Kanimites de-cided Joshua, by coming to him and making him believe that come from a far Country he let them live, and took them as servants, they mingled with Joshua's people was cause for the spirit from their Evil works

they probably married among the
Children of Goshua, the result of
Goshua's disobedience we see in
the degenerate Indian Tribes of
of the U.S., there has an accumulation
of dark spirit come forth in the North
west, which I believe come forth from
the works of the Semites it has re-
ached him, and Jonea because
of a white man marrying into a tribe
that was located near that lake of
dark spirit, he learned about half
of the secrets associated with that
evil spirit, he moved into Canada
East, and has been the cause of
what Daniel in & Chap. saw would
come to pass in the last days

A King of fierce countenance by a
lawyer not his own would cause
craft to prosper, he would destroy us-
wonderfully the mighty and Holy people
he would also stand up against the
Prince of Princess Call of those are
in the U.S., I know the King of fierce
countenance he is a Republican and
is source for that spirit that controls
the Political Powers of this Nation
to show no mercy to the criminals

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God told Joshua if he left a
small remnant of three Nations
alive he would be troubled with
the Bricks, I have seen those
Bricks spiritually round the
Possessions of the Father in Affi-
-m there is a something like
a telegraph line that is used
to send the spirit of Evil to the
minds of a certain Class of men
which I believe belongs to the
Higher Ranges and they are ma-
de of a mind to Commit Crimes
this is the Bricks or meaning
of the Bricks those three Nations
seemed to understand the sec-
ret of taking the men that were
the most usefull to advance the
Power of God upon the Earth
and destroying them in the Pr-
-isons, also causing them to be for-
-gotten and Henry Jones said
said to those on the left you did
not visit me in Prison

beat me when hungry also
did not clothe me when naked
Jesus does not mean himself. Per-
haps he means all those that
belong to the same banner that
he does they have been made
wretched by those actions that
understand how to use the tricks
I believe those three Nations or
advised the False Prophets, the
Devil and Beest, these all work
together, they have spiritual helps
to weaken the spirit of men and
get him under controll of their Pa-
wer, when I lived in them they tried
all manner of ways to get controll of my
spirit, I never was so much affected as
when I met with the Illegitimate
Child of Daughter of Harlots some
called it Electricity I learned she
was source for spirit to weaken the
Children of God so they could be
brought under subjection of the Evil
Powers, I learned Rayer had a cunning
effect and deceived their slaves as the
whirl winds scatter the dry leaves
Mrs South Much

Washville, Tenn.,

Sept. 9, 1902.

Governor of Minnesota:

Dear Governor:

We have read
of the pardon of the Younger Brothers.
Which gives us great pleasure.

But this would give us greater
pleasure if you would let them
return to their old home once
again.

We know your time is taken
up with more important business
matters than ours. but we beg you
to kindly let them return home
and stay a while to see their
home and relatives.

Considering they were such
obediant convicts during their
confined ~~time~~.

Dear little girls beg of you to
give this your kindest attention
Hoping you will grant the request
of two little girls is our prayer

Ages 15, and 13 years.

Melton Grubbs and Lula Webster

114 South High St.

Nashville.

Tenn.

APPLICATION

To the Board of Pardons
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The application of Thomas Coleman Younger, for a conditional or unconditional pardon, as may seem best to the Honorable Board of Pardons

shows that his full and true name is Thomas Coleman Younger

his age is 57 years, and that his birth-place was Jackson County,

Missouri. (State Nationality of each.), his parents were

H. W. Younger, born in St. Louis, Missouri, and his mother at Nashville, Tennessee.

and that his occupation and residence during the five years next before his conviction of the offense hereinafter stated were as follows: In Missouri.

That on the 18th day of November 1876, he was tried and convicted in the District Court in and for the County of Rice of the crime of Murder in the First Degree.

and thereupon sentenced to imprisonment in The Minnesota State Prison

for the term of his natural life

on parole, as provided by law,
and that he is now ~~imprisoned~~ pursuant to such sentence; that the name and post office address of the judge before whom he was tried is Judge Lord (now deceased) Faribault, Minn.

and of the prosecuting
attorney is H. L. Baxter,

That he was indicted and convicted under the name of Thomas Coleman Younger

That he has never been known by any alias except None

and was never arrested, indicted or convicted for any other offense except Never was

That hereto annexed and made a part hereof is a succinct statement of the evidence adduced at his trial with the endorsement of the.....

See papers and letters on file in the Governor's Office.

that it is substantially correct. (If such statement or endorsement cannot be furnished, here state the reason.).....

Your petitioner asks that a pardon (conditional or unconditional) be granted to him upon the grounds and for the reasons following:.....

FIRST. Because of his ill health and the severity of the northern climate, which is very hard on him because of his age and infirmities, now being nearly sixty years of age.

SECOND. Because he has really and truly reformed and has given evidence of his desire and purpose to live an honest and self-supporting life.

THIRD. For the further reason that he finds it difficult to earn a living in this severe climate, and especially away from his friends and relatives.

FOURTH. Because he is ready and willing to submit to any limitations or restrictions that the Honorable Board of Pardons in its wisdom may think best to impose, so long as he may be permitted to enjoy his freedom and the rights of citizenship with his friends and relatives in Missouri.

FIFTH. And for the further reason that he now feels more keenly than ever before the loss of friends and relatives since the death of his brother, James H. Younger, and prays that the Hon. Board of Pardons may grant this humble petition in order that he may return to his old home and to his friends and relatives, there to end his days in peace and quiet.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Thomas Coleman Younger

Dated at Stillwater, Minn. this 9th day of December

A. D. 1902.

1901

IN SENATE, JANUARY 10, 1901.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

1901

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APPLICATION

For the Pardon of
Thomas Coleman Younger

Filed on the tenth day
of December A. D. 1901
Charles J. Mans
Clerk.

DISPOSITION.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THOMAS COLEMAN YOUNGER FOR AN ABSOLUTE
OR A CONDITIONAL PARDON AS THE BOARD MAY DEEM PROPER.

Having carefully considered this matter, with a keen appreciation of our duty to the public and to the petitioner, we have reached the conclusion that his conduct for twenty-five years in prison, and his subsequent conduct as a paroled prisoner, justify the belief that if his request to be permitted to return to his friends and kindred be granted, he will live and remain at liberty without any violation of law.

We are, however, of the opinion that his absolute pardon would not be compatible with the welfare of this state - the scene of his crime - for the reason that his presence therein, if freed from the conditions of his parole, would create a morbid and demoralizing interest in him and his crime.

T H E R E F O R E, IT IS ORDERED THAT A PARDON BE GRANTED TO THOMAS COLEMAN YOUNGER upon the condition precedent and subsequent that he return without unnecessary delay to his friends and kindred whence he came, and that he never voluntarily come back to the state of Minnesota.

And upon the further condition that he file with the Governor of the State of Minnesota his written promise that he will never exhibit himself or allow himself to be exhibited as an actor or participant in any public performance, museum, circus, theatre, opera house, or any other place of public amusement or assembly where a charge is made for admission; Provided, that this shall not exclude him from attending any such public performance or place of amusement.

If he violates any of the conditions of the pardon it shall be absolutely void.

A. B. Van Sant Governor.

Chas. H. Blair Chief Justice
of the Supreme Court.

Wallace B. Douglas Attorney General.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THOMAS COLEMAN YOUNGER FOR
AN ABSOLUTE OR A CONDITIONAL PARDON AS THE BOARD MAY
DEEM PROPER.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,)
)
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.)

I, THOMAS COLEMAN YOUNGER, Pursuant to one of the
conditions upon which a pardon has been granted to me,

DO HEREBY PROMISE UPON MY HONOR that I will never
exhibit myself, or allow myself to be exhibited, as an actor
or participant in any public performance, museum, circus,
theatre, opera house, or any other place of public amuse-
ment or assembly where a charge is made for admission. This
promise SHALL NOT EXCLUDE ME from attending any such public
performance or place of amusement.

Dated at St Paul, this 7th day of February, A.D.1903.

Subscribed in my presence, and de-)
livered to me the day above written.)

T. C. Younger,

S. R. Vautant

Governor of Minnesota.



HENRY WOLFER, WARDEN.
J. S. GLENNON, DEPUTY WARDEN.
H. W. DAVIS, CLERK.
F. M. BORDWELL, STEWARD.

Stillwater, Minn. Jan. 3, 1903.

Chas. J. Moos, Esq.,
Clerk Board of Pardons,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of the 2nd inst., in behalf of the Honorable Board of Pardons regarding the merits of application for executive clemency of Thomas Coleman Younger, with information as to his behavior since his release on parole, the condition of his health, etc., I beg leave to report that, so far as I have been able to find out his conduct has been above reproach in every respect. I believe that he has done his best to fulfill every requirement since his parole. As to his health, it has been bad for some years covering a considerable period before as well as since his release on parole. His physical disability has been caused by kidney troubles and by the formation of gall stones in his bladder. His age and physical condition is such that it is difficult for him to earn a livelihood unaided.

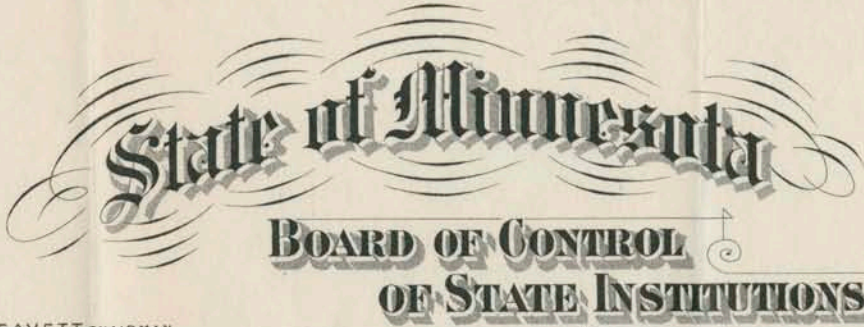
I believe it would be an act of charity and mercy to Younger and at the same time for the benefit of the State and the community at large if a conditional pardon might be granted him, upon such lines as the Honorable Board of Pardons in its wisdom might think best.

Respectfully submitted,

MINNESOTA STATE PRISON,
Henry Wolfer
WARDEN

SUBJECT TO FULL CONTROL

- STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE ST. PETER
- STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE ROCHESTER
- STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE FERGUS FALLS
- STATE ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE ANOKA
- STATE ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE HASTINGS
- SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE MINDED FARIBAULT
- STATE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOYS RED WING
- STATE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS (TO BE LOCATED)
- STATE REFORMATORY ST. CLOUD
- STATE PRISON STILLWATER



SUBJECT TO FINANCIAL CONTROL

- UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MINNEAPOLIS
- STATE NORMAL SCHOOL WINONA
- STATE NORMAL SCHOOL MANKATO
- STATE NORMAL SCHOOL ST. CLOUD
- STATE NORMAL SCHOOL MOORHEAD
- STATE NORMAL SCHOOL DULUTH
- SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FARIBAULT
- SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND FARIBAULT
- STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL OWATONNA

S. W. LEAVETT, CHAIRMAN.
 W. F. LEE, JAS. A. MARTIN,
 O. B. GOULD,
 H. W. WRIGHT, SECRETARY.

SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AND REGULATIONS
JAILS LOCKUPS AND INFIRMARIES.

Address all communications to
BOARD OF CONTROL OF STATE INSTITUTIONS.

SUBJECT: Cole Younger

St. Paul, January 6th, 1903.

Charles J. Moos,
 St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Your inquiry of the 2d inst. addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Control concerning the case of Thomas Coleman Younger is received. The only information we have on the subject about which you inquire is that given by the State Agent, Mr. Frank A. Whittier, in his November report, which is as follows:

"Cole Younger, No. 699, has been in rather poor health since the death of his brother but seemsto be somewhat better of late. He is now living with his niece and will continue to live there for the present. His sister, Mrs. Rollins, who lives at Dallas, Texas, made him a visit of a couple of weeks during the month.

"Under all the circumstances it would seem to me that the ends of justice and public policy have been satisfied in his case and that there are sufficient reasons to warrant the Board of Pardons considering his case with a view to a full pardon. I can see nothing to be gained nor any reason for keeping him longer on parole. I am satisfied that he has, to the best of his ability, carried out the conditions of his parole."

Yours truly,

BOARD OF CONTROL OF STATE INSTITUTIONS,
 By O. B. Gould

OBG/o

MINNESOTA STATE TRAINING SCHOOL

For Boys and Girls.



BOARD OF CONTROL
OF STATE INSTITUTIONS
S. W. LEAVETT, PRES., LITCHFIELD
J. A. MARTIN, ST CLOUD
O. B. GOULD, WINONA

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

F. A. WHITTIER, SUPERINTENDENT
B. A. DAVIS ASST. SUPT.
MISS GRACE JOHNSTON, STATE AGT.

Subject:

Red Wing, January 26-1903.....190.....

To the Honorable,
The Board of Pardons,
St Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen:-

It occurs to me that in the application of Coleman Younger for a full pardon, which application I understand is now before you, I owe it to him as well as to you and to myself, to say that while acting as State Agent for the State Prison, he was very closely observed by me, and I am glad to say, kept well within the lines marked out for him.

He complied cheerfully and promptly with any and all requests I ever made, and tried to the best of his ability to carry out, not only the letter, but the spirit of the parole conditions. I may say, to, that in order for him to do this, it has been necessary for him to resist some of his misguided friends who would have had him do otherwise.

I am sure that he has been subjected to a much more severe a test, and has been tempted more frequently and persistently, than other paroled men, and I may say, that so far as I know, he has kept the faith and withstood these temptations.

At the time of his brothers death, which was, in my opinion, a very severe test of his manhood and judgement, his actions were above criticism; he going through the severe trial and affliction with a dignity that made a good impression, as to the propriety of his being granted a full pardon.

MINNESOTA STATE TRAINING SCHOOL

For Boys and Girls.

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OF STATE INSTITUTIONS

S. W. LEAVETT, PRES., LITCHFIELD
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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

F. A. WHITTIER, SUPERINTENDENT
B. A. DAVIS ASST. SUPT.
MISS GRACE JOHNSTON, STATE AGT.

Subject:

Red Wing, 190.....

Board of Pardons-----2.

I have only this to say; that if the object of the pardon is to test a prisoner as to his ability to maintain themselves and to refrain from crime and lead a respectable life, I am free to say that Mr. Younger has, in my opinion, shown himself entitled to such consideration as the faithful compliance with such a test may imply.

Very respectfully yours,

FAW-S.

F. A. Whittier
Superintendent

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LEE'S SUMMIT, MO., Jan. 8th 1905

Hon. J. A. Johnson.

Governor of Minnesota St Paul Minn

My Dear Sir and I hope friend,

You are aware that when I got my pardon I gave a written obligation I would not do certain things I have kept the faith But it has been a great draw back to me for when I went out as proprietor of a show which was not contrary to the agreement as Dan Lawler will tell you for he drew up the papers and that was understood there should be nothing ask of me that would conflict with my word, But the papers had so much to say that half the people think me on parole and still a life prisoner. So in a business way it is injurious for the question is ask is Youngs signature to contracts or deeds good while he is still a prisoner. I have met with hundreds of Minnesotians and all think I should now have a full and free chance with the rest of mankind to

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Make an honest living & think we
Congressman of that State and both
U.S. Senators for they stated as much
to me when I was in Washington City
last spring. I know the present attorney
Gen of Minnesota was friendly and I surely
counted you as feeling friendly towards
me when I was at St. Peter on a visit.
Now do I believe Judge Sturt to have
and any prejudice that would prevent
him from giving in and giving me
the pardon without the writers obligation
of mine. So I hope and pray that the
Hon Board of Pardons will grant me
the favor so I can feel that I am absolutely
free the rest of my life and not have
to go into an explanation ever time I
transact any legal business among
strangers.

Believing you to feel friendly
I write this hoping for success and
Haps to here from you soon.
Yours friend
C. A. F. G. G. G.

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January 30th 1905.

To Governor Johnson, and
The Board of Pardons of
Minnesota,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:-

I have been asked by Cole Younger to write to you a letter in his behalf. Having once been Governor of this state and having had something to do with outlawry it may be I know something about it. I have known Cole Younger personally and by reputation, long prior to incarceration in your state. He and his brother were residents of my old Congressional district. I have seen him a number of times since his pardon by your Board. I have had several interesting conversations with him. He is a very intelligent man. I think his past career has thoroughly cured and rooted out the errors of his past life. My candid opinion is, no wrong would be committed in giving him an unconditional pardon. If such things were permissible I would be willing to guarantee his good behaviour in the future. I respectfully solicit your Honor and the Board to extend to him such a pardon. I believe Missouri would appreciate such a wise and generous act. I don't see how any harm could result from it. I certainly thank the officers of your state for the generosity already shown Cole Younger.

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Yours truly,

Thos. T. Crittenden

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KANSAS CITY, MO., February 1st 1909

To His Excellency,
Gov. J.H. Johnson,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Governor:

It is for the purpose of having you to correct and rectify, if possible, the pardon given by former Governor Van Sant of your State to Thomas Coleman Younger February 7th, 1903, that I write you as a citizen and not as a fee-ed attorney.

Col. Younger as you know is a valued citizen now of our State and of this County, and is living an honorable and circumspect life. He is and has been for several months promoting an Electric Railroad from Kansas City South-east, traversing the Counties of Jackson, Cass and Johnson.

Now Governor, according to the terms and conditions of said pardon, there is much doubt in the minds of the people as to the legality of his signature and he is handicapped in every way imaginable that his pardon is unconditional. Again, we have in our State all kinds of religious and devotional exercises and entertainments, and there is invariably a charge made at the door to attend such places, sometimes twenty-five cents, sometimes fifty cents, sometimes \$2.00 for the whole season, say for instance five winter entertainments. Col. Younger has lately attended more

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than one of these where admission was charged at the door, paid his admission the same as the rest of us, and was called upon to speak, and under the terms and conditions aforesaid had he done so, would have vitiated his pardon.

I have made this a study for months and have the promises and so has Col. Younger and his friends and relatives here of the best people of our State that they will do all in their power to get you to right matters and give him an unconditional pardon, or in other words, U.S. Senator W.J. Stone, our former Governor, U.S. Senator Warner, Congressman W.P. Borland, Mayor T.T. Crittenden the Mayor of our city now and son of former Gov. T.T. Crittenden, also Gov. T.T. Crittenden will all write you in this behalf if I can receive an answer from you pointing to favorable results from this communication.

Col. Younger is well stricken in years; sixty-five years of age, and according to all mortuary rules this request would not be of long duration.

Yours very Respectfully,

H. C. Lowrance