

Minnesota. Board of Pardons.
Gilbert Henry Stephenson: Application No. 5151.
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Correspondence
Letter from Leonidas Merritt to Board of Pardons, February 25, 1921.

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Red Warrior Mining Co.
Providence Bldg.
Duluth, Minn., Feb. 25, 1921.

To The Honorable Board of Pardons,
Capitol Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen:

Without attempting to excuse or palliate the action of the June mob, who raided the City Hall lockup of Duluth and hung up the three negroes accused of a statutory crime, to the utter disgrace of our city, yet am I earnestly constrained to ask clemency and a full pardon for one Gilbert H. Stephenson, the unfortunate victim of an equally guilty mob.

You, Gentlemen, will doubtless go into the evidence convicting him. Am frank to say I have not done so. My plea in his behalf is as above stated and one to which nearly every citizen of Duluth can subscribe.

Yours very truly,

Leonidas Merritt.

LM/RB