

Max Mason: Case No. 6785.

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Letter from I. E. Nolte to State Board of Parole, August 19, 1922.

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**State Board of Parole**

St. Paul, Minn. 19th August, 1922.

Mr. F. A. Whittier, State Agent,  
State Prison, Stillwater, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: We enclose herewith letter from Rev. I. E. Nolte  
in regard to Max Mason (negro) #6785  
which please have made a part of the records in the case for consideration by the Board at  
the regular time. September

Yours very truly,

C. J. Handlin  
Chairman.

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Duluth, Minn., August 15 1922

Board of Pardon and Parole,  
State Capitol,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sirs:- I understand that the case of Max Mason (negro) of Duluth, will be called to your attention very soon and I am very interested in this matter.

Having religious services in the County Jail here every Sunday we became well acquainted with Mr. Mason while held here for more than a year. We have every confidence that Mr. Mason is thoroughly reformed through religious influence which we believe will do more than any other influence.

~~While the case on which Mr. Mason was convicted was one of the most vile, we have been in such personal touch with him that we could not be more positive of his innocence. I am sure that there can be no danger of Mr. Mason being found in crime again and that a pardon or parole for him could not be a mistake.~~

~~Personally I would ask an unconditional pardon as I understand that his sentence was from one to thirty years and he has now completed one year of that sentence. If your Board would prefer to give Mr. Mason a parole I should be glad to act as his parole officer and I am sure that he should be glad to return to Duluth and be under our care. We have nine men and women on parole now from the courts here in connection with our work among the prisoners here. We feel that we can serve both the State and Mr. Mason by acting in this capacity. It will well for him to keep in touch with religious influence while getting back into civil life again under the handicap of being an ex-convict and especially connected with so bad a case.~~

~~Hoping that you will give this matter the most kindly consideration and thanking you for whatever favor you may give Mr. Mason,~~

we are,

Yours for Christian Service,  
*I. E. Nolte*