

Minnesota. Board of Pardons.
Gilbert Henry Stephenson: Application No. 5151.
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Correspondence
Letter from Ira L. Ricketts to Board of Pardons, February 21, 1921.

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To The Board Of Pardons of the State of Minnesota,
Gentlemen:

I beg leave to state that I have known Gilbert H. Stephenson for more than eight years, that he is an honest and upright fellow, and of high moral character. During these eight years I have been a member of the Duluth police force, and do not know of him ever being arrested for even the slightest offense.

I also wish to state that I was on duty the night of the riot, the fifteenth of last June, and that had said Stephenson taken the part in said riot he was charged with I would not have failed to have recognized him. I was listed as one of the 'defenses' witnesses, but thru an error on the part of Stephensons counsel I was not called. None of the states witnesses claimed to have known Stephenson previous to the riot. I therefor feel that an unjust verdict was brought in as do by far the majority of the people of this city. Knowing this, I pray that you investigate, and finding this statement to be correct, grant him an unconditional pardon.

Respectfully yours,

Ira L. Ricketts

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