

Minnesota. Board of Pardons.  
Max Mason: Application No. 5702.  
Pardon Application.  
File no. 5702, 1922-1924.  
Application.

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No. 5702

Name Max Mason

PRISON

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF PARDONS

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# APPLICATION

## To the Board of Pardons OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

- The application of Max Mason No. 6785  
(Give name under which convicted)  
for a pardon or commutation of sentence  
(State whether pardon or commutation is desired)
- Placed guilty  
Convicted on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1921 in the District  
Court in and for the County of St. Louis of the crime  
of Rape  
and imprisoned in the State Prison  
on Aug. 8, 1921 for the term of Ind - Max 30 yrs.; and who is  
now imprisoned pursuant to such sentence.
- The name and postoffice address of the trial judge is Hon. L. S. McLean,  
Duluth, Minn.  
and of the prosecuting attorney is Mason W. Forbes, Esq.,  
Duluth, Minn.
- Applicant's full and true name is Walter Max Mason  
His age is 22 years and his birth-place was Alabama  
Father's name Deceased Nationality Afro Amer  
Mother's name Deceased Nationality Afro Amer
- I have never been known by any alias except Sonnyboy.
- I was never arrested, indicted or convicted of any other offense except 30 day on work  
farm Louisville Ky - Fined \$10<sup>00</sup> at Pineville Ky.  
Alabama State Prison for Larceny.
- Applicant's occupation and residence during the five years next before conviction of the offense for which he is  
now serving were as follows: Employed as labour and was  
with circus etc. Home at Decatur, Ala.

8. Attach hereto either a transcript of the evidence introduced at the trial or give a brief statement of the facts leading to conviction of the crime for which you are now serving. [2]

*I implicated with others (who were lynched in Duluth) in ravishing a young woman in Duluth. Alleged to have held a gun on her young man escort while the girl was ravished.*

[3]

9. Your petitioner asks that a Pardon or Commutation be granted upon the grounds and for the reasons following:  
(Pardon or Commutation)

*That I am not guilty and know  
nothing about the crime which is  
alleged to have been committed.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Max Mason*

Dated at *Stillwater* this *18<sup>th</sup>* day of *December*, 19*22*

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## APPLICATION

For the \_\_\_\_\_ of

Max Mason

Filed on the 19th day of

December, A. D. 1922

Bertha Wauff  
Clerk.