

COLE YOUNGER IS FREE



Written September 9, 2009

Full pardon has come
Total liberty
After twenty five years
Cole Younger is free

All his brothers
And Jessie are gone
Only Frank James
Continues to live on

Frank and Cole start
A wild west show
Their names proceed them
Where ever they go

But Cole had a mission
God knew from the start
A book Cole wrote
God put in his heart

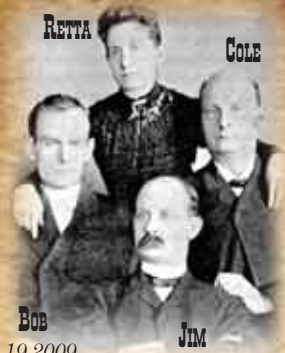
In prison Cole waited
Until he got out
So his sincerity
Would not be in doubt

Cole received Jesus
And salvation came
And erased the guilt
And the years of pain

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Isaiah Chapter 1, Verse 18. Come and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red as crimson, they shall be as wool.

RETTA'S PICTURE



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I've seen many times
The picture above
Seeing in Retta's eyes
A deep abiding love

That's what that picture
Always spoke to me
A sister's love
Unconditionally

How refreshing and
What a contrast
To her brother's
Wild historic past

And I have learned from
Researchers that know
To make authentic
This poetry flow

Retta and Bob in age
Were but one year apart
And were close in spirit
And close in heart

The warden agreed
When Retta asked him
To take a picture
Of the four of them

For Retta knew Bob
Was very sick
And his days to live
From this picture was six

A sketch drawn from a picture
of Bob Younger with his sister
Retta from the early years.
by Randy Wilson



Jeremiah Chapter 31, Verse 3. I have loved thee with an everlasting love.
Solomon Chapter 2, Verse 4. Her banner over them was love.

COLE TESTIFIED TILL THE DAY HE DIED



Artwork by Randy Wilson
Written October 12, 2009

How Cole must have looked
Back and wondered why
During his wild years
God kept him alive

The Civil War years
Seemed so long ago
And the outlaw years
That brought grief to his soul

Perhaps he recalled
When he altered his course
And went back for brother Bob
When he lost his horse

Cole was on his horse
Bob jumped up behind
And later Cole was
Shot eleven times

But released from prison
At fifty eight
God had for Cole
A predestined date

Cole lived till the age
Of seventy two
And God revealed what
He was destined to do

Cole received Jesus
And to all testified
Relentlessly
Till the day he died

Ephesians Chapter 1, Verses 4, 5. According as He hath chosen us in Him
before the foundation of the world. Having predestinated us.

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Date of Last Robbery

In the Younger's last
Gunfight with the law
Jim caught a bullet
In his upper jaw

His brothers Cole and Bob
Were shot up bad too
And they had to know
Their outlaw life was through

Frank and Jesse James
Made their getaway
But the wounded Youngers
Made them easy prey

The whole countryside
Searched for these men
And a two week manhunt
Had come to an end

A wagon took them
To the nearest town
And to women in the street
Cole stood and bowed down

The Youngers could not
Be hanged but go to prison
If pleading guilty
Would be their decision

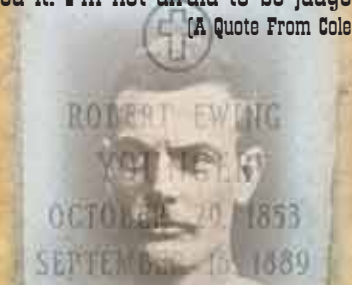
So to prison all
The three Youngers went
But in many ways
It proved a God sent

Proverbs Chapter 16, Verse 9.
A man's heart divideth his way;
but the Lord directeth his steps.

THE YOUNGER ODYSSEY

By Sam Weaver
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"We were wrong about the Northfield business,
but for the rest I don't see how we could have
avoided it. I'm not afraid to be judged."
(A Quote From Cole Younger)



DON'T WEEP FOR ME

For Bob Younger
Written September 16, 2009

The Civil War long
Since came to an end
But for the Youngers
Northfield was the end

When captured Bob said
With a steady gaze
We are rough men
And used to rough ways

Their father murdered
Their mother's home burned down
At ten Bob and John
Watched it burn to the ground

Through their vendetta
The innocent paid
Till the James and Youngers
Made the Northfield raid

Now in prison
Thirteen years have past
Bob was sick and
About to breath his last

The warden, Cole and Jim
Were at his bedside
Along with a sister
That wept and cried

Bob said his soul
Would soon be free
And then softly said
Don't weep for me

Psalms 51, Verse 17. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

GOD'S ALL SEEING EYE



For John Younger
Written September 10, 2009

Four lives were wasted
Cole said in his book
To find the forth I
Took a second look

John Younger was the forth
But he was killed
Two years before
The raid on Northfield

When the North burned their home
John was twelve and Bob ten
And Cole was always
Protective of them

Any wrong John did
Cole would justify
Saying truth would come through
God's all seeing eye

John was an outlaw
Like his brothers
But Cole defended him
Like all the others

Even when John and Jim
Shot it out with the law
Their innocence is
All Cole ever saw

John killed a lawman
But John was killed too
Lord Jesus I just pray
Cole's words come true

QUOTING COLE YOUNGER

Inspired by Cole Younger
Who Rode with Jesse James

Quoting Cole Younger
From a book I read
Blessed me because of
What Cole Younger said

Cole and his brothers
With the James boys too
Robbed for many years
Before they were through

But praise God that's not
The end of Cole's story
For this outlaws path
Lead him to glory

By this statement I
Knew Cole put God first
"Oh God turn back
the Universe"

I pondered and prayed
So long and so hard
And found through Jesus
Cole found his reward

For times and seasons
God said are mine
And for the redeemed
He'll turn back time



Psalms 31, Verse 15.
My times are in thy hands.
Daniel Chapter 2, Verses 20, 21.
Blessed be the name of God
forever and ever, for wisdom
and might are His
And He changeth the times
and seasons.

COLE AND JIM YOUNGER



Championed Women's Rights
Written September 10, 2009

Cole and Jim Younger
Were in many gunfights
But did you know both
Championed women's rights

What a contrast
To their outlaw lives
For both were shut off
And had no wives

They were in prison
For so very long
But once they got out
They could sense the wrong

Women were put down
And had no voice
And had no rights
To make a choice

Jim wrote it down
For all to see
He was for women's
Rights decidedly

And in his book
Cole left no doubt
Women's rights surly
Should come about

Being in prison
And set apart
Must have endeared them
To the woman's heart

1 Peter Chapter 3, Verse 7. Grant your women honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life.

Colossians Chapter 3,
Verse 1.
Seek those things which
are above where Christ
sitteth on the right
hand of God.

Proverbs Chapter 31,
Verses 30, 31.
Charm is deceitful,
and beauty is vain,
but a woman that feareth
the Lord, shall be praised.
Give her the fruit of her hands,
and let her own works
praise her in the gates.

Romans Chapter 10,
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COLE YOUNGER'S TRIBUTE

Inspired by Cole Younger
Who Rode with Jesse James

Cole Younger's tribute
I see in his story
When women came, and
Brought him God's glory

A soldier four years
An outlaw for ten
And twenty five years
He was in prison

But as a Christian
Through a mother's love
Cole's mother taught him
To seek things above

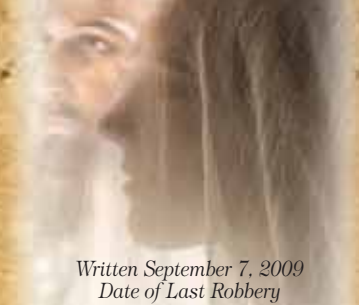
In prison Cole prayed
In Jesus Christ name
And with the gospel
Godly women came

Cole knew these women
Were sent by God's hand
And called all women
High Priestesses of the land

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JIM'S WIDOW IN SPIRIT



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The Younger brothers
Of outlaw fame
Robed till prison ended
Their outlaw game

A woman interviewed
The brother called Jim
And soon afterwards
Fell in love with him

After many years
With his brother Cole
Jim was granted a
Conditional parole

Jim wanted to marry
Both of them tried
She wrote the governor
But both were denied.

Jim got depressed
And gave in to strife
And despondently
Ended his earth life

Jim said he knew God
In a note he wrote
So what happened
Jim just lost hope

But what Jim's lady love
Said really touched me
Jim's widow in spirit
I will always be

From Jim Younger's note: "Treat me fair reporters for I am a square fellow, a socialist and decidedly in favor of Woman Rights."

From Cole Younger's book: "I know very little of women, but of one thing I am morally certain:
If the front seats of Paradise are not reserved for women, I am willing to take a back seat with them."

From Jim Younger's Note:
"God is universal and I know him well
and I am not afraid."