

ER HOUSE

DAMPIER

HENRY WHEELER

BANK

LEE AND HITCHCOCK

LEE & HITCHCOCK HARDWARE

A.R. MANNING

OUTLAW
Jesse James

OUTLAW
Jim Younger

OUTLAW
Cole Younger

OUTLAW
Cliff Miller

Bob O'CONNOR

NICOLAUS
GUFSTAVSON

J.S. ALLEN

G.P.

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1 THREE LOCAL CITIZENS WERE WORKING INSIDE THE BANK ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1876: ALONZO BUNKER, FRANK WILCOX, AND JOSEPH LEE HEYWOOD. AT 2:00 P.M., GANG MEMBERS FRANK JAMES, BOB YOUNGER AND CHARLIE PITTS WALKED THROUGH THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK DOORS. IN THE CHAOS OF THE RAID, BUNKER ESCAPED OUT THE BACK DOOR OF THE BANK. CHARLIE PITTS GAVE CHASE AND SHOT HIM IN THE SHOULDER. BUNKER RAN TO A LOCAL DOCTOR'S OFFICE AND LIVED. AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES OF THEIR FAILED ATTEMPTS TO GET INTO THE SAFE, THE OUTLAWS DECIDED ENOUGH WAS ENOUGH. CHARLIE AND BOB EXITED THE BANK. BEFORE FRANK JAMES FOLLOWED, HE DREW HIS REVOLVER AND, IN COLD BLOOD, SHOT AND KILLED, JOSEPH LEE HEYWOOD.



JOSEPH LEE HEYWOOD IS NOT ONLY THE HERO OF THIS STORY; HE IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE HERO OF NORTHFIELD. HE SHOWED THE OUTLAWS A KIND OF RESISTANCE THEY HAD NEVER FACED BEFORE. IN 1876, BANKS WERE NOT INSURED, AND HE KNEW THAT IF THE MONEY WAS GONE, IT WAS GONE FOR GOOD. CONTRARY TO MANY BANKS IN THE SOUTH, THE MONEY IN NORTHFIELD WAS NOT THAT FROM BIG INTERESTS. IT PRIMARILY BELONGED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS SMALL TOWN. HEYWOOD KNEW THAT EVERY DOLLAR IN THE BANK REPRESENTED THE CITIZENS' HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE. HEYWOOD ALSO KNEW SOMETHING THAT THE OUTLAWS DID NOT -- THE SAFE WAS UNLOCKED *THE WHOLE TIME!* THE SAFE DOOR WAS CLOSED, BUT WITH A SIMPLE TUG IT COULD HAVE BEEN OPENED, GIVING THE OUTLAWS ACCESS TO \$15,000 (EQUIVALENT TO ¼ OF A MILLION DOLLARS TODAY). HOWEVER, DUE TO HEYWOOD'S TENACITY -- WHEN HE SHOUTED WARNINGS, DENIED HIS POSITION AS THE CASHIER, FOUGHT AGAINST THE OUTLAWS, AND ULTIMATELY SACRIFICED HIS LIFE -- THE OUTLAWS LEFT THE BANK THAT DAY WITH A BURLAP BAG CONTAINING ONLY \$26.70.

2 CLELL MILLER DISMOUNTED, CLOSED THE BANK DOOR, AND STOOD OUTSIDE ON GUARD. THIS BEHAVIOR WAS SUSPICIOUS TO J.S. ALLEN (THE LAST CUSTOMER THAT DAY) WHO WAS ON THE CORNER OF DIVISION STREET. AS ALLEN ATTEMPTED TO RE-ENTER THE BANK, CLELL MILLER THREATENED HIM, AND ALLEN RAN DOWN THE STREET SHOUTING: "GET YOUR GUNS BOYS, THEY'RE ROBBING THE BANK!"

3 UPON ALLEN'S WARNING, A.R. MANNING RETRIEVED A RIFLE FROM HIS HARDWARE STORE AND WENT BEHIND THE STAIRWELL OF THE SCRIVER BUILDING. DURING THE RAID, HE WOULD KILL BOB YOUNGER'S HORSE AND BILL CHADWELL IN AN INCREDIBLE 75-FT SHOT TO THE HEART.



4 HENRY WHEELER WAS ACROSS THE STREET DURING ALLEN'S ENCOUNTER WITH CLELL. HE RAN TO THE DAMPIER HOUSE HOTEL AT THE END OF THE BLOCK, YELLING: "ROBBERY! ROBBERY!" SECURING AN ARMY RIFLE FROM THE OWNER, HE TOOK HIS PLACE AT A THIRD-FLOOR WINDOW OF THE HOTEL WHERE HE SHOT CLELL MILLER.



5 WHEN COLE SAW CLELL FALL, HE FIRED A SERIES OF SHOTS INTO THE AIR ALERTING JESSE, JIM, AND BILL IN MILL SQUARE THAT HELP WAS NEEDED. THE THREE MEN JOINED COLE ON DIVISION STREET.

6 AFTER EXITING THE BANK, BOB YOUNGER IMMEDIATELY ENGAGED IN A GUNFIGHT WITH A.R. MANNING AT THE CORNER. SEEING THIS, HENRY WHEELER FIRED AT BOB, SHATTERING HIS ELBOW. THIS INJURY WOULD SLOW THE OUTLAWS DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE WEEKS TO COME.

7 ONLY 7 MINUTES AFTER THEY HAD ENTERED TOWN THAT DAY, SIX MEN RODE OUT OF TOWN ON FIVE HORSES. IN THE CROSSFIRE, ONE INNOCENT CITIZEN -- A SWEDISH IMMIGRANT NAMED NICOLAUS GUSTAVSON -- WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED.



AFTER THE ATTEMPTED RAID, THE REMAINING OUTLAWS ESCAPED SOUTH, CROSSED THE CANNON RIVER IN DUNDAS AND FLED INTO THE BIG WOODS. OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, A POSSE OF OVER 1,000 MEN -- THE LARGEST POSSE IN U.S. HISTORY -- FORMED TO TRACK THE OUTLAWS ACROSS SOUTHERN MINNESOTA. FOR 14 DAYS, IT RAINED HARD, WHICH MADE TRAVELING MISERABLE, BUT COVERED THE GANG'S TRACKS AS THEY WENT.

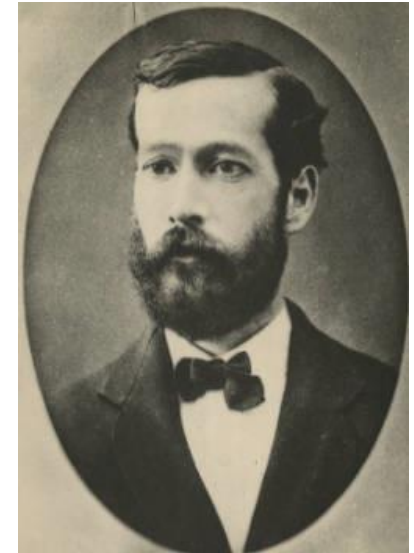
ONE WEEK AFTER THE RAID, THE JAMES BROTHERS SPLIT FROM THE GROUP AND ESCAPED MINNESOTA. THIS DIVERTED THE POSSE AWAY FROM THE REST OF THE GANG. HOWEVER, THEY WERE DISCOVERED A WEEK LATER IN A THICKET KNOWN AS HANSKA SLOUGH. SEVEN BRAVE MEN FROM MADELIA ENTERED THE SLOUGH AFTER THEM AND A SHOOTOUT BEGAN IN WHICH CHARLIE PITTS WAS KILLED. THE YOUNGER BROTHERS ALL TOOK SEVERAL BULLETS, BUT ALL SURVIVED, WERE CAPTURED, AND TAKEN TO TRIAL IN FARIBAULT. THERE, THEY PLEADED GUILTY, AND WERE SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON.

BOB DIED OF TUBERCULOSIS IN 1889. IN 1901, COLE AND JIM WERE PAROLED, BUT IN 1902, JIM COMMITTED SUICIDE. IN 1903, COLE RECEIVED A PARDON AND JOINED HIS BEST FRIEND, FRANK JAMES, IN MISSOURI. IN 1882, JESSE JAMES WAS KILLED BY BOB FORD, A MEMBER OF HIS OWN GANG. AS OF 1903, FRANK AND COLE, THE ORIGINAL GANG LEADERS, WERE THE LAST SURVIVING MEMBERS. IN LATER YEARS OF HIS LIFE, FRANK GAVE TOURS OF HIS FAMILY FARM. COLE WROTE A BOOK ABOUT HIS LIFE AND GAVE LECTURES ABOUT HIS LIFE OF CRIME AND REGRETS. BOTH DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES: FRANK IN 1915 AND COLE IN 1916. WITH COLE'S DEATH CAME THE OFFICIAL END OF THE JAMES-YOUNGER GANG. BUT THE *REAL* END CAME MUCH EARLIER AS THE GANG NEVER ROBBED ANOTHER BANK AFTER SEPTEMBER 7, 1876. THANKS TO THE DETERMINATION OF NORTHFIELD'S CITIZENS, AND THE COURAGE OF JOSEPH LEE HEYWOOD, NORTHFIELD SURVIVED TO TELL THIS STORY.

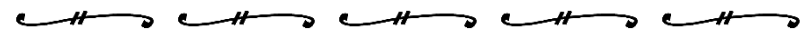
THE RAID

Defeat of the James-Younger Gang

September 7, 1876



JOSEPH LEE HEYWOOD



THE JAMES-YOUNGER GANG



JESSE JAMES



FRANK JAMES



COLE YOUNGER



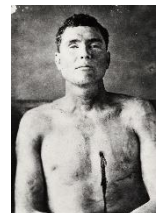
JIM YOUNGER



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