

*Moroni Chatwin  
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Salt Lake City, Utah

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To the Honorable Board of Pardons  
of the  
State of Utah,

Gentlemen:

My name is James Distefno, and I now live and have for more than three years last past lived at Tabiona, Utah, where I am and have been engaged in a general mercantile business. During said time I have become very well acquainted with Moroni Chatwin, and his parents, having lived neighbors to them during said time, and had considerable business deals with the parents of Moroni Chatwin, who has petitioned this honorable Board of Pardons to be paroled.

It is my opinion that it would be for the best interest of the boy, and that justice would be served if said boy were paroled. I do not know ~~that~~ the boy ever having gotten into trouble previous to the offense for which he is now imprisoned, and he has always been a hard working boy, and of help to his parents who have a large family and live on a farm at Tabiona. It is my understanding that the night ~~at~~ when the boy got in trouble, he and a companion became partly intoxicated at a dance, which a band of musicians from Kamis were giving at Tabiona. That on the night referred to these two boys pulled off a panel which was, lightly nailed for the purpose of entering a store, and that the Chatwin boy obtained from the store a muffler, some few cigars and a pair of garters, and about \$6.00 in money.

That the Chatwin boy returned these articles to the owner, and was subsequently tried for burglary and convicted. It is my opinion that it would be pleasing to the citizens in general at Tabiona, if Moroni Chatwin were paroled, and that I have talked with many of the citizens there and they all have expressed to me a hope that the boy would be paroled. Personally I should be very glad if the Board would parole this boy, and I feel that the six months which he has now served will be a sufficient lesson to him, so that he will not be guilty of any further unlawful acts.

*James Distefno.*