

Honorable Board of Pardon
Utah State Prison
Salt Lake City Utah

August 10 - 25

Dear Sir

I am appealing to your Honorable body for a rehearing, If you think it necessary for me to leave the State, I will do so, asking permission for a few days in which to get my tools together. I was just a young man 22 years of age when I was injured, and it crippled me for life, with a broken back and internal injuries, which bothers me so much in here, that I am getting worse every day, and suffer dreadfully with the rheumatism and spinal trouble. I always have hope and trust in God that some day I will get my health back and enjoy the good health that I had before I was hurt. I fell this time, I know I have done wrong, but I was out of funds, I tried my best to obtain employment but every place I tried I met with disappointment, and as a last resource I committed burglary, for which I am very sorry.

I made up my mind that I would never by God's help break the law again, I am a shoe-maker by trade and have a good chance at present to start a shop of my own, in mining camp, as I have enough tools and material to start with.

I know with the help of God, that I can make good, and my resolution is to do so, trusting you will give this your utmost consideration.

I beg to remain

Respectfully yours

John Smiley