

*E. Calder*

257 North 1st East,  
Logan, Utah,  
February 11, 1925.

Mr. J. E. Frick,  
Capitol Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in regards to Mr. Elmer Calder, who is serving a term in the Utah State Prison on a Statutory Charge, filed against him by the State of Utah in behalf of Miss Helen Andrews.

Being well acquainted with Mr. Calder, and knowing his character very well, I firmly believe that he is innocent of the charge which has been filed against him, and I feel that I would like to express a few of these thoughts to you.

I first met Mr. Calder sometime during the latter part of November 1923, and I kept company with him from the first part of December 1923, until about the first part of June 1924. During that period of time I was in his company frequently, both in a crowd and with him alone, and he never at any time treated me other than a perfect gentleman should treat a lady. His conduct was at all times of the highest type, and any mother could safely trust a daughter in his company. Therefore, I believe that he is being punished unjustly.

I have seen Miss Andrews but twice, once in Court, and once at her home, when I made a personal call upon her. I then met her father and her husband, (she having since married). While there I became impressed with the fact that their object was to obtain money, because she and her father and her husband stated that they merely wanted justice, and they seemed to feel that they had obtained justice, but when I was ready to leave their home she said, "All Elmer has to do is to make me the offer, and come to my terms and pay me what I ask, and I will go down there and get him out." She also said, "If you ever write to Elmer you may tell him this."

She was in the presence of her father and her husband when she made that statement.

Sincerely trusting that you will accept these few statements for consideration, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

*Miss Lucy McCombs*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of February A. D. 1925.

*E. L. Chace*  
Notary Public.

Residence: Logan, Utah.

My commission expires Jan 6th 1926