

BELL CIRCUIT COURT
1ST MONDAY IN FEBRUARY
2ND MONDAY IN MAY
1ST MONDAY IN OCTOBER

OFFICE OF
MARTIN GREEN
SHERIFF BELL COUNTY

COUNTY COURT
1ST MONDAY EACH MONTH
QUARTERLY COURT
2ND MONDAY EACH MONTH

PINEVILLE, KY. Nov. 31st, 1924.

To The Governor of Utah.
Or Board of Pardons,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you in behalf of Fred Hopkins formerly of this place and who was in September convicted at Ogden, Utah and sentenced to five years in prison for angaging in some kind of a fight.

I have been Sheriff and Jailor of Bell County for many years and have known Fred and his father I. L. Hopkins, who took him to ~~xxi~~ raise. I. L. Hopkins is one of our very best citizens, and took this boy to rais when about 4 years of age. Fred was kicked by a mule in forehead and bridge of nose that disfigured him considerably and gave him a much tougher look than he really deserved.

I am inclined to believe that this must have had much to do with the jury that tried him in finding him guilty.

Fred was never known to engage in fights or scraps here not even as other boys as of like age usually do, but on the contrary was always regarded as very quiet and peaceable.

I am sure that none of the Courts here have ever had him charged with fighting or a brawl of any nature or description.

For this reason I feel that he was wrongfully convicted, surely he was not the aggressor, I dont think it possible, knowing him as I do for him to have been guilty.

I want to beseech you to investigate thoroughly and see if there was not some miscarriage of justice, and if you find there was then grant him a pardon.

Whatever you may do will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Martin Green
Sheriff
Bell Co