

H. C. SMITH
COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER
BOX 443

PINEVILLE, KY., Nov. 21st, 1924.

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

Dear Governor:-

I am well acquainted with I. L. Hopkins of this place. He is one of our best citizens. I have known him and Fred for a number of years. Fred went to him as an orphan of tender years and remained with him till he reach legal age.

This boy Fred was always regarded as being peaceable and quiet, he never engaged in difficulties such as boys of his age usually engaged in.

I was extremely surprised to hear that he had been convicted of a felony and sentenced for five years for engaging in a difficulty. I am sure there must have been something wrong and to that end I would be glad to have you investigate this case closely and if the boy merits a pardon or a parole then give it to him.

This boy has always been handicapped in a way for he was injured by a kick from a mule that disfigured him in such way that his face by no means reflects his true character. This must have had something to do with the jury that convicted him.

Whatever you may do for him will be appreciated,

Yours very truly,

H. C. Smith