

BELL COUNTY

OFFICE OF
HENRY BROUGHTON
COUNTY CLERK

PINEVILLE, KY., November 21, 1924.

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

Dear Sir:- I am writing you this in behalf of one Fred Hopkins, who was tried at Ogden, Utah and convicted and sentenced to five years in prison sometime in September of this year.

I have lived in Pineville more than twenty years and am well acquainted with I. L. Hopkins and Fred Hopkins.

Mr. I. L. Hopkins is one of our best citizens and when Fred was about four years of age Mr. Hopkins took him to rear, and he remained with him till he was of age and started out for himself, since that time Fred has not been about town much.

Fred Hopkins was always regarded as one of the most quiet youngsters in the community, he was never in difficulties with other boys, not even as is customary with young boys growing up.

When he was quite young he received a kick from a mule which disfigured his forehead and bridge of nose in such a way as to give him a bad countenance when as a matter of fact he did not merit it.

I am most sure that this fact must have had considerable weight with the jury trying him, knowing the young man as I do I can not believe that he brought on this difficulty but it must have been pushed on him by others, for if it had not been there would have been no difficulty.

I would be glad to have you investigate thoroughly and when you do I am sure you will find as I have indicated above and if you do then I shall appreciate it to give him a pardon or a parole which ever is appropriate under your laws.

Yours very truly,

Henry Broughton
County Clerk Bell Co.