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

Dear Governor;-

I am writing you this letter in the interest of one Fred Hopkins, formerly a resident of this place but lately of Ogden, Utah, where he was tried and convicted of a felony and sentenced to five years in prison.

I am told that he will seek a pardon or a parole and have been asked by his adopted father, Mr. I. L. Hopkins to write you this letter and to state to you the facts as I know them.

I have known this young man since he was about four when Mr. I. L. Hopkins took him into his family where he continued to reside till he reached the age of twenty one. Since then he has not resided much here but has made regular visits home.

This young man was never engaged in even the ordinary difficulties and scraps that is usual for boys of his age, but on the contrary was always regarded by everyone as peaceable and quiet.

When he was quite young he received a kick by a mule in the forehead and bridge of nose that disfigured him for life, and this gave to him a much tougher look than his real character would warrant, and since hearing of his conviction I have wondered if this did not have much to do with a jury bringing in a verdict of guilty.

Knowing the young man as I do, acquaintance almost intimate for I saw him I should say every day or nearly so, I can not understand how it was possible for him to have become the aggressor in any difficulty, and I can not now believe that he was the aggressor in the difficulty for which he was convicted.

I would be glad for you to investigate his ^{case} closely and see if he is not entitled to relief at your hands, and if he is then grant to him a pardon or a parole as his case may merit.

I was Police Judge of City of Pineville for Four years November 1917 to January 1922. During all of this time he was never brought before me charged with any difficulty of any nature or description, and I am sure he was in town most all that time.

I am not attorney for or related to any of these parties in interest. I merely write this to aid if possible in seeing that a mis-carriage of justice is set right, if there was such a miscarriage.

Anything that you may be able to do for him after investigating all the facts, will be appreciated by me.

Yours very truly,

W. W. Points.