

J. E. Mather

From Mrs. J. S. Mather
2923 West 18th. Ave;
Denver, Colorado.

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Governor Charles R. Mayne,
State Capitol Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to make my self known to you as I want to help Lester E. White who is now in the Utah State Prison and he has written me that he has sent in his application for pardon this month.

A year ago I received a letter and a pillow top from Lester. I bought the pillow top and answered the letter and from that time my daughter and I have been corresponding with him and we have received a lovely letter from him every week.

We all feel sure that Lester has learned his lesson and intends to do what is right and we shall certainly do our part if he regains his freedom. Our home is open to Lester and he will be treated the same as if he was my own son. His letters are always headed, "Dear Mother" and closed, "Your loving son." Lesters Mother died when he was very young, so you see he has never known a Mothers love or care. He has a dear old Father too but the Father does not know where Lester is and Lester will not write to him while he is in confinement. In so many of Lesters letters to me he tells me of the wonderful things he wants to do and how he wants to build himself up after he is released from prison. Lester is a barber by trade and if he regains his freedom we intend to help him locate a shop of his own here in Denver so that we can have him near us and help him to do what is right. We firmly believe that Lester is a good boy at heart and with the influence of a home and some one to care for him he will prove to be a good law abiding citizen.

We have lived in Denver twenty-one years and for the past sixteen years I have kept a home for old people and invalids, my husband is a structural iron worker. For refrence I can refer you to the First National Bank of Denver and can also give you the names of a number of prominent people here if you wish to have them.

Any thing that you could do to help Lester regain his release would be greatly appreciated by all of us, my husband my daughter and myself. If I can arrange to be in Salt Lake City during the week the Pardon Board meets I will bring Lester back home with me, if he is released. If it is impossible for me to go, I will mail a cheque for Lesters railroad fare and expenses so that he can come to us at once.

Thanking you in advance for any thing you may be able to do for us,
I beg to remain, Yours very Sincerely,

Mrs. J. S. Mather