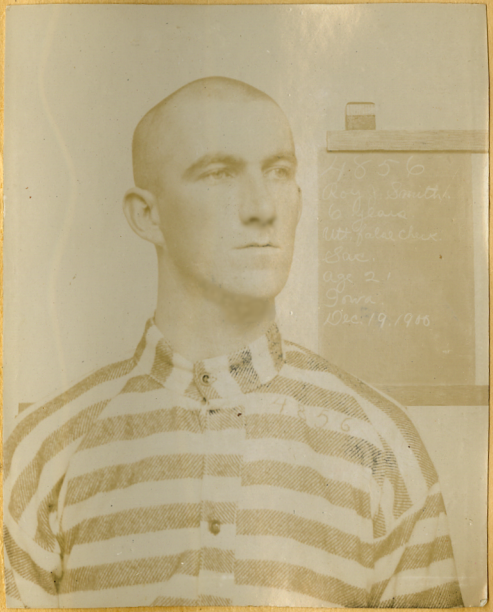

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Oct. 19, 1910

Register and Descriptive List of Convicts under Sentence of Imprisonment in the State Prison at Folsom.

NAME.	CRIME.	COUNTY.	When Received. Month.	Day.	Year.	Term of Sentence. Years.	Months.	NATIVITY.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	Height. Feet. Inch.	Complexion.	Color of Eyes.	Color of Hair.	REMARKS.
Roy J. Smith alias Rogers 48 56	Mfg fic. check	Sacramento	December	19	1900	6	—	Iowa	21	Machinist	5 10	Med pur	Gray	blue	Died Feb 13, 1905
2nd term — Served 13 days Fresno Co Jail pt beg about 1903															

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To the Honorable State Board of Prison
Directors Folsom Calif.

Gentlemen

I am in receipt of a letter from Roy. J. Smith now confined at Folsom prison requesting me to write you, which I will do.

Roy Smith worked for me on the farm at times for 3 years and I have known him for about 12 years, since he was a small boy.

I never considered him to be a vicious person but thought him to be a very good boy and like many another contaminated by bad associates

I firmly believe with his prison lesson, if paroled, he would live an honorable life, and be a credit to himself and relatives

Yours Respy E. M. Bishop

Fresno

June 6th 1902

Dear madame

In answer to your inquiry about your Son Roy Smith I would say that so far as I know I do not know of any reason why he should not be Pardoned or Paroled His behavior while at work for me was Good. Was Industrious and Steady.

Resp

E. L. Machen

WARDEN'S OFFICE,

State Prison at Folsom,

June 18th, 1903.

Mrs. Alzoa Bomgardener,

Fresno, Cal.,

Dear Madam:-

Replying to your communication of the 12th inst I would say that your son Roy Smith is a model prisoner. However, I do not think anything can be done at this meeting of the State Board of Prison Directors, as it will be the most busy meeting of the year. On the 20th inst we let the contracts for furnishing supplies for the prison, and the Directors will not have time to consider any applications for Parole. When the time is opportune I shall be pleased to give your son a good recommendation if he continues in his good conduct.

Very respectfully yours

Thomas Wilkinson

Warden.



GEO. A. CUSTER CIRCLE

MRS. ALZOA BOMGARDNER

ELIGIBILITIES:
FATHER, TWO
HUSBANDS,
TWO UNCLES

FRESNO, CAL.

GAR stands for Grand Army of the Republic and FCL stands for Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty which is the motto of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Fraternity referred to the brotherhood and sisterhood of those who had served together, Charity referred to the work the organization did to ensure the well-being of widows and orphans of veterans as well as the pensions obtained for them, Loyalty referred to loyalty to the Constitution and flag of our country.

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army who had served in the American Civil War.

To the Board of Prison Directors

July the 25th 1908

Sirs, I present this petition for Parole of Roy J Smith No 4,856. who has been a Prisoner for two years the 17th of last Jan for passing counterfeit silver dollars.

He Roy Smith loaned a friend $5. and for pay was asked to have a note cashed which he did in two places Fresno & Sacramento his Friend used him for a cats claw and Roy thinking him a fine fellow all the time I was knowing to the first loan & cautioned Roy a gainst loaning money to a stranger. I am Roys Mother he being my onley Son by my first Husband, Charles. M. Smith. an Old Soldier & Freemason who was laid to arest with all the Honors of an upright Law abideing Citizen leaveing Roy a boy of 11. years of age

I hope you will consider the Parole and if you find him worthy grant it. I will do all a Mother can do - yours respectfully

Mrs Alzoa Bomgardner.

Fresno, Cal,

Griffin & Skelley Company,
132 Market Street,

Cable Address, "Griffin."
Lieber's Code.

Fresno
~~San Francisco~~, Calif. Aug 22nd, 1903.

State Board of Prison Directors,

Represa, Calif.

Gentlemen:-

We are in receipt of your letter of Aug 20th asking about Roy J. Smith. This party was in our employ for a while as a box maker, and from what we know of him, we do not think that he is right in his head, and that he is a fit subject for an Insane Asylum. We believe that the young man means well, but that he is very easily led, and that a party, who is disposed to do wrong, could easily induce Smith to do anything that he wanted him to, as he is not responsible for what he does.

Yours truly,

GRIFFIN & SKELLEY CO.,

per FWR

Fresno Calif Aug 25 1903

State Board of Prison Directors

Folsom

Dear Sirs

On returning from the Encampment of G A R at San F- I find your letter of enquiry of one Ray J Smith Smith worked for me ten days in the 1900 running a header. He was a stranger to me but came with a recomend that he was a good all round mechanic &c I did not find him such.

I know nothing of his former history while working for me he behaved all right was rather careless inclined to boast of what he had done and what he was going to do. Was a little deaf and not very intelligent

Respectfully W E Rowell



JAY SCOTT
SHERIFF
OF FRESNO COUNTY

L. A. Spencer,
UNDER SHERIFF.
DEPUTIES
L.P. [illegible],
J.F. [illegible],
P. [illegible],
W. [illegible],
E.C. [illegible],
W.P. [illegible].

Fresno, Cal. Aug 31 189[illegible] 190[illegible]

Barnard F. Smith
Represa Cal

Dear Sir

In regards Mr Smith he did work for me a short time some years ago and I think at that time was a good steady young man he had a Mother here that is a good woman and she thinks she could keep him strait I dont know much about him

yours truly
Jay Scott

STATE PRISON AT FOLSOM, CAL.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF PRISONERS ELIGIBLE TO PAROLE UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE LAW.

Name Roy Jerome Smith; Registered No. 4856

Date when received Dec 19 1900; County

Committing Judge Hon J M Hughes; District Attorney

Counsel for defense non; Address

Crime Forgery

Term of sentence six years (6)

Maximum term for crime committed 14 years; Pleaded guilty yes

Convicted no; Nature of crime, and against whom committed Passing $122 check on a Sacramento Dry goods store, led into it by one Albert

Causes of crime Furman with whom I worked at Paking House Fresno Cty

Previously convicted of misdemeanor, or charged with crime Yes petty larceny

If so, in what State California; County Fresno

Town of Fresno; Under what circumstances breking down with a wood team I exchanged a harness out of a vacant stable on the Centreville road.

Date of birth August the 18 1879; Age when received 21

Race White; Place of nativity Edgewood Iowary

Name of father W M Smith; Name of mother Alsea Bomgardner

Father alive no; Mother alive Yes; Present address of father and mother, if alive Mother and Stepfather J A Bomgardner live on their own places

Name and present address of other near relative also Grandfather J R Minckler Fresno Cal.

Father's birthplace Florence Erie Co Ohio; Mother's birthplace Florence Erie Co Ohio

Present name assumed no; If so, true name Roy J Smith

Previously lived under assumed name no; Where living when under said assumed name

If ever living under assumed name, reason for same

Married no

Unmarried Yes; Divorced no; Children no; Wife alive non; If alive, name and present address

Read, when received Yes

Write, when received Yes; Read, now Yes; Write, now Yes; Where educated Fresno Calif.

Under what system Public School; Years at school five; Years at college non

Degree of mental culture good; Progress of education while confined in this prison good

Religion Babtist; Religion of parents Babtiste

Degree of attendance upon religious services while in prison regular

Extent of moral training in youth Christian training

Habits of life: Addicted to the use of alcoholic liquors no; Tobacco no; Use of opium or morphine no; Age when leaving home 21; Legitimate occupation Contracting

Any knowledge of other trades Yes; If so, what trades Carpenter Blacksmith Farmer

Trades, names, and addresses of past employers, length of time employed by each, and causes of loss of employment in every case Worked for Ernest Bishop Farmer, Alamo ave Fresno nearly 5 years Haying, Plowing and Vineyard Left him to work for Harry Hill with Griffith and Kelly's Packing house as Boxmaker, also in Fresno and worked for him "Hill during 3 Seasons, also 1 Season for Forerith Paking House left them to work between Seasons for Frank Powell Ex Sheriff Jay Scott and Ed Machen Farmers in Fresno County, California.

History of life from boyhood to present time, enumerating various places of residence; length of time lived in each county, State, and town; cause of removal; names and addresses of responsible parties in each place of former residence, for identification and reference as to truth of statements; including in this biographical sketch such items as may indicate the causes of the criminal character or conduct of the prisoner and the advantages and opportunities of education, moral training, employment, etc., enjoyed before arrest.....

When 6 months of age my father moved from Iowa to Seal City Nebraska he being a Master Mechanic on the C. B. and M. Rail Road there, when I was 2 years old my Father being afflicted with Consumption moved to Fresno for his health where he two years after died and was burried by the Masonic Lodge, I being then 11 years of age. My father bedridden in Fresno most of the time, I though a small boy yet had to work doing odd jobs, helps to support the family and go to school the same time, after School hours I weaved carpets etc. and worked one year for Mr. J. H. Carry wood yard on California Ave. Pickwick addition Fresno Cal. and had to leave him because he went through insolvency. After my fathers death my sister was sick in bed for one year and also died. This left me alone to help my mother and for this reason I had to leave School early. My Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Minckler, my mother and also Mrs. Cobb all residing on Alum ave, Florence addition Fresno could verify this statement. Also Hart Bros; and Mr. E. Bishop of Fresno, may yet remember me helping my mother before and after my fathers death. When 12 years of age I went to work for Mr. Ernest Bishop who lives yet, on Alum Ave. Fresno, was farming and laboring for him, but always stopped home and gave my earnings to my mother, sometimes I took Hay instead of money for our cow. I worked for Mr. E. Bishop about 5 years and left him only for steadier work and more pay as Box-maker in the Raking houses. Then at about the age of 17 I secured the position as Boxmaker for Harry Hill contractor for Griffith and Skelly Raking House, I worked for him 3 Seasons in as many years and one Season for Turney Forsithe Raking House. between the Seasons I worked for Frank Rowell, Ed. Machen and Ex. Sheriff Jay Scott of Fresno, ranching, harvesting and farming. have also taken small contracts, shingling for Sewer and Hansen Builders and Carpenters of Fresno, all the above mentioned Parties will be able to testify to my statements and former Characters. On several occations my Mother drew my pay, whenever she needed it, from Ed. Machen and E. Bishop.

After these 4 years having saved about $200 for myself & my mother having married again, I thought, at the age of 21, to be able to start in business for myself and with this intention I went to Stockton to buy a small Black Smith shop as I understand horseshoeing; At the Stockton Real Estate office I was persuaded to buy the White Star Restaurant instead, opposite the Ferry Depot for $200, not understanding the business I took in a Partner by name Mc Donald who was the cause of the Restaurant proving a failure after two months. I then left Stockton went back to Fresno and brought $30 more to pay off Bills with, on my return trip I fell in with bad Company by meeting a man whom I had worked with together in the Baking house in Fresno names Albert Furmann, when we arrived at the Restaurant it was closed and in the hands of the creditors. I then only $30 left, did not like to return home and was urged to accompany this friend of mine Albert Furman to Sacramento where he said I could find work I stayed in Sacramento about 3 weeks looking for work in the Employment office on 4th Str. bet. J and K, unable to find work, unacquainted with City life and now completly broke this Albert Furman to raise money for our existence gave me the Check to pass, for which I was arrested at our return in Stockton, he escaping I was induced to plead guilty in return of a light sentence and received 6 years. At age of 18 I was arrested once for Petty Larceny served 90 days in the Fresno Co. Jail for the exchange of a harness I made when breaking down on the road from Centreville with a wood team, but was never arrested nor convicted of a felony before. Paroled Upon promise to go home and lead an honest upright life in the future with the Almighty's help.

I affirm the above and foregoing statement to be correct.

(Signature of convict): Roy J. Smith. 4856.