

Wall-Wats

*Indefinite
Hyde Park*

Florence Walsh

FUNCTIONAL FASHIONS

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CURRY LANE
HYDE PARK, N. Y.
421 HYDE PARK 121

March 18, 1947

Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

Because of your concern some years ago with promoting an industry in Hyde Park and thus providing work for people of the village we thought you might be interested in the present plans of the Hyde Park Industries .

Last summer we found that there was a great demand for souvenirs by the tourists coming to the National Historic Sites in Hyde Park . So we have organized Hyde Park Industries to promote and merchandise articles made by local craftsmen . This will be done on a commission basis so that anyone made offer for sale what he or she has a special desire or talent for making .

The articles will be sold in Hyde Park but in addition we are anxious to promote those articles which turn out to be of an especial value or unique design outside of Hyde Park . Through my past and present connections as a dress designer and manufacturer I feel I have contacts for wide scope of merchandising . All articles will bear the Hyde Park Industries label which is being trade marked and which we hope to make well known by means of national advertising .

Hyde Park Industries is registered in the state of New York as a company composed of Ray Hill (Hyde Park druggist) Marion Hill , Perry Walsh (former Poughkeepsie newspaperman and a native of Hyde Park) and myself . As we go along we find that problems crop up, with regard to which, we often say "If we could talk to Mrs Roosevelt, we know she would have a suggestion". (This is not a "dunning" letter, we don't need money)

To be perfectly frank- the problem of the moment is a summer theater in Hyde Park . This is of no particular monetary value to Hyde Park Industries , but some friends of ours from Vassar College Experimental Theater are interested . It seems to us that the Vanderbilt stables would be an ideal spot but we don't understand the complication of the Department of Interior which controls the building.

We would also like to be able to display some of the weaving done by Val-Kill looms . I would appreciate very much the opportunity of explaining to you more fully the objectives of Hyde Park Industries . My telephone is Hyde Park 121 and I would be please to come to see you in Hyde Park whenever it is convenient.

Sincerely yours ,

Florence Walsh

Walsh, F.

1947

Walsh -

I spoke to Mr
Palmer about your
plans. He tells
me that our
Congressman Mr
Fare is very much
against permitting
any commercial
enterprise on the
gov't owned grounds.
The^{re} question of the
couch house being

Wed as an inn
& restaurant + while
that is under
discussion, nothing
can be decided on
the theatre.

As to your booklet,
the gov't plans to
print & sell a booklet
& the question of any
concession enters
here too.

msR as you

know has no control
over the property.

all concessions
are leased through
the Rail Parks
Concessions which is
a non-profit gov't
owned organization.

Mrs D. liked
the picture & frame
better than any of
the other things
I will not be in

As until the
30th of April
Shall I return your
samples as
you call for
them after
the 30

ORIGINAL RETRIED FOR PRESERVATION

*Pending
April 19th*

April 15, 1947

My dear Miss Walsh:

I will go up to Hyde
Park on Friday evening. Would
you care to come and see me
sometime on Saturday?

Very sincerely yours,

Florence Walsh
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Walsh, F

CURRY LANE
HYDE PARK, N. Y.
TEL HYDE PARK 121

Wednesday

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Would it be possible to see you
some time soon regarding the Hyde Park
Industries. I tried to call you on the phone
to-day but since yours is an unlisted number
the operator could not put the call through.

Very
kindly yours
Florence Walsh

Will be home Fri. evening
Will you call to come
Sat. ?