six months. Perhaps in time they will learn – but at present their ideas and personal ambition come first.

I am adding new gray hairs every day. They are nice kids and I hope under the guidance of Jean and Agnes that they will learn to be a bit more thoughtful and responsible.

I am sorry dear – that this happened – but I am sure that they have all learned a good lesson and will go on from here with a new understanding of what one does and does not do.

Lots of love.

AP

Nancy
August 29, 1940

Dear Man:

The special picnic for the newspaper people is to be held this Saturday, the 31st, and I hope you and Marion will be able to come. The picnic starts at 5:30 and we will eat at six o'clock.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
October 15, 1940

Dear Nancy:

I am very much intrigued with the radio you sent me for my birthday. Each year I feel more strongly that at my age birthdays should be completely forgotten, but that does not mean that I do not appreciate your thought of me.

This has been a grand trip and a great joy to me to have a chance to see Anna and John and the children.

With many thanks,

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
351 Madison Avenue, NYC
December 30, 1940

Dear Nancy:

Many, many thanks for the bedroom slippers and the garden chair. The slippers are most welcome and I know that we shall all enjoy the garden chair next summer.

We missed having the children with us this year but we did have a nice Christmas and I hope that you did too.

Good wishes, and may the New Year be a happy one for you.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 86th St.
NYC
January 11, 1941

Dear Nan:

I am sending this to your office as I do not know when you will be back. It is for the first payment of 1941. It is a little late, but my boss has been extra busy.

Your letter made me envious and you sound as though you were having a royal time.

Will see you soon.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
Democratic State Committee
Hotel Biltmore
New York, N.Y.

Check for $155 enc.
March 3, 1941

Dear Man:

I am enclosing Mrs. Roosevelt's check for $100, her yearly contribution to the Women's Division of the Democratic Committee.

Miss Nancy Cook
Room 704
331 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.
April 14, 1941

Dear [Name]:

Thank you very much for the generous assortment of jellies. I am looking forward to enjoying them at Hyde Park.

We are really having spring here in Washington. The trees are budding and many of the shrubs are out. It is really lovely.

Many thanks.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 E 86
NYC
Maillard
NEW YORK

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Card Enclosed

Dear Muddie,

Wishes for a happy Easter - a kiss -

Kisses

Nancy
Nancy Cook
Room 124
Hotel Biltmore
New York City

Dear Eleanor,

Many thanks for the check for
the joint account. The check for
three months should be $20.00.

But I will return the balance
to you later as I did last year.

Clifford has all his animals started
and so far they are fine - and I
hope they will continue so until
it is warm enough to plant them
out doors the last of May.

Armed told me you were going to
try over the forge into a play
room. I am having Mr. Roberts
raise the roof and fix up
the old hen house so we
can move the lawn mowers.

Murray Hill 6-9000
Nancy Cook  
Room 421  
Hotel Biltmore  
New York City

Tools, Fuller, shaping things, etc. from the garage. It seems to take a lot of room to house our "farm" machinery.

I think I am going to be given a present of a tiny greenhouse this spring - it will be fun to see what we can raise in that.

Lots of love, dear - and I hope you have a good trip south.

Aff.  
Nancy

Murray Hill 6-0090
DEAR CLARA,

Thank you very much for your contribution of $100.00 to the Women's Division. It would be wonderful if everyone sent in their contributions before we start out. The contributions are coming in much better than last year.

We had a luncheon today of the "Jackson Day" Democratic committee to raise New York State quota for the National Committee. We are all busy with card, name, and letter. New York State hopes to raise at least fifty dollars for each county. We're working on our quota as usual. It almost seems as though the election were on — as the girls
are here working very hard. Mary had her vacation last week
and she goes with about 100 girls to the new school in New
York the month of April. They are

ancy out. The new building

School which has been built
there - the girls have spent in
March seem to be getting on
very well but the core has been

a bit deep but I suppose the
difficulties should have some
difficulties to be overcome in

order to learn what is to be

in the future if it should ever

become necessary.

I have had lots of fun this
week teaching a cooking class
and at school one day a week
and also joining up a new

Science room with stone, tile
flooring but it is nearly done
and looks very grand.
Your vacation sound wonderful. I hope you all had a rest and lots of sunshine.

Love you in New York.

Nancy
Sent to Mr. Keith Morgan with memo that it is for infantile fund.

July 16, 1941
Hyde Park, New York

My dear Mrs. Cohen:

I want to thank you so much for your gift to the Infantile Paralysis Fund, and to tell you that I shall put it into the proper channels. It was very kind of you to want to help this cause, and both the President and I deeply appreciate your generosity.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Rachel Cohen
7801 - 20th Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y.
August 28, 1941.

Dear Nancy:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just written to Mr. Townsend. I have no idea what arrangements you have made with the National Committee, or whether you are going to cooperate in the State Committee, but I hope in any case that if the County cares to do any work, that you and Marion will come to supper.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
Hyde Park
New York.

Copy of letter to Mr. James Townsend enclosed.
November 6, 1941

Dear Nancy:

Many thanks for the jellies and preserves. I will enjoy them so much, and shall look forward to seeing the plants.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
The Val-Kill Cottage
Hyde Park
New York

JEG
Dear dear,

I am leaving those little fans for you and I hope you will find them good.

Clifford thinks that the annual flowers do not do so well in your dry borders — so I am getting you some perennials and I hope that by your next birthday they will be growing well.

I do not know where you will be on Saturday so on a chance I am leaving these at Hyde Park. Bless you dear — and all the good wishes in the world to you on this day.

Affly
Nancy.
Telegram

The White House
Washington

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POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., OCT. 11, 1941

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

SORRY NOT TO SEE YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY. GIFT AND GREETINGS
AWAIT YOU AT YOUR COTTAGE HYDE PARK. ALL GOOD WISHES AND MANY HAPPY
RETURNS.

NANCY COOK.
March 9, 1942

Dear Nancy:

I am enclosing my check covering January 1st and April 1st. I want to apologise for having forgotten to send the January check.

Affectionately,

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Miss Nancy Cook
Val Kill
Hyde Park
New York

F.L.F./hy
March 18, 1942.

Dear Miss Cook:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to thank you for your letter and for the refund.

She would like to know if you are planting a garden in the big lot where the apple trees used to be, as she is thinking of having a garden over there and thought it might all be plowed at the same time.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
Room 424
Hotel Biltmore
New York, New York.
Nancy Cook
Room 424
Hotel Biltmore
New York City

Dear Sherman,

Many thanks for the check, but you sent too much for Jan. 1 and April 1 - at $40.00 a month it would be $240.00.

I am returning this extra $80.00 now as I will probably forget to do so later - and might spend it.

We went up to Hyde Park last week and found the days were very cool and the nights warm. I guess we are lucky to be warm. I went to New York last week and saw many old friends. I had an early spring going to have an early spring. It is not. We went to see about the condition of the roads in condition. It wasn't that good but I have been a chance to do that until early April.

Don't forget to make a note in your check book, that for 2 months in the amount.

Murray Hill 6-9090
In the joint account, you always send too much.

We are planning to do a small vegetable garden this spring as I will have fun doing that and I hope some work or good spices as well.

Lots to love dear.

Aff -

Nancy
April 7, 1942

Dear Man:

The delicious jellies and jams are a delightful Easter present and I shall enjoy them.

It was good of you to think of me at Easter.

Many thanks.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 86th St., NYC
Dear Nancy:

I am enclosing this letter from Joseph D. Quinn, which certainly does not belong to me.

I have always paid my bills as soon as they were rendered and have no knowledge of any unpaid bills, or of any work which Mr. Quinn did for me.

I am sure you can straighten this out with Mr. Quinn.

Affectionately,
Dear Eleanor:

I have your note and the letter from Mr. Quinn.

He acknowledged that he never got around to send me the bills before now - and they date back to the time of building the shop, cottage and up to 1935.

To me there is something very strange and fishy about it all. For him to wait 10 to 15 years before presenting a bill is worse than strange procedure.

I have no way of knowing after all these years, of never receiving a bill, if there was work not paid for.

I have written to Mr. Quinn, saying that I do not acknowledge any indebtedness to his firm, as I have never received a bill for the work which he claims was done. He acknowledges he has not sent bills to me because he never got around to do so.

I haven't employed him for years, and I certainly haven't any detailed knowledge of work that may have been done from eight to fifteen years ago.

Of course, the bills are now outlawed, but I will go and see John Mack and see what he has to suggest.

Murray Hill 6-9000
Nancy Cook  
Room 424  
Hotel Biltmore  
New York City

If Mr. Quinn should write to you again - will you send his letters to me to answer and take care of.

I have been having a terrible cold - a rare thing for me - but it seems to be on the up to-day - too much garden work I guess.

Affectionately,

Nancy

April 29, 1942.

Murray Hill 6-0090
June 20, 1942.

Dear Nancy:

Mrs. Roosevelt has told Mrs. Nancy Cooper Homans (Mrs. Dexter Cooper's daughter) that she can swim in the pool whenever she wishes. Mrs. Roosevelt also told Mrs. James Forrestal she could use the pool too.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
Dutchess County
Hyde Park, New York.
Hummus-

Dear Nancy-

I have no more than
glad to know you - use the
pool at any time. As you
know these are 2 bath
houses near the pool. Dear
Diana 
Hepworth her friends are spending
the summer at my cottage
Mrs Roset is looking after
them, so if you happen to
meet them at the pool you
will know them, etc. etc.
I will not the use it
for any length of time until
around the 4th of July, but
shall look forward to seeing
you after that

Yours,

with Mrs Gene Roset to realize
Miss Nancy Coco

Mrs B has told Mrs Nancy
of Mrs Hummus (Mrs Hector Cooke's
daughter) that the cats found
me the pool whenever she wishes
To Cook and - Mrs B also
tried Mrs James forestal the
could use for to.
October 13, 1942

Dear Man:

I am so pleased to have the slides and the box to show them. It was good of you to remember me on my birthday.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
Hyde Park
Dutchess County
New York
Mr. Prescott

5th of June. 1840.

Dear Sir, in a very happy birthday.

Henry

Alta-Nevers County

(Handwritten date: May 12)
October 14, 1942

Dear Nancy:

I am enclosing Mrs. Roosevelt's check which is for her share of the upkeep.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
Rye Park
New York
March 13, 1943.

Dear Nancy:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to send you the enclosed letter. She does not remember Lottie Mathews and wonders if you do.

I'll appreciate the return of Mr. Summer's letter as it has not been acknowledged.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 86th Street
New York, New York.
Thinks Mrs. Roosevelt might know her cousin
Lottie Mathews of Massena, N.Y.
March 30, 1945

Dear Man:

Thank you for your letter and for the money you returned.

I am sorry about Clifford and know it will make things harder, so why not do less if you get tired?

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 86th Street
NYC
April 16, 1943.

Dear Nani:

Mrs. Roosevelt says she does not know of any desk in the attic except the spinet one belonging to Miss Dickerman, and would rather wait until she goes to Hyde Park in May. She has two tables in her house which she will be glad to lend Nelly.

I do not know just when we will be there but I don't imagine Nelly will have much business for a while.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 86th Street
New York, New York
Dear Eleanor,

Would it be alright to loan Nelly a desk from the attic and a couple of small tables. She is going to try and fix up a table for buffet serving this summer and see if she can manage to do the work herself and perhaps make it easier for herself.

I think I can loan her a table from my porch - and I am letting her have some of my warming dishes plates. She thinks also if people can see what she has, they may order more. What she has, they may order more. It sounds like a good idea and it should save her a lot of work.

I find it difficult to find a man. Mr. Baldwin is leaving me at present and I have been one to help get cleaned up. I have been to all the agencies, there are few men and they want five and a half dollars a day - but as far as can not pay. I take their place if there as they have no car and the buses for Poughkeepsie do not run in early morning.
In the afternoon, I am going out again
The mesh we helped Bill take the covering
up the post and the lawn is cleaned up
and ready - I had hoped to have a vegetable
garden but now I had better not plant
in it unless I get some on soon.

Thanks a lot for letting me know
if I can loan you the things from the
attic - lots of love - I hope you will
be coming over soon.

Afi

Nancy

April 3, 1943
May 5, 1945

Dear Nan:

Your very welcome gift of stockings was here when I returned from the West Coast. It was good of you to send them. Many thanks.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 E 86, NYC
October 18, 1943.

Dear Nan:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks me to tell you she has a letter from Mrs. Grosvenor Allen in which she says, "If Nancy is with you, give her my love and tell her I long to see her."

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 86th Street
New York, New York.
Dear Nancy:

I think I spoke to you about the fruit trees in the big garden, but we did not come to any conclusion.

If I can get a man to help Curnan I should like to take over those trees and the whole garden. They have been sadly neglected because of shortage of help, but I am sure can be made to produce better. I would, of course, because we bought them together, give you one-third of the crop if we are successful, and if you are willing to have me take them over, I will get the Farm Bureau man to advise Curnan. We want to plant a winter crop in that garden because Curnan tells me the soil is sauer.

Will you let me know if this is agreeable to you?

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
Hyde Park, N.Y.
October 18, 1943

Dear Man: COOK

As you probably know it is not going to be possible this year for any of us to have turkey for Thanksgiving and probably not for Christmas.

I am sorry that this means I will not be able to send you a turkey as I have done in the past.
January 12, 1944

Dear Nancy:

I am enclosing my check and am sorry I didn't get around to sending it on the first.

I found your basket of delicious canned foods and will enjoy everything. Many thanks for your thought.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 86th Street
NYC
Dear Eleanor,

Many, many thanks for the Christmas gift of the delicious ham - and today we received a box of fruit which you had also sent. I just opened the basket and the fruit looks wonderful - we haven't seen any fruit as lovely at our market this winter. I know we are going to have a feast and enjoy it.

I left at your cottage a basket of tomatoes, fruit and jelly which I had canned. I hope you found it when you were home at Christmas time.

We were up at Toole Park one weekend in December.
and stayed with Nellie. I had to cover the roses and other things - I guess we chose the coldest and most windy day this winter - we all surely punished.

My love to you dear and the very best of good wishes for the New Year.

Affectionately,

Nancy
Jan. 7, 1914
March 31, 1944

Dear Nan:

I am enclosing my check for the second quarter.

We had a most interesting but somewhat hectic trip and are glad to be home.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 86th Street
New York, New York
October 12, 1944

Dear Nancy:

I appreciate your message on my birthday and the wonderful basket of jams and jellies. It is a very attractive gift and will be enjoyed.

With many thanks,

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
Val Kill
Hyde Park, N.Y.
The White House  
Washington  
OCT 10 9 35 PM 1944

POUGHKEEPSIE NY OCT 10 1944

MRS FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT  
THE WHITE HOUSE
I DID NOT KNOW WHERE YOU WERE TO BE SO I LEFT YOU A BASKET  
OF JAMS AND JELLIES ETC AT YOUR COTTAGE BLESS YOU AND LOTS  
OF LOVE AFFECTIONATELY

NANCY COOK.

[Signature]
Dear Shawn,
all the best wishes in
the world for a Happy
birthday. Bles zum
dear and my love.

all
Nancy

Isn't this the same thing we thanked her for?
December 2, 1944

Dear Nancy:

I'll send the lady's letter over to Governor Lehman and hope she gets some action, so we can sustain our reputations! I will let you know what I hear.

It seems to me that everyone who voted for the President has written to Mrs. Roosevelt; at least, I feel as though we had handled a few million letters, but I guess it was only about six hundred a day. Now we are hastily getting Christmas presents off.

Mrs. Roosevelt sent your Christmas present to Hyde Park. Remember early last fall you said you longed for a cider press? Well, Mrs. Roosevelt remembered and sent you one for this Christmas and your next birthday. Curman could get it and put it safely away for you, if you wish, when it is delivered.

I'll need something stronger than cider if I put in sixteen years of this!

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 66th Street
New York, New York
Dear Nancy Cook,

I hope you remember your fellow worker in the jewelry class at Syracuse University in the long ago. Perhaps, too, you may remember that I wrote to you a few years past, asking if you would be kind enough to see that a letter I was writing to Mrs. Roosevelt would reach her directly rather than being sent to Washington through the hands of secretaries. That letter was in regard to a young Bulgarian girl, Miss Sandra Georgieva, and her being permitted to stay in this country was a matter of life or death. To make a long story short, and although Mrs. Roosevelt, who has so many cases presented to her, may not remember about it, she may be interested to know that the matter ended happily. The young woman, now known as Sandra George, is director of our film library in the University, and is leading a useful and happy life.

Again I am taking the liberty of asking a similar favor. (Please do think it is getting to be a habit.) This time I am writing to add a word of introduction to the writer of the letter enclosed. She is Miss Olga Shimanovsky, who is at present living with a friend of hers who is a dear friend of ours – also a neighbor –
Madame Catharine Pastuhova, who is a teacher of Russian in our University.

Both my husband and I can sincerely recommend Miss Shimanovsky as being exceptionally well fitted for a place with the U.N.R.R.A. because of her unusual equipment of foreign languages and acquaintance with foreign countries; also because she is a woman of high culture, has a talent for getting along very well with people, and is always liked by everyone who knows her. I do hope her case may be considered affirmatively.

And thank you so much for doing this favor for me. I hope that life is going very well for you, and that good luck and happiness may continue to attend you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

(Mrs. Perley O. Place)

P. S. I suppose, of course, you heard about the death of Miss Ketcham three years ago. It was unexpected and a great shock to her friends and to Kansas University where she was very highly regarded. A scholarship for promising students has been founded there in her name as a memorial.
Dear Tommy,

I received the enclosed letter from Mrs. Place whose husband is head of the Latin Department at Syracuse University.

She has another young lady that she wishes Mr. Bonnelet to help.

I don't know that anything can be done about it - but I can try.

Because Mr. Bonnelet helped the wife of the first with a young Bulgarian girl, she hopes that this Russian girl can be helped also.

How are you? I suppose as busy as ever. We are
all suited up for the winter but I miss the out-of-doors at Hyde Park. I am busy helping with the Band Dance.

But make me thank a lot if there is anything that can be done to help the Russian girls.

Affectionately,

Nancy Cook

Nov. 28, 1944
Dear Nancy:

I am sorry I forgot to send this check in January and I think I forgot to send one in October. Will you please let me know?

From all reports Hyde Park is having some real winter this year.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 86th St.
NYC
Memorandum

from the Desk of

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

I will try. I think I forgot to say that I forgot to pay for the apples. Apologies for the confusion this may have caused.
February 19, 1945.

Dear Nancy:

I will ask Franklin if he will take over the bridge and the road and snow and if he will, I will pay him and do as you suggest about my annual share of the general upkeep.

Affectionately,

P.S. Would you and Marion be free and care to come to the apartment, #29 Washington Square West, Apt. 15-A, on Friday the 23rd for tea at five o'clock? Mrs. Corning and her daughter are coming.

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 86th Street
New York, New York.
Dear Eleanor,

I received your note and check for 120.00. You did not send a check in October, but I did not need it. We fixed up and repaired things pretty well last year and the year before.

I think it would be a good idea and would be much cheaper for you and easier for me, if you kept the payment $40.00 and used that in the future for the bridge, road, snow, etc. Your men could repair these things much cheaper and with less trouble than I could get it done. And I wouldn't have to remember to make a refund to you each year. Then I won't be getting lazy or old!

Yes, I guess they have had plenty of snow and cold weather in Hyde Park. I am glad Nellie went away for three bad months as she says it takes more than she can bear in the summer. I think through the winter.

I read your column each night and it is nice to know where you are and what you are doing. Bless you and love.

Aff. Nancy
March 12, 1945

Dear Nancy:

I spoke to Franklin about the road and he says he will take it over when the military move out. While they are there, they are keeping it in order.

Affectionately

P.S. When I talked to Charles he said his wife wanted to stay in the little house and in exchange for the rent which I pay, his father would do chores for me before and after he gets through with your day's work. Curran also hopes to get me a man to do the pool, lawns, etc.

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 86th Street
New York, New York.
March 24, 1945

Dear Nancy:

I imagine Mr. Gurnan will be able to give the same amount of time and still do my chores in exchange for the rent which I pay.

Nelly's being away will make it hard for you until you get your house in order. I am not sending Alice up until May 15th and I do not expect to be in Hyde Park until June 15th, except for a few week ends.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 East 86th Street
NYC
Dear Cleo,

I have your note and Mr. Curran worked last summer from eight to five o'clock, six days a week.

I imagine he will wish to do the same this summer. There always seem to be more work around than one man can do. I get an extra man for a month or so in early spring so as to get cleaned up before things get too growing too much.

I had a letter from Nellie this morning and she is not planning to come home until the first of May. I hope it all comes back to us and it all...
depends on her daughter Baby, she
has been ill.
Maurice and I are going up to Hyde
Park on March 29 — I hope the days
keep warm & sunny; when will
you be coming up?
affectionately

Nancy
March 21.
April 3, 1945

Dear Nan:

Many thanks for your Faeter thought and for the stockings, which I shall find most useful.

Affectionately,

Miss Nancy Cook
115 E 86, NYC
Write here and as
Placed Easter & Son
Nancy

Miss Nancy Cook

Charity for Children
At Home 1865 April
Jean CousinStrauni:

Thank you for your willingness and the good news that Wotleen is alright.

I just heard yesterday that Capt. Hentzen (my cousin) has received his release. I guess he has been too busy to fit in with the mess.

Thanks again.

Affectionately,

Clancy