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HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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March 18th, 1939.

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

Dear Franklin:

I wrote to Arnold Berge, who occupies the Dumphy house, to find out why he was not paying any rent to me. He came in a few days ago and said that he had been very much disappointed in his partner and also that his ski pole industry had not panned out very well.

He claimed that he had great difficulty in keeping the house warm this winter, but finally said he would soon commence paying rent.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hockett*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*PGF  
Hackett*

March 28, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR

COLONEL STARLING

Will you see if we can  
send \$75.00 to the Poughkeepsie  
Trust Company, as trustee, out  
of the Secret Service money  
that is due to Gus' estate?  
I think it should be sent  
through Henry Hackett.

F. D. R.



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Hackett

June 15, 1939.

Dear Henry:-

You will remember that one of the girls in our office here married Mr. Edward Lewis and she sends the enclosed to Miss Le Hand. It may help you in trying to get another one-sixth. Miss Le Hand is writing to Mrs. Lewis to tell her that I am sending her letter to you.

Always sincerely,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

(Enclosure)

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Hackett

July 28, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY T. HACKETT

I do not object to this increase in assessment from \$1,400 to \$8,000, covering the new stone cottage on Dutchess Hill, but at the same time I think we should ask for a reduction of the assessment on the Dumphy farm, which was greatly increased during the period that Mrs. Backer owned it. Also, it should be noted that the easterly half of the Jones place was sold to Mrs. Backer and that that half included the old house and barn. My part of the Jones place consists only of about eighteen or twenty acres of very rough land!

If you think well of this, will you let the Board of Assessors know on the second Tuesday of August?

F. D. R.



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HENRY T. HACKETT  
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226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Aug. 9th, 1939.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
Dutchess County, N. Y.

Dear Franklin:

I sent the letter to John H. Van de Water, Chairman of the Board of Assessors of the Town of Hyde Park, a copy of which I sent you, and also went to see him on Monday night, August 7th. He insisted that I appear before the Board on Tuesday morning. On Tuesday morning I appeared before the Board and they agreed to assess part of the Jones property to you and part of it to Mrs. Backer and to transfer the additional \$6,600. to the 74 acre tract now assessed at \$2,000. on which the new stone cottage is located.

It seems that the assessors have read the newspapers in which there was a statement to the effect the stone cottage was to cost \$16,000., and in view of that the \$6,600. additional assessment is not excessive.

I talked to them about reducing the assessment on the rest of the Dumphy farm and they did not seem inclined to do so. It appears that the New York Central Railroad Company is trying to get an \$80,000. reduction in their assessment and this is giving them a lot of trouble.

In reference to the Lent wood lot, a deed has been sent to Mr. Leo to be executed by Mrs. Leo through Hatfield and \$200. is at the Merchants Bank awaiting the arrival of this deed.

I have read over the deed of the parcel to the Federal Government for the library and do not see any corrections or additions to be made.

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

*H.P. Fielder*

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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Aug. 4th, 1939.

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

Dear Franklin:

Replying to your note of July 28th in reference to the increase of the assessed valuation of the Wyatt Jones parcel from \$1,400. to \$8,000., I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to John H. Van de Water, Chairman of the Board of Assessors. I will try to see and talk with him before Tuesday, August 8th.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

COPY

Aug. 4th, 1939.

John H. Van de Water, Esq.,  
Chairman of Board of Assessors,  
Town of Hyde Park, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your notice of the increase of the assessed valuation of the parcel of land assessed to F. D. Roosevelt from \$1,400. to \$8,000. has been handed to me for reply.

The parcel of land now assessed at \$1,400. consisting of about forty-two acres of land was conveyed by Wyatt Jones and wife to Franklin D. Roosevelt by deed dated May 26th, 1938 and recorded on May 26, 1938 in Liber 567 of Deeds at page 176 in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office.

President Roosevelt sold and conveyed about one-half of this property, including the house and barn, to Dorothy S. Backer by deed dated Sept. 30, 1938 and recorded Oct. 24, 1938 in Liber 570 of Deeds at page 262 in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office.

During the past year there have been no improvements made on this parcel of real property which would justify an increase of the assessed valuation.

The stone cottage you refer to in your notice was built upon the eastern end of the Dumphy farm, which was sold by the Trustees under the Will of Thomas Newbold, deceased, by deed dated June 5th, 1935 and recorded on Sept. 3rd, 1935 in Liber 547 of Deeds at page 101 in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office, and is now assessed as a parcel of seventy-four acres at \$2,000.

The entire Dumphy farm has been assessed up to 1938 at an aggregate valuation of \$7,200., but since then has been assessed in five parcels, viz:

Vacant land, 74 acres	\$ 2,000.
Newbold farm west of road, 60 acres	5,700.
Newbold right of way, 10 acres	900.
Newbold farm east of Violet Ave., 40 acres	<u>4,100.</u>
	<u>\$12,700.</u>

Aug. 4th, 1939.

John H. Van de Water, Esq.  
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There is no objection to the increase of the assessed valuation of the east parcel of the Dumphy farm on which the new stone cottage has been built from \$2,000. to \$8,000., but, if your Board would grant a reasonable reduction of the assessed valuation of the balance of the Dumphy farm, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Henry T. Hackett

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HENRY T. HACKETT  
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POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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Aug. 22nd, 1939.

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

Dear Franklin:

The foreclosure action against Bub (the Schmaling farm) was settled this morning just before the time set for the auction.

Louis Schmaling of Port Chester, N. Y. bought the property, paying off the first and second mortgages and a judgment aggregating in all, as I am informed, about \$9,000. His father owned the Abram Van Wagner farm next north of this one on the Van Wagner Road.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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Hyde Park, New York  
August 11, 1939

Dear Henry:

In regard to the Schmaling farm,  
I think it is all right to bid up to \$8,250.  
This for 155 acres would be about \$53.00  
an acre. Will you, therefore, go ahead  
with this bid on August twenty-second.  
You can reach me at any time on the ship  
by sending a telegram to the White House  
with the request that it be transmitted by  
radio.

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie, New York.

FDR/dj

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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August 10th, 1939.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
Dutchess County, N. Y.

Dear Franklin:

The Bub or Schmalig farm is to be sold at public auction at the Court House on Tuesday, August 22nd at 12 o'clock noon.

I am informed that the total indebtedness owing to the Land Bank would be about \$8,000., which does not include a second mortgage of \$1,845. held by the Farmers and Manufacturers National Bank of Poughkeepsie. I am also informed that the Bank does not intend to bid, and if they do not and no one else bids, it may be sold for about \$8,000.

The total acreage of this farm was originally about 160 acres out of which five parcels, which probably do not exceed five acres, have been sold leaving 155 acres.

The following is a computation of the price per acre you have paid for land in that vicinity, viz:

Hughson farm, 90 A, cost \$6,000. - \$66. plus per acre.

Entire Dumphy farm, 184 A, cost \$16,000. - \$86. plus per acre

Wright land, 13.07 A, cost \$1,960.50 - \$150. per acre

Rohan farm, 133 A, cost \$24,500. - \$184. plus per acre

Briggs wood lot, 10 A, cost \$500. - \$50. per acre

Rogers, 52 A, cost \$5,000. - \$96. plus per acre

Kindly let me know if you want me to bid on this, and if so, how far you want me to go.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett



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September 16, 1939.

Dear Mr. Linaka:-

The President asks me to send you the enclosed plan of the easterly end of the Fred Wright farm which he bought two years ago to protect the stream and the gravel bank. It is the westerly side of this farm which should be fenced off up to the road which goes into your house.

Very truly yours,

M. A. Le Hand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mr. Russell W. Linaka,  
Van Wagner Road,  
Hyde Park,  
Dutchess County,  
New York.

(Enclosure)

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
228 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

September 14, 1939.

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

Dear Franklin:

Replying to your letter of September 12th, I  
am enclosing herewith a print, which you may retain, of  
the map of the land you bought from Fred Wright.

I will try to go over this land tomorrow or  
Saturday with William Plog to see if the stakes have been  
moved or not, and will let you know what we find.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

*Henry T. Hackett*

Hyde Park

September 18, 1939.

Dear Mr. Linaka:-

The President asks me to send you the enclosed.

The President asks me to tell you also that he sees no reason for putting in a four strand fence. The cheapest kind of a wire fence with two strands of ordinary wire will do.

Very truly yours,

M. A. Le Hand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mr. Russell W. Linaka,  
Van Wagner Road,  
Hyde Park,  
Dutchess County,  
New York.

(Enclosure) Letter from Henry T. Hackett in re fencing in the President's property adjoining the Fred Wright farm.

September 12, 1939.

Dear Henry:-

I have tried to find the map of the east end of the Wright farm -- 13.07 acres -- because I think Mr. Wright or someone else has been stealing my gravel. My office tells me that I returned the map to you on November 9, 1937. May I borrow it again in order to run a wire fence to keep the gravel in and Wright out!

As ever yours,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
228 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

He returned the  
map to Henry Hackett.

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Hackett  
(S) Drawer 1-37*

November 9, 1937.

Dear Henry:-

I think the enclosed map is an excellent solution so will you go ahead with the purchase from Fred Wright? I enclose check to your order for \$1,900.50 so that when the mortgages are released, including the strip colored red, you will be able to close the title.

I am not quite familiar enough with the location of the swamp area at the north end to express an opinion on whether we should try to get Devans to exchange the easterly end of his place for additional land on the proposed Sunset Avenue. I take it, however, that there is no particular hurry about deciding this.

Let me know when you hear from the Engleharts. There is, of course, no reason why the old man should not stay in the house until such time as the Engleharts are ready to move in if they do so at all. If they decide not to, the old man could stay there until I get back in the Spring and am able to find another couple. It seems to me that unless the Engleharts really want to go through with the proposal I wrote you of in my last letter, we can feel that we have done all that is necessary for them and try to get a family to rent the place next Spring after I have had the place cleaned up and had light and water and heat put in.

One more thing I forgot to mention —  
Pete Rohan wants to rent his former farm for  
another year. Will you send him the necessary  
extension?

In regard to the barn and shed buildings  
on the west side of Violet Avenue, I told Moses  
Smith that for the coming season at least he could  
use those buildings and the two fields. They will  
be very useful to him because, as you know, I have  
taken a good deal of land away from his use by  
planting trees on it. He needs the extra pasture  
and crop land and he says he can use the barns for  
several cows as his barn is crowded. I do not know  
whether this will make any difference in the in-  
surance or not but if it does you might send Moses  
Smith a letter stating you understand he will  
actively use the buildings and those two fields  
and take care of them. Smith says this will make  
it much easier for him to pay the rent he owes me!

As ever yours,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

*Henry T. Hackett*

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Nov. 6th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

I enclose herewith a copy of the map made by George M. Briggs, Engineer, of the east end of Wright's farm showing a total area of 13.07 acres. If the east line of Sunset Avenue were extended on the same course to the north line of the Dumphy farm, it would run into marsh and water at a short distance south of the south line of Wright Avenue as shown on the map. Therefore, I had the engineer run the line westerly along the south line of Wright Avenue 74.2 feet and then run south 12° 30' west to a point in the north line of the Dumphy farm to avoid the swamp and water.

Wright asks \$150. an acre and the 13.07 acres at that rate will cost \$1,960.50.

If this is satisfactory, I would suggest that the strip colored red as shown on the map be released from all mortgages and reserved as a public highway extending from the north line of the Dumphy farm to the south line of Van Wagner road or Pell's lane.

Miss Cook sent me the name of Mrs. George Backer, Jr., 944-5th Avenue, New York City as the name and place of residence of the grantee to be inserted in the deed from you for that part of the Dumphy farm lying east of Violet Avenue. I have asked her to send me Mrs. Backer's first name.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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Hackett*

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

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Sept. 23rd, 1939.

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

Dear Franklin:

Your letter of Sept. 21st received containing tax bills covering all of your property except the Briggs wood lot, Rohan farm and part of the Jones place, which I think are in eastern school district No. 5. There is enough money on hand to pay these taxes.

I have not received any rent from the Bies for the cottage on top of hill.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

September 21, 1939.

Dear Henry:-

Will you check these over and see  
if they are all right?

If you have not enough money in  
hand to pay it, let me know.

Are the Bies paying their \$25.00  
a month for the cottage on top of the hill?

Always sincerely,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
228 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsis,  
New York.

(Enclosures) Tax bills on President's properties at Hyde Park

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Hackett

Drawer 3

October 15, 1939

Dear Mr. Hackett:-

I am enclosing a check for  
\$175.00 as per your request of October  
11,

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Le Hand

Mr. Henry Hackett  
226 Union Street  
Poughkeepsie  
New York

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*Handwritten signature/initials*

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

*Handwritten initials "OK" with a question mark below.*

Oct. 11th, 1939.

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

Dear Franklin:

Please send me \$175. as there is not sufficient balance to pay the school taxes on the Rohan farm, etc., which amount to \$309.09, and to leave a balance of \$100. in the bank.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Handwritten signature: Henry T. Hackett*

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The President wrote the attached letter at  
the suggestion of Henry Hackett.

For Hackett letter of November 10, 1939  
See: Hyde Pk Post Office folder-Drawer 2-1939

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November 14, 1939.

My dear Lawson:

I come to you in the hope that your memory goes back to the time when you were an infant in arms at Hyde Park.

We are about to put up a new post office building in Hyde Park village and it has been suggested that we copy the plan of "The Red House" built by Dr. John Bard about 1765 and torn down by Mr. Langdon in 1875.

There is a sketch of it in a manuscript book kept by Mr. Ed Braman -- a tiny pen and ink sketch showing a square center, two stories high and one-story wings on the north and south.

We would much like to find the original site of this house and perhaps dig down to get its original dimensions.

Some people describe it as having been in the field east of the Post Road and just north of St. James' Church and what was then the church rectory. Other people say it was north of the road into the Langdon or Vanderbilt farm buildings i.e. where Mr. Langdon built his superintendent's house. The farm entrance lies, as you know, immediately north of the field which, in turn, is north of the church property.

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I wonder much whether you have any recollection of "The Red House" -- or its location. Evidently, it had red clapboards but the design would readily reproduce in the fieldstone we like so much and which would enable us to have a fireproof building.

I hope all goes well with you and that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you soon.

As ever yours,

Honorable Lawson Purdy,  
640 West 158th Street,  
New York City, N.Y.

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In re-Hyde Park, or Dutchess County Barn of "unknown  
magnitude" with plans drawn by Henry Osthagen attached

See; Hall Roosevelt folder-Drawer 3-1939

Copy

October 31, 1939.

Dear Henry:

Thanks for yours Of October twenty-seventh. Hall came in to see me this morning and I think I can simplify his lease plan. I will be home over election day and hope to see you then. Meanwhile, Hall will probably see you.

As ever yours,

FDR/dj

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Lease for Dumphy and Hughson farms  
See: Hall Roosevelt folder-Drawer 3-1939

PGF Hackett

In re-LIABILITY INSURANCE to cover the President's  
property and that of the Hyde Park Library

See: F.D.R. Library folder-Drawer 2-1939

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FOR CORRESPONDENCE ON THE LENT WOOD LOT  
FOR 1939

See: Henry T. Hackett-Drawer 3-1940

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No-Insurance connected with the projects on Hughes and  
Dunphy farms in which the President and Hall Roosevelt  
are interested.

See: Insurance folder-Drawer S-1940

Jan. 4th, 1940.

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

Dear Franklin:

I am enclosing herewith a statement showing the rents received and payments made for you by my brother during the year 1939.

On checking it up, I found that Peter C. Rohan had not paid the June 1939 installment of rent amounting to \$250. I called him up and he has promised to send me a check.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry G. Hucklett*

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STATEMENT OF RENT RECEIVED AND PAYMENTS MADE BY JOHN M. HACKETT FOR  
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT DURING THE YEAR 1939.

Received

Balance on hand \$ 271.58

Mrs. Johannessen

Jan. 4th, 1939	Rent for Jan. 1939	\$ 25.00	
Feb. 11th, 1939	" " Feb. 1939	25.00	
Mar. 8th, 1939	" " Mar. 1939		
	By cash	18.77	
	By receipted bill	\$ 6.25	
May 25th, 1939	" for Apr. and May, '39	50.00	
Jul. 18th, 1939	" " June and July, '39	50.00	
Aug. 16th, 1939	" " August, 1939		
	By cash	22.18	
	By receipted bill	2.82	
Oct. 11th, 1939	" for Sept. and Oct.		
	By cash	47.66	
	By receipted bill	2.34	
Nov. 17th, 1939	" for Nov. 1939		
	By cash	18.70	
	By receipted bill	6.30	
Dec. 5th, 1939	" for Dec. 1939	<u>25.00</u>	
		17.69	282.31

Moses Smith

Jan. 26th, 1939	Rent		
	By cash	273.60	
	By receipted bills	26.40	
	(This pays balance of \$60. on 1936 rent and \$240. on acct of 1937 rent)		
Dec. 4th, 1939	Rent-cash	175.00	
	(\$60. of this pays bal. of 1937 rent and \$115. on acct. of 1938 rent)		
		<u>26.40</u>	448.60

Peter Rohan

Dec. 20th, 1939	Rent- $\frac{1}{2}$ yr.		250.00
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Christian Bie

Jan. 7th, 1939	Rent for Jan. 1939	20.00	
Feb. 4th, 1939	" for Feb. "	20.00	
Mar. 3rd, 1939	" for Mar. "	20.00	
Apr. 7th, 1939	" for Apr. "	20.00	
May 8th, 1939	" for May "	<u>20.00</u>	
			100.00

1 9 3 9 RECEIPTS (CONTINUED)

Arnold Berge

Apr. 20th, 1939	On acct. of rent	\$ 50.00	
May 12th, 1939	" " " "	125.00	
June 9th, 1939	" " " "	77.00	
July 17th, 1939	" " " "	56.00	
Oct. 16th, 1939	" " " " (2 mos.)	56.00	
Nov. 21st, 1939	" " " " (2 mos.)	56.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 420.00

F. D. Roosevelt

Jan. 24th, 1939	Advancement	1,100.00	
Oct. 17th, 1939	"	175.00	
		<hr/>	1,275.00

Mrs. Becker

Oct. 23rd, 1939	One-half of taxes on Jones Farm ( $\frac{1}{2}$ of \$21.21)		10.61
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	BY CASH.....	\$ 3,058.10	
	BY RECEIPTED BILLS.....	44.09	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,102.19

1 9 3 9 P A Y M E N T S

Payments

Jan.	24th, 1939	Ralph A. Simmons, Collector, General taxes	\$ 1,286.92	✓	✓
Jan.	24th, 1939	Frederick W. Lovelace, Collector Gen'l. taxes on Pleasant Valley wood lot	8.77	✓	✓
Mar.	29th, 1939	Vail & Sutton, insurance premiums on farm purchased from Rohan	107.66	✓	✓
Oct.	2nd, 1939	Harold A. Pink, Collector. School taxes on Creek Road land, Newbold farm, Rights of Way, house and lot Violet Ave. Farm and road stand land, and Hughson farm	579.39	✓	✓
Oct.	4th, 1939	Harry Franz, Collector, School taxes on Pleasant Valley lot	3.64	✓	✓
Oct.	23rd, 1939	Laura W. Coagman, Collector. School taxes On vacant land                   \$ 3.03 On Dutchess Hill               130.29 On farm                           151.50 On Jones farm <u>21.21</u>	306.05	✓	✓
Nov.	17th, 1939	W. W. Luckey, public liability insurance	<u>153.71</u>	✓	✓
			\$ 2,446.12		

Received in cash           \$ 3,058.10  
Payments                   2,446.12

CASH BALANCE 12-31-39..\$ 611.98

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Hackett 3

January 18, 1940.

Dear Henry:-

Here is the Collector's Notice from the Town of Hyde Park. Please check these assessments with those of 1939. They should not be any higher because, as you know, the Newbold land on the Creek Road is already over-assessed.

Also, if you get a chance to see George Briggs tell him, for the love of Mike to stop calling the Hill Cottage "The Dream Cottage".

As ever yours,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

(Enclosure)

Correspondence on the Lent

wood lot

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HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

April 19th, 1940.

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

Dear Franklin:

Your letter of April 17th received.  
I am glad to hear from you again.

The three deeds of a 1/6 interest  
each of the Lent wood lot to Ernest I. Hatfield have  
been recorded and are in my possession. I also have  
in my possession a deed executed by him to you, which  
has not been recorded.

I should like to see you, when  
convenient, the next time you are at Hyde Park.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

April 17, 1940.

Dear Henry:-

I was so jammed with all kinds of loose ends while at Hyde Park a week ago that I did not have a chance to talk with you.

I think there is no hurry about the balance of the Lent lot because I am in no hurry to put a road through it this Summer.

The deeds being, I take it, recorded will probably result in having the lot taxed this year or next year, and I am wondering if it is possible to have half the lot taxed to me and the other half to the other owners. Probably they will get awfully tired of being taxed in a very short time.

I asked Hall Roosevelt to show you the memorandum of lease which I wrote out for him and I take it you think it is all right.

He will, I think, charge \$25.00 or \$30.00 a month for each house and this should bring him into the clear on the total investment, with amortization, in ten years. I am inclined to think the average cost, when the work is finished, will be about \$1,500 per house.

I will be home I hope the first Sunday in May and will see you then.

As ever,

Henry F. Hackett, Esq.,  
225 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

April 5th, 1940.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
Dutchess Co., N. Y.

Dear Franklin:

The process of acquiring the title to the Lent wood lot has come to a temporary halt and you now own  $\frac{3}{6}$ , or  $\frac{1}{2}$ , of it. The owners of the other  $\frac{3}{6}$ , or  $\frac{1}{2}$ , do not seem anxious to sell as appears from the enclosed copies of the last letters written by them to Hatfield.

Today, I was informed that Mr. G. Hall Roosevelt is about to rent some of the buildings on the Dumphy farm, which he has improved with water, electric light and heat, at a figure so low that he cannot escape a loss. I strongly suggest that you look into this matter before the lease is signed and delivered.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

155 East 72nd Street  
New York City

Mr. E. L. Hatfield -

Dear Mr. Hatfield -

Your letter dated Jan 5th reached me today.

I am not interested in accepting a check for \$200. for my interest in the Poughkeepsie property - If it were \$2,000 I might give it some thought - My sister Mrs Leo feels as I do - .

Sincerely yours

Rose DeWitt Lewis

Jan 6th 1940.

Armstrong Manor  
Lancaster, Pa.  
January 27, 1940

E. I. Hatfield  
Forty-Six Cannon St.  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 17, 1940 has been forwarded  
to me by my parents.

At the present time I have no desire to dispose of  
whatever interest I may have in the property mention in your  
correspondence.

Very truly yours

T. D. Lent

My dear Mr Hatfield -

I received your letter of Dec 14th 1939 with respect to my interest in the property near Poughkeepsie.

Evidently you misunderstood our previous conversation as my sisters decision had nothing to do with my thoughts in connection with the sale of my interest. At the present time your offer does not seem attractive to me, but if you have an offer to make some time in the future I will be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours

Charlotte E. Leo

Dec 19 - 1939.

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

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Dec. 14th, 1939.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
Dutchess Co., N. Y.

Dear Franklin:

I have just filed to be recorded in the County Clerk's Office a deed from Mrs. Harriet D. Adams to Ernest I. Hatfield for her one-sixth interest in the Lent wood lot.

That makes you the owner of three-sixths, or one-half, thereof.

Hatfield is writing today to Mrs. Leo that her sister has signed and that \$200. is at the Merchants Bank for her when she sends them the deed signed by her.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

December 1, 1939.

Dear Henry:

I am delighted that Mrs. Adams  
has signed the deed for her part of the wood  
lot. I hope Mrs. Leo will now sign up, also.  
I hope to see you very soon.

As ever yours,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

FDR/dj

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226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Nov. 20th, 1939.

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

Dear Franklin:

Hatfield received a letter this morning from Mrs. Adams of Provincetown, Mass., one of the Lent heirs, saying that she would sign a deed to the wood lot for \$200. I prepared a deed and drew a check to him for \$200. and gave them to Hatfield this morning to be forwarded at once to the First National Bank of Provincetown, Mass.

When this deed returns it means that you will have title to  $3/6$  or  $1/2$  of the wood lot.

There is a \$200. check still at the Merchants Bank of Poughkeepsie waiting for Mrs. Leo to sign and send her deed there. Last Summer Mrs. Leo told Hatfield that she would sign if her sister, Mrs. Adams, would do so.

It looks as though we may now be able to get the entire title before Spring.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

July 26, 1939

Dear Henry:

I am glad Mr. Lent of Highland  
thinks he can get quit claim deeds from two  
of the Lent heirs. I am enclosing my check  
for \$200.00 to your order in case Mrs. Leo's  
deed goes through.

Sorry not to have seen you Monday  
but I will be back, I hope, by the seventh  
and will see you then.

As ever yours,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie, New York.

FDR/dj

Henry T. Hackett

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POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

July 22nd, 1939.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
Dutchess County, N. Y.

Dear Franklin:

In reference to the Lent wood lot, Mr. Lent, an attorney of Highland, Ulster County, N. Y., who represents Mrs. Leo, one of the Lent heirs, called on Hatfield one day about a week ago and said that he could get a deed from two of the heirs. Mr. Leo called at Hatfield's office yesterday in the absence of Hatfield and left word to have the deed sent down to Mrs. Leo for execution.

As Hatfield has been dealing with Mr. Lent in this matter, he thought it better to speak to him before sending the deed. This morning he called up Mr. Lent and found that he will be away until Monday. On Monday Hatfield will call him up before sending the deed to Mrs. Leo.

I have prepared three quit claim deeds to Hatfield from Mrs. Leo, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Lewis and have delivered them to him with my check to his order for \$200. for Mrs. Leo, so that he will be ready to do business whenever they are.

I expect to go away Monday for a few days vacation and on my return will take up this matter again.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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June 24th, 1939.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
Dutchess County, N. Y.

Dear Franklin:

Replying to yours of June 15th containing letter from Mrs. Lewis to Miss LeHand, Hatfield has already written to Mr. Lewis' first wife, Rose DeWitt Lent Lewis, at 155 East 72nd Street, New York City, Mrs. Leo at 58 Primrose Ave., Tuckahoe, N. Y., Mrs. Harriet D. Adams, at Provincetown, Mass. and Theodore D. Lent at 1317 Wade St., Highland Park, Ill.

Mrs. Leo has appeared by Mr. Lent, an attorney at Highland, and Theodore D. Lent has written that he would not sign off until he saw the wood lot, so we decided it would be better to leave him until last.

I thought it well not to bring up this matter during the visit of the King and Queen, but, now I have had Hatfield write to Mrs. Leo's lawyer and Mrs. Adams to find out how much they want for their shares in the wood lot. As soon as he hears from them, I will let you know.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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March 6, 1939.

Dear Henry:-

I had not thought of the point that might be raised either. It would be a pity to have the action fall down. Therefore, I agree that it is best to go ahead with the original plan and get two more titles to the lot. Then we would have four shares and would be "sitting pretty."

As ever yours,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

HENRY T. HACKETT  
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226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

March 2nd, 1939.

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

Dear Franklin:

Since I wrote you about the Lent wood lot, I have been giving considerable thought to the proposed partition action. The Civil Practice Act provides that the plaintiff must be one of the tenants in common or a joint tenant. Hatfield is a tenant in common by reason of the two deeds to him recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office.

If he begins a partition action, Mr. Lent of Highland, appearing for one of the defendants, will probably be just mean enough to interpose an answer denying that Hatfield is a tenant in common. Hatfield would have to admit on the witness stand that he has not \$1. invested in the property and that there is a deed executed by him to you somewhere in existence. Therefore, our partition action would go out the window. I am sure that neither you nor I want this to happen, so I think we had better do the best we can towards getting deeds to the lot.

Kindly let me know what you think about this.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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February 16, 1939.

Dear Henry:-

Yours has come just as I am leaving.

I think you are right about getting the  
action started by Hatfield right away. Go  
ahead with it.

I get back March fourth.

Best regards,

As ever yours,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

HENRY T. HACKETT  
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226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Feb. 13th, 1939.

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

Dear Franklin:

Some time ago Hatfield acquired the title to two one-sixths interest in the Lent wood lot from Deane Lent and John DeWitt Lent and has recorded the deeds to him, so that he now owns one-third of the property.

Since then he has been trying to purchase another sixth from Theodore D. Lent, son of Theodore D. Lent, deceased, of 1317 Wade St., Highland Park, Ill. Finally he sent word to Hatfield that he must see the property before he would sign a deed, so Hatfield dropped all negotiations with him.

He then wrote to Mrs. Charlotte E. Leo of 50 Primrose Ave., Tuckahoe, N. Y., Mrs. Rose D. Lewis of 155 East 72nd St., New York City and Mrs. Harriet D. Adams of Provincetown, Mass., the three daughters of Franklin Townsend Lent, each owning a one-sixth interest.

In October, shortly after you received the report from the Post Office Department in reference to the Lent family, I had Hatfield write to Mrs. Leo at the above address and ask her for the names and places of residence of her brothers and sisters. She gave the above address of her sister, Mrs. Lewis, and in comparing that with the report, it would appear that there had been a divorce between her and her husband, who is a member of the firm of Lewis & Conger of New York. I understood from you that Mr. Lewis married someone employed in the Executive Offices and, therefore, she must be his second wife.

A few days ago Hatfield received a letter from A. W. Lent, an attorney at Highland, Ulster Co., N. Y., who apparently represents Mrs. Charlotte Lent Leo, a copy of which I am enclosing herewith. Mr. Lent is not related to this Lent family in any way that I know of as his father came from Clinton and was a brother of Lewellyn Lent who used to live near George S. Van Vliet. In recent years Mr. Everett H. Travis of this City represented the Morgan branch of the Lent family and Mr. Edward K. Haas of Aldrich, Morschauer & Haas, represented the Warring branch of the Lent family.

Although Hatfield is a prominent Republican Alderman here holding the record title to one-third of the wood lot, apparently some one has suspected something and Mrs. Leo has been shifted from Poughkeepsie over to Mr. Lent at Highland. Mr. Lent is a very difficult person to do business with and I am going to tell Hatfield that he had better advise him that it is too icy to go out and look at the lot now. There is no doubt in my mind as soon as

Feb. 13th, 1939.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Attorney Lent sees the lot and realizes the situation, he will commence a partition action and as the one who commences it has control, I think it well that Hatfield start one as soon as possible. Before we get to a sale, we might be able to buy out the other four owners; if we don't we will have to take our chances at an auction.

Hoping that you have fully recovered from your attack of the gripe, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry J. Adams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

C O P Y

A. D. & A. W. Lent  
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law  
Highland, Ulster County, N. Y.

Highland, N. Y., February 9th, 1939.

Ernest I. Hatfield, Esq.,  
46 Cannon Street,  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

A client of mine, Mrs. Charlotte Lent Leo, has requested me to obtain some information regarding certain property formerly of her father for which she says are are making her an offer. While I have the description of the property I haven't been able so far to locate it from that description to my satisfaction, although I think I have a general impression as to its whereabouts. Will you explain to me definitely where it lies and I will report to Mrs. Leo something definite on the subject?

Very truly,

(signed) A. W. Lent

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

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June 28, 1940.

Dear Mr. Hackett:-

The President asks me to tell you that he is sorry not to have seen you while he was at Hyde Park last weekend but hopes to see you when he comes up over the Fourth of July.

The President would like to know if there is anything new on the George P. Davis case and if the insurance company is handling it all right.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Le Hand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

June 7th, 1940.

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

Dear Franklin:

When you were at Hyde Park on May 6th I told you about George P. Davis, who lives on Violet Avenue, opening a door and falling to the cellar under the barn on the Dumphy farm. At the time of the accident on Feb. 20th I reported it to the insurance company represented by Mr. W. W. Luckey and it has been trying to settle the matter with Davis.

Today, I learned that Davis is about to start an action through his attorney, James E. Carroll of this city.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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Missy:

Be sure he is on the  
list of those to be invited.

F.D.R.

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June 29, 1940.

Dear Henry:

You did just right in turning down that \$500 demand from Rose Dewitt Lewis. I think she and perhaps the others will come around if we give them a little more time.

I hope to see you at luncheon on July fourth at 1:00, before we turn over the Library to the government.

Very sincerely,

F.D.R.

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
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226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

June 27th, 1940.

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

Dear Franklin:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from Rose Dewitt Lewis, who owns a 1/6 interest in the Lent wood lot, to E. I. Hatfield and a copy of his reply to her.

I did not put up the \$500. as I thought that the owners of the other 2/6 of the wood lot would also want \$500. each.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

155 East 72 Street  
New York City

Mr. E. I. Hatfield,  
Poughkeepsie N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hatfield

If you will mail me a quick claim deed  
and a certified check for \$500. I will sell my interest  
in the Hyde Park lot.

Please answer as soon as possible since  
I am leaving New York on Friday morning

Sincerely yours,

Rose Dewitt Lewis

June 24 1940

June 25th, 1940

Mrs. Rose D. Lewis  
155 East 72nd Street  
New York City

My dear Mrs. Lewis:-

Thank you for your letter of June 24th but I exceedingly regret that I will be unable to contact my client, who was interested in your share of the woodlot in Hyde Park, this week.

In fact, he has not mentioned this for some time and I am not positive that he is still interested. In any event, I doubt very much if he would be interested to the extent of \$500.

I will endeavor to locate him and advise you within a few days. Will you please advise me your new address so that I may write you the forepart of the coming week?

Yours very truly

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E. I. Hatfield

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HENRY T. HACKETT  
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226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

July 2nd, 1940.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
Dutchess County, N. Y.

Dear Franklin:

Replying to your letter of June 28th in reference to claim of George P. Davis, I am informed by Mr. Featherstone, Claim Agent for the United States Fidelity Guaranty Company, which carries the liability insurance on your property, that Davis wants more than \$500. and his attorney, James E. Carroll, is talking about suing.

The action can be commenced by the service of a summons or a summons and complaint. If you have not seen any summons, then the action has not been started.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,  
*Henry T. Hackett*

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July 31, 1940.

Dear Henry:-

I did not realize that there are only 92 acres in the Jacobs farm. I supposed there were about 150 acres. It seems to me that \$7,000 -- \$75.00 an acre -- is a good deal too high for that farm, especially because the land on the east side of the road on the hill is just about as bad as any land in the County.

If the place is sold at auction, I would be willing to go up to \$5,000, but I think that would be enough to pay.

As ever yours,

Henry T. Backett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY T. HACKETT

As I remember it, this is the farm due east of the famous controversial wood lot and north of the Peter Rohan farm. As I recall it, Jacobs wanted to sell for \$8,000 which you and I both thought was too high. It seems to me if we could get it for a lower price, and if Peter Rohan were willing to rent it for the amount of the taxes, it might be worth considering.

Will you answer this letter for me?

F. D. R.

Letter from Miss Lydia Parry Teasdale of 41 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. in re Mr. Jacobs' desire to sell his farm on Cream Street.

WASHINGTON  
THE WHITE HOUSE

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

July 29th, 1940.

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

Dear Franklin:

Replying to your <sup>memo</sup> letter of July 27th containing letter of Mrs. Teasdale in reference to the sale of the Jacobs farm, the Jacobs farm was the old Winne farm consisting of about 92 acres and is bounded on the south by the farm you purchased from Peter C. Rohan, on the west by the "wood lot" and on the north by the Schaffer farm now owned by Mrs. Backer.

One of the Jacobs brothers has been in to see me frequently about selling it to you. The last price he mentioned was \$9,000. Apparently he had heard that Mrs. Backer paid that amount for her farm. Mrs. Teasdale asks \$8,000. He wanted to sell the farm and then rent it back and I think he is still willing to do that.

I am enclosing an extract from the deed to the Jacobs brothers from which you will observe there is a right of way over it to the "woodlot."

If you have any extra money, I think it would not be a bad idea to offer \$7,000. cash.

Kindly let me know what you think before I answer the letter.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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"WINNE FARM"

-----X      WARRANTY & FULL COVENANT DEED  
ANNA DUPILKA  
to  
FRANK JACOBS and CHARLES JACOBS  
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Dated June 28th, 1917  
Ack. " " "  
Rec. June 28th, 1917  
Liber 398 Page 521  
Con. \$10. etc.

Conveys:

ALL that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Hyde Park aforesaid and bounded and described as follows:

On the north by lands of Harry B. Marshall and John McCollock, east by land now or late of Abraham Converse, on the south by lands of Edgar A. Briggs and William Gregg and west by lands of the estate of David B. Lent. Containing 92 acres of land be the same more or less, and being the lands described in the following three deeds, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description, viz:

A deed from Sylvanus Wilbur and wife to James Winne, dated the 10th day of April, 1822 and recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office in Liber "C" of deeds at page 154 etc. A deed from Joseph Thorn and wife to Nicholas Winne, dated the 2nd day of May 1857 and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Liber 109 of deeds at page 510 and a deed from William Parmelee and wife dated the first day of May, 1857 and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Book No. 109 of Deeds at page 102 given to Nicholas Winne.

Except a right of way, if any, over the premises above described from what is known as the Lent Wood lot to the public highway.

Being the same premises described in a deed made and executed by James A. Winne and others to Paul Dupilka and Anna Dupilka husband and wife by deed dated Feb. 26th, 1902 and recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office Feb. 26, 1902 in Liber 318 of deeds at page 136. The said Paul Dupilka died intestate on the 2nd day of August, 1914.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY HACKETT:

My mother has shown me  
your letter of July 19th in regard  
to certain dates relating to the lot  
on Fuller Lane. Will you be good  
enough to keep these for her.

F.D.R.

No papers accompanied the original of this  
memorandum to Mr. Hackett.

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HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

July 19th, 1940.

Mrs. James Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
Dutchess County, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Mr. Richard Perkins, who is connected with the insurance office of W. W. Luckey, has delivered to me for you the following papers, viz:

Deed from James H. Horrocks and wife to Thomas Conley and wife of land on Fuller Lane dated June 26, 1912.

Deed from Thomas Conley and wife to you dated March 1, 1923 of house and lot on Fuller Lane now owned by you.

Old bond and mortgage of George L. DuFour and wife to you. This has been closed out by foreclosure of the first mortgage.

Old bond and mortgage of Julia A. Bennett to Homer A. Nelson dated Oct. 7, 1884 and an old assignment of the same from Helen J. Nelson, etc. to Laura Nelson dated May 1, 1894. This bond and mortgage affects the present Bennett farm owned by President Roosevelt.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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226 UNION STREET  
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Aug. 6th, 1940.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
Dutchess County, N. Y.

Dear Franklin:

Replying to your letter of August 3rd in reference to the Hyde Park assessments, this morning I compared the 1939 and 1940 tax books, which are now in the Town Clerk's office, and found that they had made no allowance in the assessment of the residence to your mother for the 16.31 acres conveyed by deed dated July 24th, 1939 to the U. S. Government and that they had increased the assessment of the Dumphy farm lying west of Violet Avenue from \$5700. to \$8000. Those were the only objections I could find to the assessments.

I will write to John Vandewater, the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, and ask that a reasonable reduction be made in the assessment of the residence property to your mother for the 16.31 acres of land conveyed to the Government by deed dated July 24th, 1939.

I also have your note of August 3rd in reference to the deeds which I am holding for your mother.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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personal*

August 3, 1940.

Dear Henry:

I think I cannot object to the increase in assessment on the Newbold place on Violet Avenue, if this covers both sides of Violet Avenue. As you know, there are six tiny houses or apartments west of Violet Avenue but there are also two tiny apartments made out of the old barn on the Hewson place. I hope that <sup>they</sup> will not jump the assessment on that place also.

I take it that all the other assessments are the same.

I wish, however, you could ask for a reduction of assessment on the main place on the Post Road because, as you know, eighteen acres valued at about \$5,000 by the Treasury Department have been given to the Government and the assessment on the place ought to be reduced for that reason. No improvements have been made on the remainder of the old part of the place.

As ever yours,

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226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

August 1st, 1940.

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

Dear Franklin:

I am enclosing herewith a notice  
which I have just received from the Board of  
Assessors of the Town of Hyde Park to the effect,  
that on account of the erection of the new  
buildings on the Newbold place on Violet Avenue,  
they have increased your assessment from \$5700.  
to \$8000.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

RECEIVED  
TOWN OF HYDE PARK  
JULY 26 1940

To Mr. F. S. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park

You are hereby notified, in accordance with the requirements of Section 26-a of the Tax Law, that the assessed valuation for tax purposes on the real property described below, owned by you, has been fixed for the current year at \$ 8000.00, that the assessed valuation of such property on the last preceding assessment roll was \$ 5700.00, and that the assessment this year represents an increase of \$ 2300.00.

New Buildings on Newbold Place Hyde Park

Board of Assessors,

WALTER D. TALLMAN,  
ELMER E. BRITTEN,  
J. H. Van de WATER.

Dated July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1940

In towns the second Tuesday of August is the day set for hearing complaints concerning assessments.

PSF Hackett  
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HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
120 CLOVER STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

August 22, 1940.

Dear Henry:-

I tried to get hold of you on Tuesday but you were away. I have told Linaka that he is to do the work and furnish the material for painting the house on the Peter Rohan farm. He will get in touch with Peter.

Always sincerely,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

See: Linaka - Hyde Pk folder - Drawer 3 - 1940  
for letter of Aug 22 on same subps it

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

Aug. 17th, 1940.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
Dutchess County, N. Y.

Dear Franklin:

Peter C. Rohan has informed me that the house on the farm which he sold to you needs painting badly inside and out. He is willing to do the work and furnish the material if you want him to, but I told him you had a man whom I thought you would probably have do it.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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*PSF Hackett*

Rogers Estate  
Hyde Park, N.Y.  
August 24, 1940  
RECEIVED  
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THE HOUSE

The President  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President,

May I first thank you for our invitation of last Tuesday, and particularly for the special interest you undertook in the sale of the estate? I should like to forestall the possibility of the entire estate being sold out from under me; of course, I have no legal way to prevent that being done without even so much as a notification and chance to buy myself. I should like to approach Edmund in regard to the possibility of buying, if not just the small section on which lies the house, then all the land including it and north of it (and west of Judge Halperin's development). However, I wish to say nothing without gaining your consent first, for you noted that the information was not for public consumption, and I am not aware of whether I should know of the pending transfer or not. If not, I'll write him of a possible purchase in only a general way, relating only to some "possible future sale" of the Estate. If you have a moment for such personal matters, let me know your opinion.

I appreciated also your interest in Professor Carman and my American historical series. As I said at the time, it is my belief that few men are better read in the period of the Jeffersonian administration than yourself. I am sure that no one could better handle such a volume, if you could spare odd moments from affairs of state to undertake such a project - which I think would appeal to you as historian yourself. I rather think it would not take overmuch time; the thirty volumes of the series run only 100 pages each, though each is being done by a generally acknowledged expert in the particular field it covers. I am sure the project would recommend itself to you were you about to free yourself of the burden of political life; even though you have decided not to do so perhaps you will feel inclined to undertake it.

Sometime again when you are in Hyde Park and a little less pressed than usual, I should like to outline for you some of the aspects of the first volume of the biography - its general approach and handling of the subject material, and receive, should

you feel so inclined, your recommendations and suggestions. For the present, may I express again appreciation on behalf of both myself and my wife, who is as you know my collaborator in this lifetime work, for your kindness in granting us an interview; it is possible now as it was not before, for me to phrase many of the questions (which I must have solved before proceeding further) onto paper, as now.

Respectfully

*Earle W. Newton*

Earle W. Newton

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P.S. We were both delighted with the progress of the library; I can see it will be not only a valuable but a tasteful institution.

April 30, 1940

Dear Henry:

I, too, have heard from Mr. Earle W. Newton. As far as I know, he will have no connection with the new Library -- in any event he seems very anxious to buy and build a house or else rent one. If he were the usual and reliable prospect, I would be willing to put up and rent a small house somewhere on the Newbold farm.

I hope to be home next week end.

As ever yours,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

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HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
228 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

April 22nd, 1940.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Warm Springs  
Georgia.

Dear Franklin:

I have had several letters from  
Earle W. Newton, who says he is to be connected  
with your library, about renting or buying the house  
near the sheep barns on the Rogers place.

Mr. Rogers is willing to rent,  
but does not want to sell off any part of the main  
property.

I do not think that Mr. Newton  
is aware of the fact that the house has no modern  
improvements, electric light, water, etc. and that  
there are no electric light poles within a half mile.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

PSF Hackett

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY T. HACKETT

Will you check the enclosed bills from the Central School District, Hyde Park, and pay if they are O.K.?

F. D. R.

MEMO FOR THE P. S.

Please send Henry Hackett  
a check for \$500.00 for future  
bills.

October 17, 1940

*PSF  
Hackett*

Dear Mr. Hackett:

The President has asked  
me to send you the enclosed check for  
five hundred dollars to deposit to the  
account for future bills.

With best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHAND  
Private Secretary

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

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Enclosure

Check No. 290 drawn on Guaranty Trust Company of New York 10/14/40  
to order of Henry T. Hackett in the amount of \$500.00 signed FDR  
by M. A. LeH., Atty.

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Due 3/28  
Dear Mr. Huppert:

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MEMO FOR THE P. S.

Please send Henry Hackett  
a check for \$500.00 for future  
bills.



PSF Hackett  
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For Henry Hackett's letter of November 6, 1940 to President

Re: Leasing of Hughson Dumphy farm property by the President  
to Hall Roosevelt which terminates at Mr. Roosevelt's  
death, and copy of form of lease--dated April 2-1940 and signed by  
the President.

See: Hall Roosevelt folder-Drawer 3-1940

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

*Income Tax  
1940 -*

*PSF  
Hackett*

December 31, 1940.

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

Dear Franklin:

I enclose herewith a statement of  
rent received and payments made during the year 1940  
showing a balance of \$327.50.

With best wishes for the New Year,

I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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STATEMENT OF RENT RECEIVED AND PAYMENTS MADE BY JOHN M. HACKETT FOR  
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT DURING THE YEAR 1940.

Received

Balance on hand \$ 611.98

Arnold Berge

Jan. 3, 1940	January Rent	28.00	
Feb. 23, 1940	Rent for Feb. and March	56.00	
May 20, 1940	Rent for Apr. and May	56.00	
Aug. 23, 1940	Rent for June, July & Aug.	84.00	
Oct. 4, 1940	Rent for Sept., Oct. & Nov.	84.00	308.00

Peter C. Rohan

Jan. 4, 1940	Six months' rent, July 1, 1939 to Dec. 31, 1939	250.00	
Sept. 14, 1940	One-half yearly rent due June 1, 1940	250.00	500.00

Mrs. Johannessen

Jan. 30, 1940	Rent for January 1940	25.00	
Mar. 11, 1940	Rent for Feb. & March	50.00	
Jul. 15, 1940	Rent for Apr., May and June	75.00	
Aug. 27, 1940	Rent for July & Aug.		
	By cash	46.77	
	By receipted bill	\$ 3.23	
Oct. 23, 1940	Rent for Sept. & Oct.	50.00	246.77
		\$ 3.23	

Moses Smith

Feb. 6, 1940	On acct. rent		
	By cash	72.73	
	By receipted bills for seed	\$ 52.27	72.73
		52.27	

F. D. Roosevelt

Feb. 10, 1940	Advancement	583.70	
Oct. 18, 1940	Advancement	500.00	1,083.70

Mrs. Becker

Oct. 25, 1940	One-half of taxes on Jones Farm ( $\frac{1}{2}$ of \$21.21)		10.61
		BY CASH.....	\$ 2,833.79
		BY RECEIPTED BILLS.....	55.50
			\$ 2,889.29

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Payments

Jan. 15, 1940	Fred W. Lovelace, Collector Gen'l. taxes on Pleasant Valley wood lot	\$	8.24
Feb. 10, 1940	Geo. Briggs, Town Clerk Gen'l. taxes, Hyde Park		1,465.44
Sept. 16, 1940	Vail & Sutton Fire ins. premium on Tompkins house		58.38
Sept. 25, 1940	Harlow C. Cookingham, Collector. School taxes on:-		
	Farm	\$ 96.35	
	Land	12.85	
	Farm Roadstand	52.98	
	Farm	231.23	
	Land	15.25	
	H-L	72.27	
	Rights of Way	14.45	
	Bennett Farm	<u>129.45</u>	
			623.63
Oct. 23, 1940	Laura W. Coapman, Collector. Cream St. School taxes, Dist. No. 5, viz:		
	Dutchess Hill	129.00	
	Wood Lot	3.00	
	Rohan Farm	150.00	
	Land	<u>16.50</u>	
		\$ 298.50	
	Collector's Fee	<u>2.99</u>	
			301.49
Oct. 23, 1940	Harry Franz, Collector School taxes on Pleasant Valley wood lot - Tax	3.00	
	Collector's Fee	<u>.03</u>	
		3.03	3.03
Dec. 18, 1940	W. W. Luckey - Ins. premium on Hughson farm		45.88
			<u>\$ 2,506.29</u>

Received in cash	\$ 2,833.79
Payments	<u>2,506.29</u>
CASH BALANCE 12-31-40.....	\$ 327.50

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Hackett  
3-1940

Re-Insurance connected with the projects on Hughson and  
Dunphy farms in which the President and Hall Roosevelt  
are interested.

See: Insurance folder-Drawer 3-1940

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 9, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY HACKETT:

It seems to me that \$200 is  
enough to offer Mrs. Rose DeWitt Lewis.

F.D.R.

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

PSF  
Hackett

Jan. 3rd, 1941.

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

Dear Franklin:

Hatfield has just received a letter from Rose DeWitt Lewis, who owns a 1/6 interest in the Lent wood lot, viz:

"Will you please let me know how your client feels about the settlement of my claim on the Hyde Park property since I would like to close the matter."

You now own 3/6 of the wood lot and have paid the others \$200. each.

Kindly let me know how he shall answer her.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

Hackett Folder  
1940

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

PSF

February 18, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. HENRY T. RACKETT

The President directs me to  
send you the enclosed check for  
\$1,000 to pay the taxes on the  
properties in Hyde Park.

M. A. Le Hand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE  
MARGUERITE

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

Feb. 4th, 1941.

Miss Marguerite LeHand  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss LeHand:

Will you please remind the President that the taxes on his property amounting to \$1,567.02 are due and payable before February 28th. Since I wrote him on January 11th, Moses Smith paid \$279. on account of his rent. The present bank balance is \$856.50.

Will you kindly ask the President to send me enough money to pay the taxes.

Very truly yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 17, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE P. S.

Will you please send a check  
for \$1,000 to Henry Hackett for  
payment of taxes at Hyde Park?

F. D. R.

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Jan. 11th, 1941.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
Dutchess County, N. Y.

Dear Franklin:

I have just received the tax bills for  
your properties in the Town of Hyde Park amounting to \$1,567.02.

The balance in the bank now amounts to  
\$577.50, which includes Rohan's rent of \$250. paid since  
January 1st, 1941 and not included in the statement I sent  
you. Moses Smith has promised to pay something, but has  
not yet fulfilled his promise.

Will you kindly send me enough so I can  
pay the taxes.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

Hackett 3-41

PSF.

March 10, 1941.

Dear Henry:-

I have no idea what that message from Harry Hooker means. He often stays with us and has helped Mrs. Roosevelt on straightening out matters relating to Val-Kill between her and Miss Cook and Miss Dickerman.

I have no idea what kind of a great fund he wants to talk with you about. You had better go. Let me know later.

As ever yours,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

HENRY T. HACKETT  
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226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

March 6th, 1941.

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

Dear Franklin:

Yesterday Major Hooker of New York City, who said he had formerly been a partner of yours, called me up to make an appointment with me at his office in New York City to discuss a Roosevelt trust fund.

Will you kindly let me know what it is about.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

April 2nd, 1941.

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

Dear Franklin:

In compliance with your request of March 10th, I called on Major Hooker at his office in New York City on March 20th to ascertain what he wanted to see me about. He told me that you wanted me to submit a proposed deed of trust of John Boettiger and proposed Wills of John Boettiger and Anna Roosevelt Boettiger to the Poughkeepsie Trust Company to find out if it would act as successor trustee and what compensation it would expect to receive.

I have submitted the deed and Wills to the Poughkeepsie Trust Company and it has consented to act as successor trustee and will accept whatever compensation therefor is allowed by law.

Last night I returned the deed and Wills to Major Hooker with a letter from the Poughkeepsie Trust Company.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

PSF Hackett Folder  
3-41

May 14, 1931.

Dear Henry:-

There is only one thing I have not got. Could you help me?

Hall agreed to pay the additional amount of taxes caused by his operations -- i. e., the buildings on the Dunphy farm, west of Violet Avenue, and the alteration on the barn on the Hughson farm. The Hughson farm taxes, according to yours of February 20th, are \$157.89. Am I right in saying that this is no increase over the 1939 taxes? If this is true, Hall owes me nothing on that.

I understand from your letter that the taxes on the Dunphy farm, west of Violet Avenue, are \$210.53. That represents an undoubted increase over 1939. Can you let me know the amount of this increase? That would be what Hall must reimburse me for.

Always sincerely,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*File personal*

February 27, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From the attached can you  
now tell me what Hall's portion  
of the tax should be?

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HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

Feb. 22nd, 1941.

Miss Marguerite LeHand  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss LeHand:

Since writing you on Feb. 20th  
in reference to the President's taxes, it has occurred  
to me that Mr. Hall Roosevelt also uses part of the  
Hughson farm for one of his projects on which the  
President paid \$157.89 taxes.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Feb. 20th, 1941.

Miss Marguerite LeHand  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss LeHand:

I acknowledge receipt of your two letters of February 18th, one enclosing check for \$1,000. from the President towards paying his taxes at Hyde Park.

I believe that the liability insurance has at last been settled and Mr. Hall Roosevelt's name has been added to the policy which covers all of the property owned by the President and his mother.

In checking over the amount of the taxes for the last time, I found that the actual amount is \$1,546.07 instead of \$1,567.02.

The following is a statement of the properties and the taxes on each, viz:

Bennett farm	\$ 378.95
Tompkins farm	86.84
Briggs' wood lot	5.27
Dutchess Hill	226.32
Rohan Farm	263.16
Rogers Land	21.05
Hughson Farm	157.89
Wright Land	25.00
Dumphy farm, west of Violet Ave. (G. Hall Roosevelt)	210.53
" " right of way	23.68
Jones Place	28.95
Dumphy farm, east of Violet Ave.	<u>118.43</u>
	\$ 1,546.07

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

February 18, 1941

Dear Mr. Hackett:

Mr. Hall Roosevelt tells me that he has replied to your letter of February seventh and that he has assured you that it is perfectly satisfactory to him to have you transfer all insurance on the properties to Mr. Luckey. I hope you will be good enough to let him know when this has been done as, of course, he is very anxious to be completely covered.

Also in regard to the taxes on all the houses, will you be good enough to send me a statement as the President will need this for his income tax return, and at the same time, break it down so that he can notify Mr. Hall Roosevelt of his share.

I think the above arrangement is satisfactory to Mr. Hall Roosevelt and it will clear up a number of things in our own books.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Lehland  
Private Secretary

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie, New York.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

G. H. R. said he  
sent you a copy of  
his letter to Hackett  
in answer to Hackett's  
letter to him of Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.  
He wants Hackett to  
transfer all insurance,  
etc to Luckey and  
then let him know what  
his share is -

G.

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

Feb. 7th, 1941.

Miss Marguerite LeHand  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss LeHand:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of  
a letter I have just written to Mr. G. Hall  
Roosevelt in reference to the liability insurance  
on the properties of the President and Mr. G.  
Hall Roosevelt.

Very truly yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

Feb. 7th, 1941.

G. Hall Roosevelt, Esq.,  
Hyde Park,  
Dutchess Co., N. Y.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I acknowledge receipt of copy of your letter of February 3rd, 1941 to Miss LeLand in reference to the duplication of liability insurance on the properties of the President and yourself.

On October 30th, 1940 I wrote to the President in reference to it and enclosed a copy of a letter from Mr. Luckey, who carries the President's liability insurance, pointing out the advantages of having one company carry the insurance so that in case of an accident there would be no confusion as to which company was to assume the responsibility.

If you agree, please notify me that you want Mr. Luckey to carry the entire liability insurance protecting the President and yourself and also notify Mr. Graham to cancel his policy.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Henry T. Hackett

Check 170 -  
What does the other  
item?

W. H. B.

G. HALL ROOSEVELT  
HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY  
NEW YORK

February 3, 1941

Dear Missy:

Enclosed please find a small check to the order of the President.

It is impossible for me to determine the increase in taxes, the insurance, or anything of that nature, if you and Mr. Hackett do not get into accord. So far both the President and I have been paying insurance premiums on what might be a duplication of risk. If we could settle down and determine the insurance premium, I prefer to have it paid through Mr. Hackett, and I shall refund the amount so paid to you. By this means only could we be certain that there is no duplication of insurance in force.

The enclosed check is purposely made small in order that you give this matter some attention now that inauguration is over.

Sincerely,  
Hall

GHR:M

Copy to Mr. Hackett

To: Miss Marguerite Le Hand  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
220 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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Drawer 3-41

June 2, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

G. H. R.

I have now got the figures of the assessments on the Dumphy farm (on Violet Avenue, both sides) and on the Hughson farm (Linaka's house and the barn).

On the latter there is no change in the assessment of \$6,000. In the case of the Dumphy farm, the land lying west of Violet Avenue, the figures increased from \$5,700 to \$6,000 -- an increase of \$3,300, which is evidently due to the new places on the west side.

This increase of \$3,300, at the rate of \$26.32, amounts to \$60.53.

Therefore, in accordance with the agreement, you owe me that amount -- \$60.53.

I think we are very lucky to have got off so lightly this past year. It is, of course, too early to tell whether the assessment will be raised again this year or not.

F. D. R.

Henry T. Hackett

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

May 21, 1941.

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

Dear Franklin:

Replying to your letter of May 14, I believe that the assessment of the Hughson farm has not been increased owing to Mr. Hall Roosevelt's alterations and now is assessed at \$6,000 and has been since you acquired title to it.

The assessment of the Dumphy farm lying west of Violet Avenue has been increased from \$5700 to \$8000, making an increase of \$2300, which is probably due to his alterations and the taxes paid on that parcel on Feb. 21, 1941 amounted to \$210.53. The increase of \$2300 at a rate of \$26.32 amounts to \$60.53 which he should refund to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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Hackett*

*PSI  
Hackett*

September 23, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY T. HACKETT

Enclosed are my tax bills for the School-Taxes, Town of Hyde Park. Will you be good enough to pay them? Have you enough money on hand?

I notice one bill for a special assessment (No. 865) for right of way \$900.00 -- amount of tax \$13.95.

This is the rough lane leading east from Violet Avenue on the north boundary of the Dunphy farm. It is not a right of way, as it leads to no barn or house -- only to a lot of pine trees. It was set up originally as a right of way when Mrs. Backer purchased the land east of Val Kill Creek on the Dunphy farm -- land which was re-sold to me when she bought the east end of the pig man's farm. I think that we might ask the assessors to remove this assessment and perhaps merge it with the rest of the Dunphy farm tax on an acreage basis and not as a right of way, which no longer exists.

F. D. R.

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PSF*

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Oct. 14, 1941.

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

Dear Franklin:

I acknowledge receipt of your memorandum  
of October 11th, containing the following insurance policies:

1. No. 2042 issued by the Fidelity & Guaranty Fire Corp. covering The Dumphy farm house, in the amount of \$2,000., premium \$37. for three years. Expires Oct. 24, 1944.
2. " 31328 issued by The Home Ins. Co. covering The Dumphy farm house in the amount of \$2,500. and \$850. covering the adjoining ski factory building, premium \$99.59. Expires Oct. 24, 1944.
3. " 294828 issued by The Home Ins. Co. covering 47-49 East 65th St., New York City in the amount of \$80,000., premium \$200. Expires Oct. 16, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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*PSF*

November 21, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY T. HACKETT

Miss Frieda S. Miller is the head of the Labor Department in Albany and I have known her for a long time. I do not want to write a letter to her but I think it is perfectly proper for you to say that I referred you to her.

F. D. R.

WASHINGTON  
THE WHITE HOUSE

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Nov. 19, 1941.

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

Dear Franklin:

Your sister-in-law, Mrs. James R. Roosevelt, has become involved with the N. Y. State Unemployment Insurance Dept. at Albany, N. Y. and is subject to certain penalties. It appears she has never made out or filed social security or unemployment returns for her employees since the law went into effect.

Will you please suggest the name of the proper person to take up this matter with the Department at Albany. I do not think that they will pay much attention to me.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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1941

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO TAXES ON PROPERTIES IN HYDE PARK  
IN HENRY HACKETT FOLDER - 1940

Let to FDR 1/11/41

Let to MAL 2/4/41

Let to Hackett 2/18 enclosing check for \$1,000 to pay taxes.

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Hackett*

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Hackett*

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

May 25, 1942.

Dear Henry:-

I approve your plan of waivers in regard to my brother's share in the trust fund.

I hope to be home about June first and will let you know ahead of time.

Always sincerely,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
226 Union Street,  
Poughkeepsie,  
New York.

*Henry T. Hackett*

**HENRY T. HACKETT**  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

May 21, 1942.

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

Dear Franklin:

I have prepared the petition and account of the Trustees of the trust created under your father's Will for the benefit of your mother from the figures furnished me, and have submitted the same to the Fulton Trust Company and the Bankers Trust Company, as one of the Executors of your brother's Will.

You will remember that you are entitled to one-half of this fund and your brother's estate to the other half thereof. J. R. Roosevelt, Jr. takes no part thereof.

There has been criticism from the Bankers Trust Company regarding the allocation of stock dividends and other matters.

I will be glad to prepare a waiver and approval of all acts of all the Trustees to be signed by you and Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Robinson and your children because they are entitled to the trust fund set up for Mrs. Roosevelt after her death. This should do away with all objections from any source.

I would like to see you about this matter, if convenient for you, the next time you are at Hyde Park.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY T. HACKETT

Will you speak to me  
about this the next time I see  
you?

F. D. R.

Statistics on James Roosevelt Memorial Library  
in comparison with Pleasant Valley, Staatsburg  
and Milbrook Libraries.

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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October 20, 1942.

Miss Grace G. Tully  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Tully:

Since the death of Mrs. Roosevelt the various insurance agents have sent to me all of their insurance policies covering both the property of the President and of his mother's estate and I have paid their bills as far as the bank balance here would permit. I have sent some of the bills, especially on the Campobello property, to Mr. Morris for him to pay and charge against the President's share of the estate.

Twice Mr. Luckey has sent bills both to the President and to me, which I have already paid, but each time he has endorsed over the President's checks so I could deposit the money back in the bank account here.

On October 5 I paid a bill for \$43.94 to Mr. Luckey, being the premium on the following policies:

#A65638 Hanover Fire Ins. Co., \$6.00 and #AC436088 United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., \$37.94, each policy covering the Ford Phaeton.

Today he has handed to me a check of the President dated October 15, drawn for \$43.94 in payment of the premiums on these policies, which he has endorsed to me. I have asked Mr. Luckey not to send, in the future, Bills to both the President and to me.

When you have a chance, will you please bring this matter to the attention of the President so that he will understand what is going on.

Also, will you please remind him that we have purchased another 1/6 interest in the Lent wood lot from Mrs. Lewis.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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Dec. 30, 1942.

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

Dear Franklin:

I want to thank you for the copy of  
the Book of Addresses of you and Mr. Churchill which  
you sent me and assure you that I appreciate very much  
your kindness in remembering me.

With kindest regards and best wishes  
for a Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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Hackett

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY T. HACKETT

I think this questionnaire  
is all right.

F. D. R.

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Dec. 29, 1942.

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

Dear Franklin:

In order that the Collector of Internal Revenue may determine whether or not the Executors of your mother's estate or "The James Roosevelt Memorial Library Association" will be liable for Social Security for Mrs. Bradley, the Librarian, and Mrs. Van Wagner, the janitor, I have filled out a questionnaire and am enclosing a copy.

I wish you would please look it over and if all right, return it to me and I will file it and get the matter settled.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
224 UNION STREET  
FOURTH FLOOR  
NEW YORK

**June 25, 1943.**

**Dear Henry:-**

**I think that is a grand idea. Will  
you ask Mr. Plog to get it done this Summer?**

**As ever yours,**

**Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,  
224 Union Street,  
Foughkeepsie,  
New York.**

Copy of Mr. Hackett's letter and the President's reply  
sent to Mr. Plog.

*Henry T. Hackett*

**HENRY T. HACKETT**  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

June 21, 1943.

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

Dear Franklin:

Last Winter it twice became necessary to hire Waelde the welder to thaw out the waper pipe leading from the well to the house on the Dumphy place occupied by Arnold Berge. The distance between the house and the well, which is in the chicken house, is about 100 feet and the present pipe now runs part way under an old wood house used as a garage.

I think it would be a good idea to dig a new trench below the frost and run a new pipe direct from the well to the house to avoid further freezing.

Kindly let me know what you think about it.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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September 22, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY T. HACKETT

FOR THE NECESSARY ACTION.

F.D.R.

Note from the State Insurance Fund,  
Thomas G. Gorman, Assistant Director,  
625 Madison Ave., NYC, 9/18/43, in  
re possibility of obtaining workmen's  
compensation insurance protection at  
a lower cost.

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HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Sept. 6, 1944.

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

Dear Franklin:

Replying to your memorandum of Sept. 4th relating to New York State Workmen's compensation insurance, you are covered by both workmen's compensation and public liability insurance through The William W. Luckey Agency of Poughkeepsie. I understand that the company and State rates are about the same.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*



*Hackett note*

## THE STATE INSURANCE FUND

16 CANNON ST., POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.  
TEL. POUGHKEEPSIE 3214

When replying refer to September 18, 1944

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Arthur J. Morris & Harry T. Hackett as Executors  
Last Will of Sara D. Roosevelt  
State Rd.  
Hyde Park, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

The State Insurance Fund is interested in your workmen's compensation insurance. Our records, however, do not indicate the expiration date of your workmen's compensation policy. If you will advise me, I shall be pleased to answer any inquiries in regard to same.

Permit me to state that the State Insurance Fund offers a guaranteed advance discount of 25% from the rates charged by other insurance companies and published by the Compensation Insurance Rating Board. This discount is given to standard rated risks with past favorable accident experience. The discount is immediately guaranteed upon inception of your policy.

The State Insurance Fund offers the exclusive coverage in the form of a complete release from all liability as contained in Section 53 of the Workmen's Compensation Law. In this connection there is also no assessment feature.

Since we specialize in workmen's compensation insurance only, you should receive the maximum of such service as to reduce your cost to the minimum.

Won't you let us hear from you in this regard?

Very truly yours

Joseph E. Smith  
Branch Manager

JES LC

MAIN OFFICE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

ALBANY

BUFFALO

ROCHESTER

SYRACUSE

BINGHAMTON

ELMIRA

POUGHKEEPSIE

OLEAN



THE STATE INSURANCE FUND

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 4, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR  
HENRY T. HACKETT

I do not remember the status of this. I thought we carried State insurance on the men on the place and the household people. Just throw the enclosed away if we are covered.

F. D. R.

Letter addressed to "Estate of Sara D. Roosevelt" from The State Insurance Fund, 625 Madison Ave., N. Y. C., re Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*PSF*

September 22, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY T. HACKETT:

The President asks me to send you the enclosed check for \$1,000 to cover the insurance bill for workmen's compensation and automobile insurance, together with a little extra money for future needs.

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

Enclosure.

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HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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Sept. 9, 1944.

Miss Grace G. Tully  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

Please tell the President that the  
fire taxes have been paid on his property at Hyde Park  
and that his present bank balance is \$44.19.

I have just received an insurance  
bill for \$369.20 for workmen's compensation and one  
automobile insurance. Please ask the President to  
send me some more money.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

HENRY T. HACKETT  
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
226 UNION STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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Sept. 25, 1944.

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

Dear Franklin:

I have received your check to  
my order for \$1,000. to cover insurance premiums,  
etc.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*