

PSF: Hyde Park, 1944-1945

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Hyde Park Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>/43

[1944]

Dear Miss Tully

file

I am enclosing accounts for  
farm garden & men cutting brush &  
wood also for 1944 license <sup>plates</sup> for trucks  
& station car I got notice that car of  
coal was shipped on Dec 30<sup>th</sup> & will expect  
it tomorrow or next day you can  
tell the President that the men  
are cutting the logs & have a lot  
of trees cut down Hope the President  
has received check for Xmas trees  
I told them to send it to him  
Thanking you & wishing you  
all a Happy New Year

Sincerely

Wm A. Flagg

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,

sent to house from farm

250 qts milk	32.50
18½ ~ Cream	18.65-
41 lbs. Butter	22.53-
45 doz - Eggs.	24.60
11 Roosters / 63½ lbs. 45.	28.58
2 Hens. 11 ~ 42	4.62
1½ bu. Potatoes	3.00
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	134.50

(710 eggs gathered)

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1944

Garden

8 Rat & mouse traps	50
Xmas tree trimmings	3 50 =
Parcel post 34 Post for 45	79
John De Groff. 25 days. 350	87 50
Louis Depue	100 00
Chas. Fineman	75 00
Wm A. Plog	125 00
	<u>392 29</u>

Flour 128 29

Rep Motor Air pump Garage 1 50

7 gal. grease for cars "

2 45-

2 garbage pails for house

3 50

Telephone calls

89

528 92

91 50

437 42

Wm A Plog

1944 License farm truck 37 50

" Dump truck 37 50

" Pickup " 23 20

" Station car 24 75-

560 37

wood 7 00  
Celotex 84 50  
91 50

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Jan 1/43

Men help with + mas trees & cutting brush

Frank Draiss 27 days 400	108.00
Harry Ellefson 28 1/2 " " "	102.00
	<u>210.00</u>

WMA Plog

Jan. 1/43  
Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Farm

Grinding feed	3 40
2320 lbs. Pea coal	14 62
95 Gall. Gas 16	16 15
Wm H. Barrett	125 00
"	20 00
Frank Smith	105 00
	<u>284 17</u>
	153 88
	<u>128 29</u>

Sold.

Mrs James R. Roosevelt 4303	
130 lbs Milk	16.90
3 1/2 " Cream	3.15
120 doz. Eggs. Medium <sup>50</sup>	60 00
50 " Large	30 00
Mrs Plog Butter & Eggs	2 80
	<u>153 88</u>

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(Michigan Central District) (Chicago, Kalamazoo & Saginaw District)  
(Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis District)

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Way-Bill Date and No. 12 30 43 21874 Connecting Line Reference  
Full Name of Shipper NORTH RIVER CLAD CO Previous Way-Bill References  
Car Initials and No. PRR 157408 Original Car Initials and No.

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CARBONDALE PA					TAX	1 88
G 130940 T 36200 ALLOWANCE 947 N 93793						127 85
41 17 GT 46 90 NT						
TOTAL						

THE NEW YORK CENTRAL R.R.CO.  
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.  
PAID  
JAN 28 1944  
P. H. [Signature]  
Per [Signature]

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE ORDER OF THE RAILROAD  
Original paid freight bills must accompany claims for  
overcharge, loss or damage.  
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charges, or both, as provided in published tariffs.

LOCATION STORAGE RECORD  
Notice Mailed 194  
Free Storage Time Expires 194  
RECEIVED PAYMENT 194  
AGENT

Dear Louis Tully.

Many thanks if  
you will pass this  
along - and a very  
Happy New Year to  
you in every way

Edward J. Brown,

1/11/44.

PSF  
NELSON C. BROWN  
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Dear Mr. President:

On January 5th I inspected the cutting operations which have been completed on Plot No. 1 along the North-South road leading to the Jones' lot below the Hilltop cottage and the felling as started along the Newbold road with Mr. Flog and Mr. George Fee of the Hudson Valley Lumber Company. I think Fee is doing a very good job, particularly in low stumps, in careful felling, and in the utilization of tops down to about 6 inches or less. I requested him to have all log hauling done when the roads and forest floor are frozen so that there will be minimum damage in skidding and hauling operations. He is very anxious to do a good job and I hope that you will be pleased when you see it.

The large 44-inch yellow poplar and 38-inch cucumber trees below the house have not been marked and will not be cut. I made this clear to both Flog and Fee. In view of your wish not to cut some of the white pines along the circular road leading to the south from the main river road, I have asked them not to cut up to 12 white pine trees that were marked and, in their place, mark a few additional oaks in the woods between the farm road and the Newbold road especially in the swampy locations.

I brought along one of the feature writers of Fortune Magazine as he was very anxious to get a story about your forestry operations, and this article will appear in their magazine in March or April. I also secured the number of Christmas trees cut and the returns from their sale. You are really on a sustained yield basis now both as to timber growth and financial returns. This is the old "war cry" of the forestry

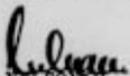
profession. The returns from the sale of Christmas trees should more than take care of all current expenses on your forestry operations from here on and, meanwhile, the trees are growing to provide successive sawlog and pulpwood crops at periodic intervals. During 1943, you received more than \$2,000 from the sale of saw timber and about \$2750 from the sale of Christmas trees. In 1944, the returns should be still better. The expenses for planting will probably continue for a few more years and your revenues should considerably exceed your expenditures.

There has been some interest in cutting the timber on the Rogers' place, and if that is now deeded to the Government and the mature timber is available for sale I shall be glad to assist in its marking and sale.

I shall regularly check in on the cutting operations and make reports from time to time and hope that when you go to Hyde Park you will find conditions satisfactory in every way.

When in Washington I was delighted to hear that you were recovering from your cold, and I hope that the coming New Year will be the best ever in every way. With best regards,

Sincerely,

  
NELSON C. BROWN

P.S. The farm woodlot advisory work of the Forest Service may go to the Soil Conservation Service if the budget allocation of funds prevails. I hope you have time to look over the attached memo.

JAN 11, 1944.

State foresters and others are raising the question why the Federal farm forestry activities are being carried on by the Soil Conservation Service as well as by the Forest Service.

Traditionally the Forest Service has been effectively handling this activity. The outcome of this rather anomalous and confusing situation depends, I assume, upon the interpretation given it by the Bureau of the Budget. If you agree, and believe that the Forest Service should do this work rather than the Soil Conservation Service, it will be warmly appreciated if you will pass along word to this effect to the Budget Bureau.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLOG:

The President did receive a check for half the amount of the cutting operation.

The President also asks me to tell you how delighted he is with the progress you have made in selling the Christmas trees.

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

*(Copy of this memo filed - Christmas Tree folder, 3-44)*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Jan. 4, 1944

MEMO FOR GRACE:

Write to Plog and tell him that the tree people have sent a check for half the amount and I am glad they are going ahead with the cutting. I am delighted the way they are making progress with the selling of the Xmas trees.

F.D.R.

4.2 0 \*

6.0 0

4.1 4

4.1 4

1.0 5

3.9 2

2 3.4 5 \*

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*file HP*  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. NESBIT:

I talked with Miss Thompson to find out about the items I have checked on this bill. She tells me they were ordered for the party given by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt to the Military Police at Hyde Park.

Miss Thompson thinks that perhaps this should come out of your "entertainment fund".

If this is all right with you, would you be good enough to send me a check for these items and I shall include it with my check for the balance of the bill.

GRACE G. TULLY

*(copy filed - Mrs Nesbit folder, 4-44)*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MRS. NESBIT:

The President asks me to send you this memorandum to say that in view of the fact that when he is at Hyde Park he very frequently has official visitors for meals, he feels that it would be only fair to ask the White House to pay the Hyde Park Grocery and Hyde Park Market bills out of the regular house account.

It would be a little difficult to keep track of the number of people and the number of meals separately, and therefore this would be about the average of what is spent each month for such visitors.

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

*(copy in Mrs. Nesbit folder, 4-58)*

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PST Hyde Park feeder 3-44

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Mountain Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1944

Frank Drains 13 day 400	52 00
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Harry Ellefson " " "	52 00
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1 axe	2 50
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Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup>	106 50
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Frank Drains 13 days 400	52 00
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Harry Ellefson " " "	52 00
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	<u>210 50</u>
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Wm Plog

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Mrs Tully

I am enclosing accounts  
for January if you wish  
you can wait till the  
first of month or later  
Wm A Plog

House F. D. Roosevelt

Sent over to house in January

303 pts Milk	39.39
15 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Cream	13.50
29 lbs. Butter	15.95 -
50 doz Eggs	20.00
3 bu. Potatoes	3.00
2 fowls 9 lbs <sup>40</sup>	3.60
11 Roosters 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs <sup>42</sup>	25.50
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	120.89

Wm A Plog

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> /44

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Garden & wood

12 cross chains for Pickup	1 80
Sharp Saws	2 25-
2 small ash shovel	50
Telephone calls	3 04
John De Groot 26 days. 3.50	91 00
Louis Lepen	100 00
Chas. Vancevan	75 00
Wm A. Plog	125 00
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	398 39

Farm

Ref Electric Iron	1 90
Electric cable Box & switch	4 10
4 men help on ice	65 00
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	658 86

clothes 2.50  
 mod. 16.00  
 18.50

18 50  
 640.36

Wm A. Plog

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> / 44

How: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Farm

shoeing farm team		9 00
filin' huss wood saw		1 50
75 gal gas 17		12 75-
1 Basket		75-
1 boy milk caps.		70
1 milk strainer		65-
Phil gas 60		4 89
Wm H. Barrett		12 500
— — —		20 00
Frank Smith		105 00
for grinding feed		2 70
Sold from farm		282 94
Mrs J R Roosevelt 485 7		93 67
133 gts Milk	17 27	
7 1/2 - cream	6 75-	
2 chickens	3 96	
wood	10 60	
3 Bales. oat straw	3 82	
Two Pkg Butter & Eggs.	2 70	
	<u>93.67</u>	

Dear Miss Tully  
Many thanks  
if you will pass  
this along. All  
his many warm  
friends and admirers  
— including many  
"good old fashioned  
Republicans" want to  
see him go in for  
the fourth term. Do  
hope he does.  
Regards - W.C.B.

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NELSON C. BROWN  
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you so much for your nice letter of February 2nd. In your crowded hours this is especially appreciated.

I have notified the Hudson Valley Lumber Company to forward the second and final check for \$2,050 to you in accordance with the terms of the contract. They have advised me that this will go forward to you this week. They want to cut a few more oaks for piling especially in the area between the Newbold and Farm roads. If agreeable to you and the price is right, I shall mark some provided the condition of the stand permits.

I expect to check in on the timber felling and log hauling later this month or early in March and perhaps show one or two of the Forest Service men something of your selective logging and tree planting operations.

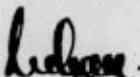
As you have been conducting a successful forestry enterprise on your place since 1912 and have started a center of considerable forestry interest throughout the Hudson Valley, as well as contributing so much to the National conservation program, I thought that your forestry activities should be memorialized and continued in the years to come. Perhaps some of the Rogers' place might be turned into a community forest for Hyde Park. I find a good deal of enthusiasm for the community forest idea in the postwar period. There are several excellent examples of revenues of from \$2,000 to \$10,000 or more from the sale of sawlogs, Christmas trees, excelsior wood and other materials

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from several community forests in the Northeast. With the Frederick Vanderbilt place being preserved as a monument for the future and the Rogers' place being taken over by the government, there should be a community of forestry interests combined in some group effort. Perhaps in this group it would be well to have Hyde Park develop at least a small community forest which could be used for recreational and park purposes as well as for timber growth and revenues. Perhaps we could crystallize some of these ideas when I next see you, if agreeable.

With renewed thanks for your fine letter, and with best regards in which Alice sends her love,

Sincerely,

  
NELSON C. BROWN

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

February 11, 1944.

PSF PSF: Hyde Park ~~Don Coates "V"~~  
file Personal 4-44

February 18, 1944.

Dear Elmer:-

An article in the New York Times recently stated that you had appeared before the Congressional Committee on Public Lands, and the story says that you testified that the land on which the new Library stands had been assessed at \$42,000. I think there must be some mistake somewhere and that it should be corrected. The land on which the Library stands consists of the field north of the avenue, containing about sixteen or seventeen acres -- and before the Library was built it had no improvements on it. It is my impression that it was assessed at about \$4,000.

I do not think that the assessment on my other property on that part of the place was reduced at all when the sixteen acre hay field was transferred to the Government.

You might find out about this and, as I said before, I think some correction ought to be made.

Always sincerely,

Honorable Elmer Van Wagener,  
Supervisor, Town of Hyde Park,  
Hyde Park,  
Dutchess County,  
New York.

## TAX LAND 'RAIDING' BY U. S. PROTESTED

Officials of Seven States Cite  
Their Revenue Losses at  
Hearing Session Here

### HYDE PARK MAN COMPLAINS

Federal Legislation to Compel  
Payments by Government  
to Replace Loss Urged

The encroachments of the Federal Government upon local political subdivisions, which cause losses in tax revenues to those areas, including the Township of Hyde Park, N. Y., met with the protests of officials from seven States yesterday at a hearing before the Congressional Committee on Public Lands.

Representative J. Hardin Peterson of Florida, chairman of the committee, presided at the session in the Hotel Roosevelt in which members of the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Interstate Cooperation also joined. Mr. Peterson, who came from Washington for the hearing, urged all witnesses who appeared before him, to present detailed written reports of their "grievances."

The protests varied in extent from that of C. B. Forsyth, corporation counsel of Rochester, N. Y., who charged that "indiscriminate judgment had been used by the Government in selecting sites," thus causing what he described as "an unjust and serious situation;" to that of Richard F. Flood Jr., deputy director of revenue and finance of Bayonne, N. J., who pictured that municipality's situation as "desperate" because of the Federal Government's occupation of 25 per cent of the assessable area, with a corresponding loss in tax revenue.

### Hyde Park's Losses Cited

Elmer Van Wagner, Supervisor of the Town of Hyde Park, cited a loss of 40 per cent of the tax receipts to the town's Fire District because of the recent removal of \$473,000 in assessed valuation from the tax rolls which had a total valuation of \$3,300,000. Explaining that this was due to the conversion of large estates for Federal Park purposes, he testified that one of these was the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Library, assessed at \$42,000. Another was the estate of Col. Edmund Rogers, with a valuation of \$138,000, he said.

A murmur of protest followed John R. Spring's assertion that "our relations with the Federal Government have been happy in New Hampshire," after he had outlined for the committee recent changes he had noted as chairman of the Tax Commission in that State. Although \$500,000 had been taken from State land valuation for a flood control project, Mr. Spring said that this had been offset by benefits to some areas, and that the townships had received 25 per cent of the revenue from timber cut from lands given over for National Park purposes.

A proposal for some form of Federal legislation which will enable the State and local governments to obtain tax returns from all lands removed from assessment lists since Sept. 8, 1939, was presented by Marcus G. Christ, County Attorney in Nassau, representing the joint committee of counties and towns included in the membership of the New York State Joint Legislative Committee.

### Mandatory Payments Urged

The proposal urged that provision be made for "the prompt notification to local assessing officers of the Federal acquisition of real estate, including the name of the governmental agency or corporation for whose ultimate benefit and use the property is acquired." It also urged that "payment of local taxes pursuant to Federal law be made mandatory upon the Federal agency having control of the real property and that upon failure of such agency to make payment appropriate procedure be provided for the collection of such taxes."

Under such authorization by Federal law for the payment of taxes, the proposal specified that "such taxation should be construed to include local assessments and assessments for benefits, as well as 'ad valorem' taxation, in the same manner as such property, if privately owned, would be taxed or assessed by the local taxing authorities."

Members of the Congressional committee attending the session were Representatives Hugh Peterson of Georgia, Clair Engle of California, Carl M. La Compton of Iowa and J. Edgar Chenoweth of Colorado. Assemblyman Harold C. Ostertag of Attica, N. Y., presided for the New York State committee.

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*OK  
Dwight Lutz*

**BILL FOR TREES**  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
Albany, N. Y.

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Bill No. **22210**

Order No. **80,321**

Date **2-24-44**

President  
To **Franklin D. Roosevelt,**  
**The White House,**  
**Washington, D. C.**

All checks payable to Conservation Department.  
Trees F.O.B. Nursery.

TERMS:—Net 10 days after receipt of bill.  
No trees shipped until paid for.  
If not paid within 10 days, the  
order is subject to cancellation.

Notice of shipment will be sent in advance.  
For permanent record return this bill for receipt.

*Pd  
2/29/44*

IF RECEIPT IS WANTED, RETURN THIS BILL. IF NOT RETURNED, QUOTE ORDER NUMBER

Quantity	Description		Price per thousand	Amount
7,500	Norway spruce seedl.	4 yr.	4.50	33.75
7,500	White spruce seedl.	4 yr.	4.50	33.75
7,500	Douglas fir seedlings	3 yr.	3.50	26.25
300	White cedar trans.	5 yr.	6.00	1.80
7,500	Balsam seedl.	4 yr.	4.50	33.75
<p>If these trees are desired for planting on any particular date, kindly advise when remitting. Otherwise, they will be shipped at what our nursery considers the proper time.</p> <p>If payment is made by money order, please have same made out to Conservation Department and drawn on the Albany post office.</p>				
30,300	Total			\$129.30

**NURSERY SHIPPING DIRECTIONS**

Ship to <b>President Franklin D. Roosevelt</b> c/o Wm. Plog	Nursery <b>Dept.</b>			
Station: <b>Hyde Park</b>	How many baskets used and size	Date notified	Date shipped	Packed by
County of <b>Dutchess</b> , N. Y.				
Notify: <b>Wm. Plog, Hyde Park and</b>				
P. O. <b>Nelson C. Brown, Forestry College, Syracuse NY</b>				

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February 29, 1944.

Dear Mr. Rooney:

The President asks me to thank you ever so much for your check in the amount of \$2,050.00, representing final payment for the timber.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

Marshall Rooney, Esq.,  
President,  
Hudson Valley Lumber Corporation,  
Nanuet, New York.



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WALNUT, HICKORY, ASH, ETC.

WATER DELIVERY, PILING AND LUMBER FROM OUR DOCK, FOOT ESSEX STREET, JERSEY, CITY, N. J.

February 23rd, 1944

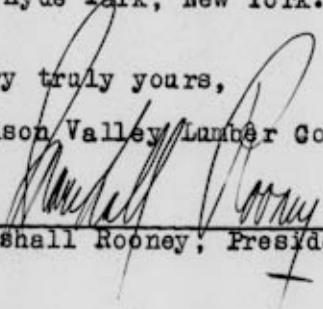
The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed herewith find our check in the amount of \$2,050.00, being final payment in accordance with the terms of our contract for the purchase of the timber at Hyde Park, New York.

Very truly yours,

Hudson Valley Lumber Corporation

  
Marshall Rooney, President

MR/hje  
Enc.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 29, 1944.

First Natl. Bank of Poughkeepsie,  
Poughkeepsie, New York.

Gentlemen:

Will you be good enough to  
deposit the enclosed check in the  
amount of \$2,050.00 to the credit of  
Franklin D. Roosevelt?

Very truly yours,

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

Dear Miss Tully. file  
H.P.

Please pass  
this along when  
convenient — I did  
want to ask the President  
for an autographed photograph  
but after the conversation  
at dinner Saturday, I  
hurdled to mention it!

It was so nice to  
see you again Saturday

Best regards —

Belmont Brown

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NELSON C. BROWN  
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

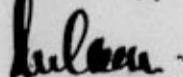
My dear President:

You gave me a grand time on Saturday and I am more than grateful for your usual pleasant hospitality. I always get a great thrill out of being with you, and I know you will have a tough time avoiding being President for the fourth term, whether or not you want to.

Enclosed are the details of the estimate for the supplemental cutting which I have indicated in the records as Plot No. 6. Saturday morning we marked 78 trees which total 20,290 board feet. At \$30.00 per thousand, this will amount to \$608.70 and I have asked the Hudson Valley Lumber Company to send you a check in this amount. I have also notified them that if there is not sufficient cold weather to freeze the ground and permit hauling without undue damage to the road system, an extension of time will be granted until June 1. All of the trees, however, must be felled prior to April 1. The average of the above 78 trees is 260.13 board feet, which is about 62 board feet per tree larger than the average of the five plots marked last fall. Some of these swamp white oaks run up to 33 inches in diameter, but the largest board footage is in the 21-inch, 22-inch and 23-inch classes.

With renewed thanks for the splendid time with you on Saturday, and with all good wishes in which Alice joins,

Sincerely,



NELSON C. BROWN

Enclosures

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

March 1, 1944.

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT ESTATE

PLOT NO. 6

SUPPLEMENTAL CUTTING - TREES MARKED  
BETWEEN NEWBOLD AND FARM ROAD  
LARGELY SWAMP WHITE OAK

<u>Diam.</u> <u>B.B.H.</u>	<u>White</u> <u>Oak</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Red</u> <u>Oak</u>	<u>Board</u> <u>Feet</u> <u>Per Tree</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Board</u> <u>Feet</u>
15			2	80	160
16	5		2	100	700
17	7		4	125	1375
18	6		1	150	1050
19	4		1	185	925
20	5		3	220	1760
21	10		1	260	2860
22	7		2	300	2700
23	7		1	345	2760
24	1			390	390
25	4			440	1760
28	2			600	1200
31	1			770	770
33	2			940	1880
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Totals	61		17		20,290

Total No. Trees - 78

Average Contents Per Tree - 260.13 B.F.

Date - February 26, 1944

Marked by NELSON C. BROWN

Tally by R. J. POWER

Assisted by FEE, ROONEY, PLOG, and  
DICK POWER, Jr.

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PST Hyde Park March 2<sup>nd</sup>/44

Miss Grace & Tully.

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Dear Miss Tully

Would you kindly give letter  
to the President I hope you have  
NOT forgot to send check for last  
month account for garden & farm  
men are in need of it sorry I had  
to ask for it probably you have send  
it already thanking you for your  
kindness

sincerely

Wm. A. Plog

Miss Grace Tully Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> /44  
HP

Dear Miss Tully

I am enclosing Plumber bill  
had to rip grate for Robert & W.C.  
over Garage also farm feed bill  
for January both are correct  
You can tell the President that the  
men finish cutting logs & are  
busy drawing them out our  
men are cutting cord wood.

Thanking you for your kindness

Sincerely Wm A Plog

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt. March 13<sup>th</sup>/44

Feb:

Garden & wood

1 axe	2 50
3 handles.	1 80
2 Pick "	1 20
3 large crosscut saws sharp	2 25
washer for 3 gall sprayer	45
lance post	82
2 roll tire tape	50
John Deere off 25 days	330
Louis Deffen	100 00
Chas. Vancevan	75 00
Wm A Plog	125 00
	<u>397 02</u>
Rent + wood	<u>34 60</u>
	<u>362 42</u>
Shot Horse	4 00
man cut 7 cords wood.	42 00
1 doz beams die of fine powder	5 50
Mr Morgan	12 50
farm	<u>133 65</u>
in rep separator	56 00
bowl + milk bowl	3 00
	<u>563 27</u>

Rent	10 00
wood.	24 60
	<u>34 60</u>

Wm A Plog

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
 Feb. Sent to House from farm  
 in February

308 qts Milk	40.04
1 1/2 " Cream	11.35
40 lbs. Butter	20.00
48 doz. Eggs.	19.20
3 fowls. 11 lbs 42	46.2
6 Roasting Chickens 14	85 = 33 1/2 lbs. 45.
1 bu. Seed Potatoes	150

1115.6

Sent 8 lbs. Butter to  
 St. F. D. Roosevelt Jr. 4.00  
 Syonset L. I. N.Y. 1155.6

How: Franklin D. Roosevelt March 15/49

Farm

Farm		Sold from farm	
Jan 19	filling fuel tank 1 50	Mrs J. R. Roosevelt	3471
28	pulling 2 sets drive calks 2 00	15-3 qts Milk	18 89
Feb.	Hyde Park Motor Co 175	9 1/2 " cream	9 55
	3 doz 1/2 pt cream bottles 2 55	Calf.	18 00
	6 "Elect" Bulbs 60	Wood.	27 00
	1 no smoking sign 20	Horse	6 00
70	9 gall. of Gas 11 90	70 doz. Eggs.	27 00
	for chacking corn 3 60	Mrs Plog Butter + Eggs	3 20
	Wm H. Barrett 1 55 00		142 35
	" 20 00		
	Frank Smith 1 05 00		
	<u>27 61 0</u>		
	<u>142 35</u>		
	<u>133 65</u>		

-wma Plog

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt March 12<sup>th</sup> / 44

February

men cutting brush & wood

Frank Davis 25 days	4.00	100.00
Harry Ellefson - - -	"	96.00
1 axe		2.50
2 iron wedges		1.60
		<u>200.10</u>

Wm A Plog

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*PST*

March 14, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLOG:

The President asked me to send you this memorandum and to tell you that on thinking it over he hopes very much he can avoid buying a sprayer this year. He wonders if you would be good enough to ask Major Stowell, head of the Military Police at the Rogers Place, and also Mrs. Gertrude Cooper at the Vanderbilt Place, if they have a sprayer and whether we could borrow it for a few days this Spring.

If they have none, the President suggests that it might be worth-while to ask the superintendent of the Mills Place at Staatsburg, and also Mrs. Lytle Hull who lives at the Dinsmoor Place.

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

Hy de Park March 7<sup>th</sup>/<sub>44</sub>  
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Mr Franklin

Andrews Hardware Store Has a  
New 100 gallon sprayer on skids  
I went down to look at it & is alright  
I would like the tank a little larger  
but they did not have any 150 gallon  
sprayer for this 100 gall. sprayer. they  
are asking 343 dollars I told them  
I would write you & let them know  
they are holding it a few days. if you  
have any prospect in getting one or  
loaning one till we get the spraying  
done. when you were up we spoke about  
sprayer & you said you would look in  
to it & see what you could do if you  
think the price is to high let me know  
& I will try & borrow one the men have  
most the logs cut & are busy drawing them  
out our men are busy with wood pruning  
trees & Frank & Harry running piles & cut wood  
Sincerely Wm a Plog

NELSON C. BROWN  
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

March 14, 1944

PSF  
Hyde  
Park

Dear Mr. President,

Enclosed herewith is a revised map of the cutting plots showing the number of trees and board footage removed from each plot. There is a good stand of trees and even some merchantable timber left on each of these plots so that another cutting should be made in another ten to twenty years, depending upon market conditions and the rate of growth to that time.

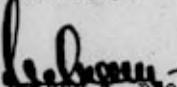
I expect to go down to see the planting during next April when the trees are shipped from the Saratoga Nurseries and will again check up on the cutting operations this Saturday morning.

When I can get the complete maps of your place, I want to make a timber type and cutting map brought up to date as well as showing the various reforestation plots.

It was grand to see you and I'm very grateful indeed for the pleasant time we had together.

With best regards, in which Alice joins,

Sincerely,

  
NELSON C. BROWN

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

# PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ESTATE

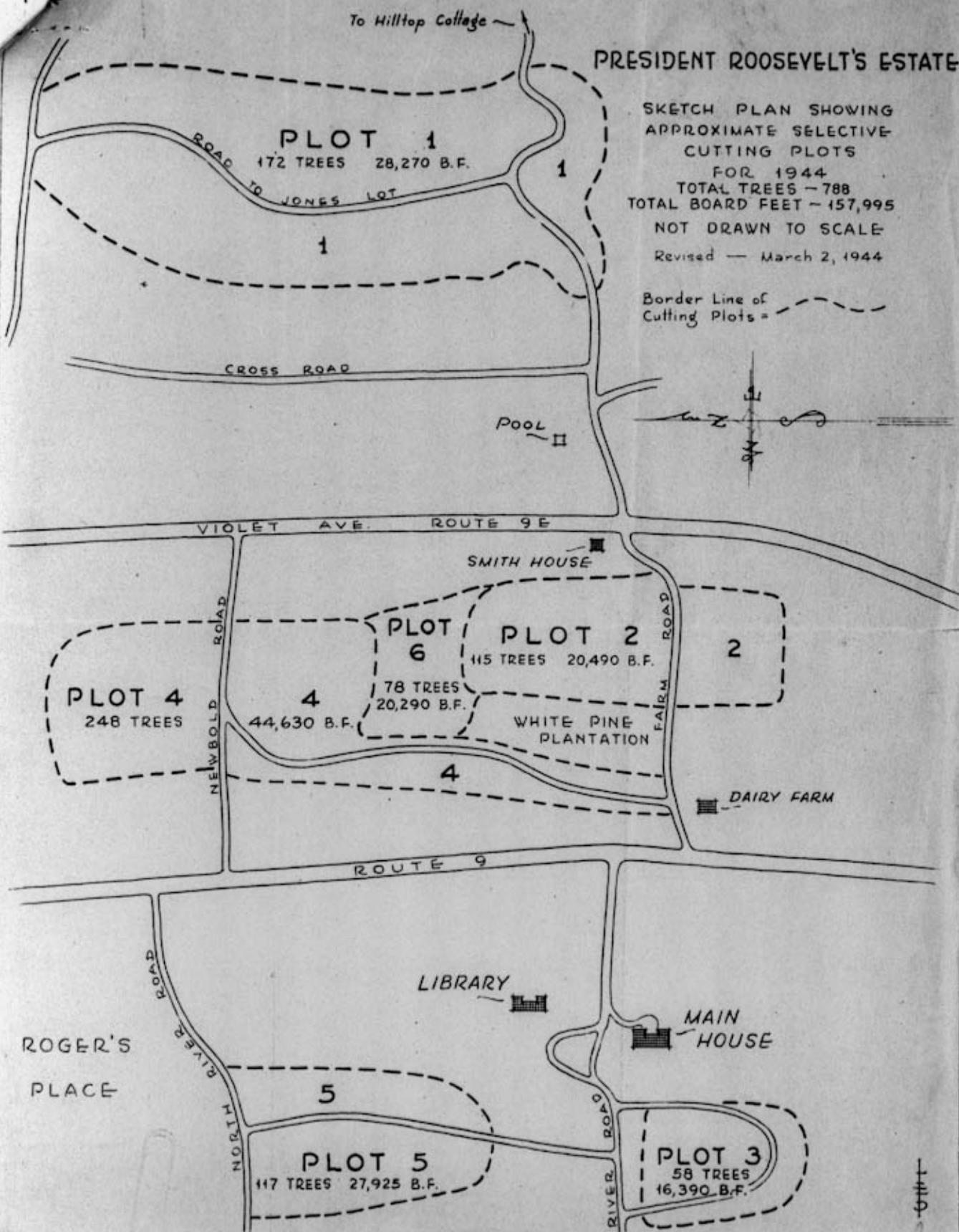
SKETCH PLAN SHOWING  
APPROXIMATE SELECTIVE  
CUTTING PLOTS

FOR 1944  
TOTAL TREES - 788  
TOTAL BOARD FEET - 157,995

NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

Revised - March 2, 1944

Border Line of  
Cutting Plots =



*PST Hyde Park folder  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MRS. NESBIT:

The enclosed bill is for fish  
which we ordered while at Hyde Park. . .  
Agent Fitzgerald paid for it and I  
would appreciate it if you would send  
me a check made out to cash in this  
amount, so I can forward it to Mr.  
Fitzgerald.

Grace G. Tully

Tel. BEckman 3- { 0863  
                          { 1442

New York, \_\_\_\_\_ 19

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# Askerly & Sandiford INC.

Wholesale Fish Dealers  
8 and 9 FULTON FISH MARKET

9 H B 60 540  
40 P 25 5-

PAID

1944

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ASKERLY & SANDIFORD INC.

1040

8-25-44.

This bill was paid by the writer  
who returned merchandise to the house.

Talbott who runs local Fish Restaurant  
on lower Main St goes to the Ackerly &  
Sandiford Market daily for fish and  
they explained to the N Y Agents that  
Talbott could get fish at any time in  
future and return same as he is there  
in NYC early in the mornings.

Agt. H. F. Fitzgerald.  
Security Bldg.

April 11, 1944.

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

Enclosed is check from Mrs. Roosevelt for \$10.40, in payment of bill for fish, ordered at Hyde Park.

I am indeed sorry that there has been such a delay in getting this to you, although I sent a memorandum in regard to it to Mrs. Nesbit in the early part of March. However, better late than never.

Many thanks.

Very sincerely yours,

GRACE G. TULLY  
Private Secretary

Agent H. F. Fitzgerald,  
c/o Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Hyde Park,  
Dutchess County,  
New York.

Check #2154, dated April 10, 1944, The National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, paid to the order of Cash - \$10.40 - signed A.F. Roosevelt.



REFER TO FILE No.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

FIELD FORCE

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

DISTRICT

ADDRESS: P. O. LOCK BOX No. 1168  
Poughkeepsie N. Y.

April 13th. 1944.

Dear Miss Tully;

Your letter of the 11th., with Mrs Roosevelt's check for \$10.40 in payment for the bill for fish, received and contents carefully noted.

I was reimbursed for this \$10.40 sometime ago; in fact a few days after I had brought the fish up from New York City. As I recall it, Mr. Chas. Fredericks handed a Mr. Geo. Carnahan and Agent Trainee here, the money and Mr. Carnahan turned same over to me. Therefore I am returning attached herewith, Mrs Roosevelt's check for the \$10.40

Very sincerely yours,

*H. J. Fitzgerald*  
H. J. Fitzgerald,  
U. S. Secret Service Agent.

*Check was sent to Charlie Fredericks, 4/14/44.*

*PSP*  
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3-44  
*file*  
*HSP*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 30, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. PLOG

The President says it is all right to have Mr. Clay paint and paper the bedroom in the farm house and also paint the front porch, and that he can do the outside of the porch at the same time.

Also, the President suggests going ahead and having the plumber do the work at the Tomkins' house, and he hopes very much that he can do it for \$70.00 or less.

Grace G. Tully  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Son: Franklin D. Rowlett

Mrs Barritt on farm would like to know if you would have one bed room painted & papered & front porch painted ino clay would the room for 22.90 & porch inside of screens for 20.00 & ashes. 10 more for outside of porch

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Harry Johansen who lives in Tomkins House is putting in bath room & is buying tub & doing the work & would like to know if you would have the plumber furnish & connect tub & sink I saw the plumber & he said it would cost about 70 dollar will do it less if he can you can let me know if

Wm. P. S.

Hyde Park Lodge  
5-44  
PST April 1st  
file

Miss Grace G Tully

Dear Miss Tully

I am enclosing March accounts  
for the place also received a bill  
from Advance Plumbing Co. wish it  
correct we had to send for them

Hope the President is much better  
you can tell him the men hauling  
out the logs had to give up for a  
couple weeks till the roads dry up  
Thanking you for your kindness

Respectfully

Wm A. Plog

(Will you please tell the President  
6 Pinka trees came & will plant  
them as soon as the frost is out  
of ground)

April 15/44

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Sent over to House from farm  
for March month

284 gts Milk	35-82
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ Cream	495-
38 lbs. Butter	1744
35 doz. Eggs	1400
Sack of Potatoes	150
5 Hens. 19 lbs.	720
3 roosters 16 "	798
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	8899

Wm A Plog

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt. April 1<sup>st</sup>/44

Garden + wood.

Post box	45-
trimming shears	2 00
pole saw	1 75-
tree pruner	1 50
5 Saws Sharpened	2 10
Parcel Post	45-
2 roll tape	50
Broom for garage	1 50
John Deere off 270 <sup>1350</sup> <sup>1350</sup>	94 50
Louis DeFren	1 00 00
Chas. Hancock	75 00
Wm A Plog	1 25 00
	<u>404 75</u>
farm	170 72
13 gal motor oil	7 35-
rep. to pick up truck	5 83-
veg + flower seeds	40 50
20 lbs. lawn seed	12 50
	<u>641 67</u>
2 loads wood	11 00
	<u>630 67</u>

Wm A. Plog.

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt April 15<sup>th</sup> 1944

Farm

Licence pickup truck	31 20
110 Gall of gas	18 70
filig high saw	3 50
Belt for tractor	3 32
Grinding feed	4 00
Milk Claps.	3 00
Cracking bull.	3 00
Turn on glass frontent	25 00
Frank Smith	105 00
Wm H Barrett	145 00
	<u>341 72</u>
	171 00
	<u>170 72</u>

Mrs. James R. Roosevelt	3875 -
120 gts milk	15 60
10 " cream	14 40
25 lbs. Butter	12 00
40 doz Large Eggs	16 00
35 lb medium "	10 50
1 Hen	2 00
1 Ton Ensilage	7 00
100 bundles Corn stalks	3 00
1 pig 510 lbs.	49 00
Mrs Plog Butter Eggs	275
	<u>171 00</u>

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt April 1<sup>st</sup> 1944

account of men cutting brush & wood

Frank Dravis 27 days @ .00	1 08 00
Harry Ellefson - " " "	1 08 00
new black red dump truck	1 35 -
	<u>2 17 35</u>

Wm A Plog

file

PST

Hyde Park garden  
3-44

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Dear Grace -

I thought you  
might like to know  
that at Hyde Park the  
points are computed as  
follows -

.60 of a blue point  
per person per meal.

.93 of a red point  
per person per meal.

.05 = sugar point  
per person per meal

This includes servants as well  
as guests

net

*file  
H.P.*

*PSF*

NELSON C. BROWN  
122 DORSET ROAD  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

April 15, 1944

Dear Mr. President:

On April 17th, 15,300 trees will be shipped from the Saratoga Nursery to Bill Plog at Hyde Park. This will include 300 white cedar five year transplants, and an equal distribution of Norway spruce, white spruce, Douglas fir and balsam fir, and they will be planted in alternate rows.

On April 24th the balance of 15,000 trees equally divided among the four latter species will be shipped and planted in the same way. This will give Plog a better chance to organize and operate his planting crews. He has been notified.

Recently I was at Hyde Park checking over the logging operations and found that the Norway pine plantation set out in 1930 was pruned very well, the limbs being cut off to six to eight feet above the ground. The larger trees are from twelve to twenty-three feet high. This will improve the growing condition and the appearance of the trees very much.

The two men, Frank Driess and Harry Ellefen, pruned a little more than one acre per day for the two men. After about five years more growth the pruning should be extended another five to seven feet giving a clean limbed saw-log for each tree. The growth of this plantation has been excellent.

I hope to secure some western varieties of fir trees for Christmas tree planting, particularly Concolor, Grand and Magnifica firs which grow in the Rocky Mountains. They may do very well for Christmas tree purposes, and after our initial and small success

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122 DORSET ROAD  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

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Mr. President.

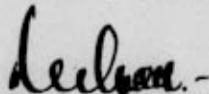
with balsam fir, I am very hopeful that several varieties of fir will succeed on your place.

We were delighted to learn that you could get away for a good rest in the warm sunshine. I have received a great many letters about the "Life" magazine picture of April 3rd. This will effectively tell the story that you have something beside "a few little pine bushes for Christmas trees".

I have received a great many requests for further information about your forestry operations. Your contributions to the betterment of American forestry conditions are much better appreciated and understood.

With all good wishes and hoping you are enjoying a good rest in the blessed southern sunshine,

Sincerely yours,



Nelson C. Brown

NCB:RA

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

Trees planted <sup>HP file</sup> PSF 19/44  
 Back of Horse Smith  
 1910 N. Spruce  
 1407 W  
 1311 Balsams  
4728

South of yellow barn north of Redbus lot  
 214 N Spruce  
 214 W  
 214 Balsams cost 358.25  
 56 Fir  
 25 Concolor  
 31 S Balsam  
2757

James lot  
 5663 N Spruce  
 4888 W  
 6007 Balsams from  
 188 Noble Fir wind River canyon wash  
 193 Silver

22357  
 4128  
2757  
 29242  
 318  
29561

white cedar  
 80 replant cedar lot  
 100 south red pine lot  
 139 north lot  
319

Hyde Park folder  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 1943-44  
file  
Mrs Grace & Tully  
PSF

Dear Mrs Tully

Bill from Hyde Park Motor is correct  
we had to our farm truck overhauled  
new motor head put in & a lot of work  
done to it I am enclosing Dickinson  
bill it is for two months & we had to  
get our Spring Fertilizer for farm  
which makes it very large

Hope the President has recover his health  
when he gets back you can tell him

Young Spruce & Balsam trees arrive  
& we start to plant them thank you

Kindly  
Sincerely

Wm A. Plog

Paid  
\$301.63  
June 1 44

Hyde Park folder  
PSK Hyde Park May 15<sup>th</sup> 1944

file  
Personal

Miss Grace E. Tully

Dear Miss Tully

I am enclosing accounts for  
April for garden Farm & men  
cutting wood, brush & planting trees  
I hope the President is better & is  
enjoying his trip South thanking  
you with kind regards.

Sincerely

Wm A. Plog

check sent  
for #1731.60  
T  
#257.58  
144

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt May 1<sup>st</sup> 1944

Garden + wood

Parcel post	141
Telephone	35
Hose menders.	50
2 balls twine	40
1/2 doz. Onion sets	225
John Deere 25 day 3.50	8750
Louis Lepelt	1,00.00
Chas. F. Anderson	75.00
Wm. A. Plog	1,25.00
	<u>3,924.1</u>
Tarm	272.69
3 gal. Sealo	33.00
25 lbs. Toxicide powder	13.50
25 lbs. Lawn Seed	15.00
100 Gladiolus bulbs	5.00
	<u>7,316.02</u>

Wm. A. Plog

May 1st /44  
Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Sent to House from farm in April

245 gts Milk	3185 -
24 lbs. Butter	1052
26 doz. Eggs	910
2 fowls.	400
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	5547

1 ton Hay for Coach Stable	15.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ . Straw	19.75 -
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	89 22

Wm R Plog

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt May 1st / 44

Farm

Set of Working Shoes	1 50
add for same man	1 44
3 bags of Seed Potatoes	12 25
Egg holes	1 00
2 40 chicks	40 80
2 chicks forants	1 70
grinding feed	4 18
125 Gall Gass	21 25
Wm H Barrett	1 45 00
albert Hancock	1 45 00
Frank Smith	1 05 00
	<u>479 12</u>
	<u>206 43</u>
	272 69

Sold	
Wm H Barrett	37 95
15 3 qts Milk	18 89
22 - Cream	19 80
23 lbs. Butter	11 04
5 large load of wood	50 00
2 small "	11 00
2 tons ensilage	14 00
2 " Hay	30 00
3/4 " "	12 00
Mrs Plog 13 Butter Eggs	2 75
	<u>206 43</u>

Wm H Barrett

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt May 1st / 44

men cutting brush & wood & planting trees

Frank Dravis	2 1/2 days work	400	100.00
Harry Elefenson	23 "	"	92.00
Sharf Mellock & Snuff Hoes			2.25
rip to dump truck			3.25
7 boys 1 day planting & dumping trees			28.00
8 " " " " " " " "			32.00
			<u>257.50</u>

Wm A. Plog

PSI = Hyde Park folder  
Hon Franklin D. Roosevelt 3-44

Frank Dravis 65.00  
Boys planting trees 225.25  

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290.25

Wm A Plog

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*psf file  
H.P.*

NELSON C. BROWN  
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Dear Mr. President:

On April 28th I had a very interesting day looking over the plantations and the results of the pruning work. Bill Plog is having considerable difficulty getting enough men. Frank Draiss was working alone on April 28th but expected eight high school boys the following day. It will probably require two to three weeks to get in all of the 30,000 trees plus 100 special five-year fir transplants sent from this College. They include some Fraser, concolor, balsam and Douglas fir which will provide an interesting experiment for Christmas tree purposes. Frank Draiss can plant 500 trees a day. The high school boys can only plant about 400 per day each. The clearing of the volunteer growth and brush on the Jones lot has definitely lowered the planting cost and will also assist in a better growth of the trees.

The pruned Norway pine plantation along Violet Avenue looks splendidly, and I think you will be pleased when you stop there and have a look at the results.

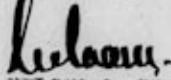
Owing to the wet weather all of the logs have not yet been taken from the place by the Hudson Valley Lumber Company, but we expect them all to be removed prior to June 1st according to the contract.

2.

I hope this finds you enjoying the nice warm  
sunshine and that you are catching a lot of  
fish.

With best wishes in which Alice joins,

Sincerely,



NELSON C. BROWN

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

May 2, 1944.

HYDE PARK, N. Y.

May 22

1944

Hyde Park Freda 3-V4

Mrs Franklin D. Roosevelt

In account with J. E. CLAY

PAINTER AND DECORATOR

Telephone 2F-4

file PSF

As per contract for room in house	\$ 43.00
" " for attic room	20.
1 1/2 gal paint for room	7.50
For work in Garage rooms	
3 1/2 days	28.
1/2 day glazing on big house	4.
3 glass + putty	.75-
1 gal enamel for Robert	4.50
1 " flat white for "	4.00
1/2 " floor paint for garage stairway	2.00
	\$ 113.75

Rec'd Payment  
with J.E. Clay

— PSF

Hyde Park folder 3-44

May 31<sup>st</sup>/44

Miss Grace & Tully

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file  
Personal

Dear Miss Tully.

I am enclosing May accounts  
for the place & you can tell the  
President that lumber company  
have finish drawing on the logs.  
Mr. Fee said he would be up &  
scrape roads & has 1 bridge to  
repair thanking you for your  
kindness

Sincerely

Wm. A. Plog

Hon Franklin D. Roosevelt

Sent over to House from farm in May

293 qts Milk	3809
7½ w Cream	675
29 lbs. Butter	1392
37 doz Eggs.	1295
½ bu Potatoes	75
4 fowls . 2½ lbs.	913
	<hr/>
	8159

1 ton Hay Coach Stable	18.00
	<hr/>
	99.59

How: Franklin D. Roosevelt June 15<sup>th</sup>/44

Garden

Parcel Post	60
Telephone calls	46
1 bag Spray lime	75
1 lin. for sprayer chain	30
Batts	34
John Deere 27 days 350	94 50
Louis Dupont	1 00 00
Chair. Vauren	75 00
Wm a Plog	125 00
	<u>3 96 95</u>
	34 96
	<u>3 61 99</u>

Rent	1000
Hardwood	900
1 - "	700
7 sheets Celotex	896
	<u>3496</u>

Farm	256 96
55 lbs. Lawn Seed	26 25
Sharp, rep. 1 horse power mower	22 00
1 2 hand mowers	4 00
50 lbs. Sulphur	3 50
Medium brood comb for Bees	6 75
Overhaul. Suit for spraying	3 95
	<u>6 85 40</u>

Wm a Plog

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt June 15<sup>th</sup> / 44

Farm

Sold:

Shoe 3 Horses	1050
123 Gall. Gas '17	2019
10 Gall. Motor oil	630
500 lbs. Chestnut	375
Wm H. Barrett	14500
A. Van Vooris	14000
F. Smith	5250
	<u>37824</u>
	12128
	<u>25696</u>

Mrs. J. R. Roosevelt	3754
126 lbs Milk	1638
24 lbs cream <sup>90</sup>	2160
12 lbs. Butter <sup>48</sup>	576
51 doz. Eggs. medium	2080
2 loads. wood.	1600
Wm Plog Bullet & Eggs	320
	<u>12128</u>

Wm Plog

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt June 1<sup>st</sup>/44

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>

Frank Draiss	14 days	4.00	56.00
Art. Lane	"	"	56.00
			<u>112.00</u>

Wm a Plog

PSF

Hyde Park folder  
3-44

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

PSF

June 1, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. PLOG

Can you find a cigar box  
and fill it with garden earth  
and take it up to Douglas  
Crapser in the village? He  
wants it for a friend who is  
starting a collection of things  
grown in special earth.

F. D. R.

Hyde Park folder  
3-44

PSF

June 1, 1944.

Dear Nelson:

I saw the trees when I was at  
Hyde Park recently and I am perfectly delighted  
with the fine job you have done. They seem to  
be coming along all right.

With all good wishes, and I hope  
to see you soon,

As ever yours,

Professor Nelson C. Brown,  
New York State College of Forestry,  
Syracuse, New York.

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
MAY 15 1956  
DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NELSON C. BROWN  
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

My dear Mr. President:

The planting work at Hyde Park was completed on Monday, May 15th. Records show that 29,561 trees were planted at a cost of \$351.25, which is at the rate of \$11.70 per thousand trees. The trees were about equally divided in number among Norway spruce, Canadian white spruce, balsam fir and Douglas fir.

I secured about 200 each of Noble fir and white fir from the Northwest which were planted along the Linaka Road in the Jones lot. We also secured some Fraser fir and concolor fir to try out for experimental Christmas tree purposes. I have been trying to get these for a number of years, also some Nikko fir, but failed to get the latter.

The original Christmas tree plantation back of Mose Smith's house was replanted with 4,128 trees about equally divided among Norway spruce, white spruce and balsam fir.

Bill Plog and Frank Draiss had a busy time getting these trees in but, with the help of high school students, they made the grade; and Sunday night and Monday we had a grand series of showers which I hope will give the trees the necessary urge to do well this season.

I expect to get down to Hyde Park later on to see

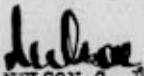
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how the trees are doing.

We were delighted to learn of your return to  
Washington in such fine fettle.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

  
NELSON C. BROWN

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

May 25, 1944.



**HUDVALCO**

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# HUDSON VALLEY LUMBER CORPORATION

"HUDVALCO" OAK

*Standard for Ship Work*

CABLE ADDRESS HUDVALCO, NANUET, N. Y.  
JUST TWENTY-FIVE MILES FROM TIMES SQUARE

BENDING OAK, KEELS, TIMBERS  
RAILROAD AND SHIP TIMBER  
OAK PILING OF ANY SIZE

TELEPHONES NANUET 821 - 822  
NEW YORK DIRECT WIRE  
MARBLE 7-9355

WHITE CEDAR BOAT BOARDS  
MAHOGANY, TEAK,  
WALNUT, HICKORY, ASH, ETC.

WATER DELIVERY, PILING AND LUMBER FROM OUR DOCK, FOOT ESSEX STREET, JERSEY, CITY, N. J.  
**June 7th, 1944.**

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington, ~~D.~~ C.

Att: Miss Grace G. Tully

My dear Mr. President:

We are happy to enclose our check in the amount of \$608.70, balance due in connection with our timber operations at Hyde Park.

Very truly yours,

HUDSON VALLEY LUMBER CORPORATION

*Marshall Rooney*  
President. *per T.B.*

MR:lb  
Enclosure.

*Check #153  
sent to 1st Natl Bank of  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.  
4/10/44*

Hyde Park Freder 3-44

Hon Franklin D. Roosevelt PSF

I had to get m Van wagoner to  
fix cracks in wall in Bathroom  
& Hall for Joe Clay before he could  
paint them when he finish I had  
him look at front porch he said  
it would only take a few days to  
do it had to take most of flags up.  
I think you like it when you see it

Wm A Plog

Bath room & Hall	18.45
Front Porch	75.90

Hyde Park N.Y. June 7 1944

To Mr William Plog  
To Irving Van Wagner

W  
P  
D  
PA

Terms

May	26	Mason Repairing wall	8 hrs	13	20
	27	"	3 "	4	95
		10 lbs Plaster			30
	29	Front Porch	8 "	13	20
	31	"	8 "	13	20
June	1	"	6 "	9	90
	2	"	8 "	13	20
	5	"	8 "	13	20
	6	"	8 "	13	20
					<hr/>
					\$94 35

After 8 days, return to

*Post. Box 236*

HYDE PARK, Dutchess Co., N. Y.



*Miss Grace Tully  
Mrs William Plog  
Hyde Park  
N.Y.*

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*3-44*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*PSF*

June 8, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. PLOG:

The President has today ordered a car of stove coal to be delivered, if possible, before the first of July and another one sometime during the month of September. This for your information.

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

June 8, 1944.

My dear Mr. Rodie:

The President will like to order one car of stove coal delivered, if possible, around the first of July and another one sometime during the month of September. It should be delivered on the Roosevelt Switch, New York Central Railroad, two miles south of the Hyde Park Station.

Will you be good enough to notify Mr. William A. Plog at Hyde Park as to the approximate date of its arrival?

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

Robert R. Rodie, Esq.,  
President, North River Coal Co.,  
11 Thomas Street,  
Kingston, New York.

# North River Coal Company

ROBERT R. RODIE, PRESIDENT



TELEPHONE 593

11 THOMAS ST., KINGSTON, N. Y.

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

June 1, 1944

Dear Sir:

If sufficient tonnage is produced during the current month, we will be permitted under Solid Fuels Administration For War Regulations to ship you during the month the following number of cars of Domestic and Buckwheat:

Domestic 1 cars

Buckwheat 0 cars

If you have not sufficient orders on file to equal the above, please send them to us at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

NORTH RIVER COAL COMPANY

Robert R. Rodie,

President.

RRR:L

Printed in U. S. A.



To THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY  
(EASTERN DISTRICT) (WESTERN DISTRICT) (WEST SHORE DISTRICT) (BOSTON & ALBANY DISTRICT)  
(MICHIGAN CENTRAL DISTRICT) (CHICAGO, PALMADDO & SAGINAW DISTRICT)  
(CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS DISTRICT)

Dr.

*Hyde Park Station*  
NYC  
ART 46-7

For Charges on Articles Transported:

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., STATION

CONSIGNEE FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

DATE 7/10/44

PRO. NO. 1122

DESTINATION

ROUTE D&H SCH NYC

(Point of Origin or Destination)

Way-Billed From  
CARBONDALE PA  
Point and Date of Shipment

Way-Bill Date and No.  
7/3 45114  
Connecting Line Reference

Full Name of Shipper  
NORTH RIVER COAL CO  
Previous Way-Bill Reference

Car Initials and No.  
D&H 10654  
Original Car Initials and No.

NUMBER OF PACKAGES, ARTICLES AND MARKS	WEIGHT	RATE	FREIGHT	ADVANCES	PREPAID	TO COLLECT
ANTHRACITE STOVE COAL LVC	85496					
CARBONDALE PA	38 03	301 G	114 83			114 83
125960 GROSS						TAX 1 71
39600 TARE						116 54
864 ALLOWANCE						
85496 NET						
ORDER NO 21831P						

THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD  
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.  
PAID  
JUL 17 1944  
J. P. MORAN, Agent

LOCATION	STORAGE RECORD
	Notice Mailed 104
DOOR	Free Storage Time Expires 104

RECEIVED PAYMENT

AGENT

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE ORDER OF THE RAILROAD  
Original paid freight bills must accompany claims for  
overcharge, loss or damage.  
All freight will be subject to demurrage or storage  
charges or both, as provided in published tariffs.

Printed in U.S.A.



To THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY  
(EASTERN DISTRICT) (WESTERN DISTRICT) (WEEK END DISTRICT) (BOSTON & ALBANY DISTRICT)  
(MICHIGAN CENTRAL DISTRICT) (CHICAGO, KALAMAZOO & SAGINAW DISTRICT)  
(CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS DISTRICT)

Dr.

NYCB  
ART 407

For Charges on Articles Transported:

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., STATION

CONSIGNEE FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

DATE 7/10/44 PRO. NO. 1122

ADDRESS

ROUTE D&H SCH NYC

Way-Billed From CARBONDALE PA Point and Date of Shipment	Way-Bill Date and No. 7/3 45774 Connecting Line Reference	Full Name of Shipper NORTH RIVER COAL CO Previous Way-Bill Reference	Car Initials and No. D&H 10654 Original Car Initials and No.
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39600 TARE						116 54
864 ALLOWANCE						
85496 NET						
ORDER NO 21831P						TOTAL

LOCATION	STORAGE RECORD	CONSIGNEE'S ORDER TO DELIVER TO
DOOR	Notice Mailed 104 Free Storage Time Expires 104	

Signature of Consignee

ARRIVAL NOTICE

The freight on this consignment property has arrived at this station and is assigned to your account. All freight will be subject to demurrage or storage charges or both, as provided in published tariffs. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE ORDER OF THE RAILROAD

Printed in U.S.A.



To THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY  
(EASTERN DISTRICT) (WESTERN DISTRICT) (WEST SHORE DISTRICT) (GTON & ALBANY DISTRICT)  
(MICHIGAN CENTRAL DISTRICT) (CHICAGO, KALAMAZOO & BAYVIEW DISTRICT)  
(CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS DISTRICT)

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Dr. *3-44* NYCS  
AH 407  
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., STATION

For Charges on Articles Transported:

CONSIGNEE FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

DATE 7/10/44

PRO. NO. 1122

DESTINATION

ROUTE DAN SCH NYC

CARBUNDALE PA 7/3 45114

NORTH RIVER COAL CO

DAN 10654

DELIVERY RECEIPT

If only partial delivery is effected, receipt for each portion must be taken on reverse side hereof.

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125960 GROSS					TAX	7 71
39600 TARE						116 54
864 ALLOWANCE						
85496 NET						
ORDER NO 21831P						
				<i>Assign &amp; returns</i>		
				TOTAL		
LOCATION	STORAGE RECORD	DELIVERY RECORD		RECEIVED IN GOOD ORDER THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY.		
	Notice Mailed 194	Date Delivered 194	CONSIGNEE			
DOOR	Free Storage Time Expires 194	Delivery Clerk	PER			

# North River Coal Company



TELEPHONE 593

SOLD TO:-

11 THOMAS ST., KINGSTON, N.Y.

**PAID**  
July 14 1944

INVOICE NO. 35-2

HON FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON D C

NORTH RIVER COAL CO.  
*cc - Shank*

IN NET TONS F.O.B. CARS AT MINES. FREIGHT COLLECT

DATE SHIPPED	CAR NO.	WEIGHT	TOTAL TONS	SIZE	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT	✓
JUL 3 '44	D&H 10654		42 75	STOVE	7 85		335 59	
DEDUCT:		Acct. error Ck. of 1/10 No. 1849 Rec'd 1/13/44				375.20		
		tendered payt. Inv. of 12/30/43				7.04		
		Less: Cash Disc. allowed				368.16		
		CORRECT AMOUNT DUE				375.20		
		Amt. check as rec'd						
AMOUNT OWING ON THIS INVOICE.....						OVERPAYMENT	7.04	
							328.55	
							6.41	

NOTE: BILLS ARE TO BE PAID AS RENDERED UNLESS DEDUCTION IS AUTHORIZED BY OUR CREDIT DEPARTMENT. RAILROAD WEIGHTS GOVERN SETTLEMENTS. CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE MUST BE MADE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF GOODS.

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7-18'44

323.14 ✓

North River Coal Company



11 THOMAS ST. KINGSTON N.Y.

NO. 10054

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

HON FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON D C

NAME - ROOSEVELT SWITON - ROUSSEVELT N Y

DATE	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
7 55	45 75	STOVE	208.50
<p>NOTE: PAYMENT ON THIS INVOICE</p> <p>AMOUNT PAID ON THIS INVOICE</p>			

ARRIVAL NOTICE

ENVELOPE

No. **146**

Contains Pres

No.

**1122**

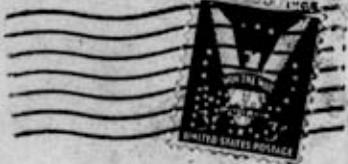
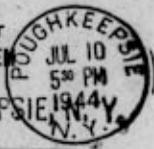
Enclosed by

Date **7/10**  
Time **5:30**

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO  
LOCAL FREIGHT AGENT  
NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM

0056 POUCHKEEPSIE

AT \_\_\_\_\_



*J. B. Rossett  
Hydepark Road*

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

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# North River Coal Company PSF

ROBERT R. RODIE, PRESIDENT



TELEPHONE 593

11 THOMAS ST., KINGSTON, N.Y.

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

June 10, 1944-L

OUR ORDER NO. 1429

Att: Miss Grace G. Tully

Dear Sir :

Thank you for your order of the 8th, NO. -, received by mail  
for D&H LACKAWANNA ANTHRACITE, in NET TONS, f.o.b. CARS MINES  
which is entered as stated below subject to our Conditions of Sale and Shipment set  
forth on the reverse hereof:-

Ship to: Franklin D. Roosevelt - Roosevelt Switch, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Freight: "COLLECT" Via D&H SCH NYC

NO.	SIZE
<u>CARS</u>	<u>COAL</u>
2	Stove

We have asked the Mines to make shipment of one car around the first of July and the other in September, and will notify Mr. William A. Plog, Hyde Park, N. Y., as to the approximate dates of arrival of the cars at destination.

Very truly yours,

NORTH RIVER COAL COMPANY

*Robert R. Rodie*  
President.

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HP*

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

June 16, 1944.

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

Dear Franklin:

Replying to your memorandum of June 14th enclosing blue print of the land to be taken for the reconstruction of Violet Avenue near the Tompkins house, I find that on June 12, 1933 Arthur Halpin, who was then the attorney for the Town Board, informed me that the Town Board had no intention of closing the road on the south of the Tompkins house; therefore, I am sure you never received any deed of this piece of land.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Henry T. Hackett*

*Ng de Park paper 3-44*

*W  
H.P.*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY T. HACKETT

This is the Tomkins' corner on Violet Avenue. Sorry to trouble you but because I have not got my papers here, would you mind letting me know whether the County deeded back to me the land of the old route south of the Tomkins' house and running between the Creek Road and Violet Avenue? It would not be difficult, if this is O.K., to chop it up and add it to the cornfield south of it.

F. D. R.

(Enclosure) H.P. property survey

Hyde Park garden 3-44

HYDE PARK, N. Y.,

June 17

1944

M. President Franklin D. Roosevelt

full PSF

In account with **J. E. CLAY**

**PAINTER AND DECORATOR**

Telephone 2F-4

as per contract for work at Farm House

Room

\$22.90

Porch

20.00

screens

10.00

\$52.90

Three days work scraping & painting

tin gutters on House

24.

1 gal paint

4.

Rec'd payment  
with thanks

\$80.90

J. E. Clay

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

PSF

June 26, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. PLOG:

The President asks that you be good enough to see that the tennis court is put into shape, as Mrs. Boettiger will probably want to use it over this weekend.

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

FD - tennis court being  
fixed

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Sent over to House June month file

400 gts Milk 52.00  
15½ " Cream. 13.95 -  
47 lbs. Butter 22.56  
61 doz. Eggs. 23.18  
8 Broilers 24½ lbs. 8.58  
3 fowls. 18¾ " 7.86  
128.13

1000 Ry. Straw Coek stable 12.50  
140.63

W. M. A. P. 9

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

July 1/44

Garden

PSF  
Hyde Park

5' Hose menders  
 Rep. Sprayer  
 Bolts + 1/2" Hinges  
 3 Balls twine  
 Telephone  
 Post Box  
 John De 400ff. 26 days. 3.50  
 Louis Lepew  
 Chas. Vanensan  
 Wm A. Plog  
 sold 992 ft celotex 47.76  
 Rent for 6 months 30.00  
 77.76

75-  
 595-  
 50  
 60  
 12  
 45-  
 91.00  
 100.00  
 75.00  
 125.00  
 396.37  
 77.76  
 318.61

Farm 224.23

500lb Calcium chloride 7.50  
 10 lbs. Lawn seed 5.00  
 24 " arsenate of lead 3.36  
 50 ft. Rope 2.00  
 10 gall. Motor Oil 4.90  
 6 bags - cement 4.50  
 grease + adjust clutch station car 1.75  
 - Rep. Pick up 8.50  
 60ft Electric cord + fortune 3.15  
 19 gall Rotoneone spray 8.00  
 4 stamps suckers for 3 truck stations 20.00  
 Vanwagon patch on wall in Vanensan place 5.76  
 617.26

Wm A. Plog

Hon Franklin D. Roosevelt July 1<sup>st</sup> 1944

Frank Drass 26 days 4.00

104 00

Harry Ellefson 27 " 4.00

108 00

212 00

Wm A Plog

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt July 1/44

Farm

Welding shoe on mower	1 50
Breeding 4 cows.	20 00
6 lbs. Sweet corn	3 00
Andrews Hardware Co	10 30
97 gall. of gas. 17	16 49
Ed. Curran 3 days. 3.00	9 00
A. Vanvooris	140 00
Wm H Barrett	145 00
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Sold:

Mrs. James P. Roosevelt	37.35
97 qts milk	12.61
11 " Cream.	9.90
15 lbs. Butter	7.20
85 doz. Eggs.	32.30
1 Hog	14.00
Gas.	5.00
Mrs. Plog Butter + Eggs.	2.70
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	127.06

Wm Plog

HYDE PARK, N. Y.

*Hyde Park garden*

*U-44*

*July 4*

1944

*Mrs Franklin D. Roosevelt*

*BF*

In account with **J. E. CLAY.**

**PAINTER AND DECORATOR**

Telephone 2F-4

*file*

*To Bill rendered  
for Bath & Corridor*

*\$ 91.35*

*Rec'd payment  
with thanks  
J. E. Clay*

PSF Hyde Park folder  
 3-44  
 Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
 sent to House from farm inquiry

553 gts milk .13	71.89
42 " Cream .90	37.80
46 lbs. Butter .48	22.08
81 doz Eggs .50	40.50
19 Broilers 72 Ws. .45	32.85
8 Hens. 46 1/2 " .42	19.63
	<u>224.75</u>
put 3 tons Hay coach stable	45.00
1/2 Ton Rye straw	12.50
	<u>282.25</u>

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

122 gts milk .13	16.77
16 1/2 " Cream .90	13.95
12 lbs. Butter .48	5.76
26 doz. Eggs .50	13.00
	<u>49.48</u>

Wm Plog

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt Aug 1/44

file

Garden

1 Long handle shovel	1 00
Jno De Groot 26 days	3 50
Louis Deffen	100 00
Chas Vancouver	75 00
Wm A. Plog	125 00
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	392 00
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	33 00
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Rent 5 00	359 00
wood 28 00	336 48
<u>33 00</u>	

Farm

Hyde Park Motor Co	9 00
Carving chair 12 1/2 house	2 50
100 gal Merosene	10 50
Lumber to ref. benches in GH.	12 75
3 bags cement	2 25
1 hr Hydrade Lime	55
Cartes Boettiger 30 hrs 25	7 50
Earl. Hecker 16 day 3 00	48 00
veg & flower seed	5 65
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	794 18

Wm A Plog

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt Aug 1/44

Farm

B. J. Burdick Blacksmith	7 00
110 Gall Gass 17	18 70
Breeding cow	5 00
Rep. binder	2 00
Weld Iron on binder	2 50
Ray Smith Sharp 9 Sets of Knives	3 00
" " 1 day	4 00
Al. Vanvoris 11 days.	52 34
Wm H. Barrett	145 00
A. Curman	8 00
David Downs. 3 weeks + 1 Sunday	56 00
Eddie Curman 4 "	78 00
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Mrs James R. Roosevelt 37 31  
wood 6 00  
Mrs. Plog Eggs 1 75  

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45 06

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt Aug 1/44

Frank Crain 2.6 days. 4.00

104 00

Harry Ellefson " " "

104 00

208 00

Wm. Plog

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HYDE PARK, N. Y.,

Aug 21

1944

M. President Franklin D. Roosevelt

In account with **J. E. CLAY**

**PAINTER AND DECORATOR**

Telephone 2F-4

*Hyde Park*  
*PSF*

as per contract for painting interior of Palm & Carnation house Bal on contract \$150.00

To extra work on Kitchen porch of House painting porch furniture, glazing shading green house etc

To 48 hrs work @ 1.00 = 48.00

Material used

1/2 gal porch paint 2.00

1 " white " 4.00

1 gal mix paint for small garage 4.00

1/2 " green house shading 2.00

white lead fully .30

Brush & spar Varnish 1.00

\$211.30

Rec'd payment  
with thanks  
J. E. Clay

NELSON C. BROWN  
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

*file*

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you so much for your grand letter of August 28th. It was indeed a welcome surprise to hear from you in your crowded hours.

Last week I saw a good deal of Gifford Pinchot in Milford, Pennsylvania, where I often go, and he told me of the fine visit he had with you. He spoke at a special town meeting in Milford devoted to stirring up public sentiment for a series of memorial community forests. I think we can get him to donate some land to help out locally.

I will be delighted to look over your Christmas trees to indicate those locations which can best be cut for the holiday season. If they take both table trees and the larger sizes, I think they could easily get 8,000 to 10,000 as a rough estimate. Later, I shall be able to make a more accurate count.

The Allied Control Commission in Italy has asked the Foreign Economic Administration to send over a specialist in forestry and in lumber requirements to advise with them and have asked me to go. As I have been in Italy several times and have a little decoration from the King, and speak the language somewhat, I may go over this late Fall for six months or so. If I do, I will see that everything possible is done regarding your Christmas tree cuttings and the plans for next spring.

REPRODUCED FROM THE ORIGINAL  
MANUSCRIPT BY  
NATIONAL ARCHIVES  
COLLECTION

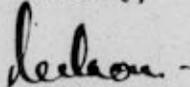
2.

I have had a real thrill over being associated with you for the past fourteen years. When I first looked over your woods in 1930, many sections contained small trees from ten to twenty inches in diameter. When we cut them recently, many of these trees were from fifteen to twenty-five inches or more in diameter. I agree that we should both live to see another cutting in the main woods. I think we will!

Here's wishing you all luck in the coming campaign. I got a good laugh over your press conference recently when they charged you with using Christmas trees as a basis of a political speech! O tempora, O mores!

Best regards.

Sincerely,



NELSON C. BROWN

NCB:M

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

September 13, 1944.

Hyde Park folder  
3-44

PSF

August 28, 1944.

Dear Nelson:

It was good to have your letter on my return and I am glad that you find the condition in the woods and among the Christmas trees so good. May we both live to see another cutting in the main woods.

I am very happy that the Christmas trees have come through the summer so well and I am sorry about the experimental western firs. It is worth trying them out.

I hope you can come on sometime this Fall before I make a contract with some chain store for the Christmas cutting. I should like to have you go over the places where you think we should cut and the number of trees you think we can get.

I am worried by the spruce bud-worm. I hope it will not spread. And I do not know whether any other variety of spruce are worm-proof or not.

As ever,

Professor Nelson C. Brown,  
New York State College of Forestry,  
Syracuse, New York.

NELSON C. BROWN  
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Dear President Roosevelt:

Our best congratulations to you and the country on your renomination and that fine radio address. You are the only one that can see this country through in the perplexing years ahead.

Recently I made a study of the condition of your woods and the roads after logging. Apparently the contractors have done a good job. I found an average of 93 trees eight inches and up in diameter left per acre on the cutover plots. Of these, 56 percent are oak and the balance consists of hemlock, ash, maple, white pine, yellow poplar, hickory and beech. In later thinning operations, the oaks should be favored for the final crop trees.

These facts indicate another possible selective cutting operation in 15 to 20 years or less, then a second cut in 30 to 40 years, and a third cut about 60 years hence. Thus, these woods are on a definite rotational basis and they may continue to yield sawlogs and other products indefinitely just as they have been cutover in the past from time to time.

The 30,000 trees planted in the Jones lot this spring are doing nicely, due largely to careful planting of good stock by Frank Draiss and favorable rains. The 200 experimental western firs did not do so well because their roots dried out in transit from the West. However, I thought they were worth a trial.

A good many Christmas trees should be cut next December. I suggested certain trimming and

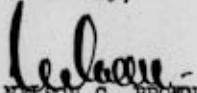
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releasing operations to Bill Plog and was glad to note that he was cutting off a number of spruce tips affected by the spruce bud-worm. Only five percent of the spruces, however, are affected by this insect.

A count of trees planted last spring indicated 93 percent to 96 percent survival, the balsam fir and Douglas fir suffering somewhat more than the Canadian white spruce and Norway spruce. However, the survival altogether has been most favorable.

With all good wishes for the coming campaign and knowing that the results are "in the bag,"

Sincerely,

  
NELSON C. BROWN

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

July 28, 1944.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

PST  
H.P.

October 14, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLOG:

I am sending you herewith the  
President's personal checks; one for  
\$632.61 and the other for \$208.00.

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

Hyde Park folder  
3-44

son: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Sent over to House from farm

383 qts Milk	49.99
29 1/2 - Cream	26.53-
44 lbs. Butter	22.00
60 doz. Eggs.	30.00
17 Roasting Chickens 4 1/2	40.28
89 1/2 lbs.	<u>168.82</u>

Sent over to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

87 qts Milk	11.31
14 1/2 - Cream	13.05-
8 lbs. Butter	4.00
26 doz. Eggs.	14.30
	<u>42.66</u>

Wm a Plog

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Oct: 1/44

Garden

4 files	1 30
8 bolts	21
can of roof cement	60
Electric part for washer in laundry	1 00
4 yds. cheese cloth	50
John De Groff 26 days	3 50
Louis Klepew	100 00
Chas. Vaneman	75 00
Wm A. Plog	125 00
	<hr/>
	3 94 61
Rent 10 00	20 00
Wood 10 00	
<u>20 00</u>	
	<hr/>
	374 61

Farm 205 34

Power lawn mower rep.	14 45
Shot garden horse	3 30
two rolls roofing paper	4 50
1 roll barbed wire	5 00
50 lbs. wood keller	15 00
3 boxes Ratsnap	2 69
two locks	1 90
Flower & veg. seeds	5 62
	<hr/>
	632 61

Wm A Plog

Merchants Natl.  
# 89 - Oct. 13, 1944  
for 632.61  
Aunt 10/14/44

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Oct 1st / 44

Farm

July 15-	put 2 shoes farm horse	1 50
" "	Clevis	50
Aug. 3	shoeing farm team	7 00
Sept. 15	5 1/2 lbs. Parchment Butter wrappers	1 19
" 26	Shoe farm team	5 00
-	Morse for cutting corn stalks	22 50
-	grinding feed	3 12
-	Andrews for milk filters	3 10
-	Hyde Park motor co. 2 fan belts	2 40
-	" " " Solder acetator	1 00
-	3 Gall Prestone	7 95
-	12 1/2 Gall Gas	21 39
	Dave Downs	30 00
	Ed. Curran	32 00
	Ray Smith putting wire in corn crib	5 00
	2 boys help in corn	24 00
	Wm H. Barritt	145 00
		<u>312 65</u>
		94 81
		<u>217 84</u>
		12 50
		<u>205 34</u>
Sold.		
Mrs. James R. Roosevelt	38 30	
17 qts Milk	2 21	
7 " Cream	6 30	
5 lbs. Butter	2 50	
10 doz. Eggs	5 50	
wood	39 00	
Mrs. Plog eggs	1 00	
	<u>94 81</u>	

Credit

OCT 12/44

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Frank Driss 26 days - 400	704 00
Harry Ellefensen " "	104 00
	<u>208 00</u>

First Natl Bank  
 of Proskopie #69 -  
 Oct. 13, 1944 for 208.00  
 Sent 10/4/44.

Wm A. Plog

PSF H.P.

Hyde Park Lodge  
Sunday Oct 15<sup>3-44</sup> / 44

Dear Miss Tully

Is there any possible <sup>chance</sup> to get a little money to pay men's put September accounts on your desk in coat room when the President was up hope you receive them hate to ask for it thank you

Sincerely

Wm. A. Fog

PSF  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*file  
H.P.*  
October 17, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. HAROLD L. ICKES:

Does your Public Park Service  
or your Historic Sites people have any  
second hand boilers for a greenhouse (small)  
which they want to sell? If so, I can  
give you specifications.

F.D.R.



СЛУЖЕБНИЙ КОМПЬЮТЕР СЛУЖБЫ ПРЕЗИДЕНТА  
ВНЕШНИЙ ОТДЕЛ  
В НАЧАЛЕ РАБОТЫ

НАПОМИНАНИЕ ДЛЯ ПРЕЗИДЕНТА:

Октябрь 12, 1944

ВАШИНГТОН  
БЕЛЫЙ ДОМ

**THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON**

October 12, 1944

REMINDER FOR THE PRESIDENT:

TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT A NEW  
BOILER FOR THE GREENHOUSE AT HYDE PARK.

G.

Miss Grace G. Tully.

Will you kindly see that the President  
get this note or tell Him about it  
Thanking you.

Wm. A. Plog

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> / 44

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Mr. Franklin

We have stop leak in GreenHouse  
furnace & the Plumber was up  
to day & look it over & thinks  
it may go this winter & thinks  
we could take an chance on it  
~~He~~ thinks we should wait a while  
before ordering a new one He  
does not gauranted it but said  
it should carry us through this  
winter

Respectfully

L. M. A. Plog

<sup>Boiler</sup>  
Birkham Boiler Co  
Isaacson, N.Y.

Carey Son - New York  
<sup>agent</sup>

American Radiator Co  
New York City

J. A. Johnson }  
for P. S. Pen } Longhemp

W. H. McHain Co  
Michigan City, Ind

Intestate P. S. Co  
agent Longhemp N.Y.

Old Boiler  
ideal American  
No 2909

Rated at 25,000 ft -  
(advance Plumbing) Co  
135 Townsend

file  
H.P.

PSI<sup>2</sup> Hyde Park folder  
3-44

October 20, 1944.

Dear Elmer:-

This has nothing to do with the Election and, therefore, can wait until after the Election.

It is to remind you of my problem about the Roosevelt Memorial Library in Hyde Park. As you know, the Library had a substantial surplus at the time of my Mother's death but this is almost exhausted and, while my wife and I have renewed and paid our subscriptions, the time is arriving very shortly when I must do something about the future of the Library. As the children are scattered to the four winds, we cannot expect it to be kept up by the family in the future.

I wish you would take it up with the Town Board and put the problem up to them. If the Library is not taken over by the town, it seems inevitable that I shall have to close the building as a Library, alter into a one family or two family house, and get enough out of it in the way of rent so as to at least cover taxes and repairs. The other alternative is for me to sell it.

I should hate to do either of these things and I have felt that it has been of service to our community in the past and that with the increasing population it can be of

Free Library

even greater service in the future.

Please think this over and let me know  
when I am home around Election Day.

Always sincerely,

Hon. Elmer Van Wagner,  
Hyde Park,  
Dutchess County,  
New York.

Hyde Park, N. Y.  
Oct. 29, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt,

Since the war started I have had very little chance to talk to you alone. A matter which has bothered me very much for two years is nearing a climax.

Here is my problem. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> I will be 56, past the civil service limit, past the age in normal times when most people will hire a man. The war has done more to me than appears on the surface. I have already raised what would be a normal sized family. Just when they could help me the war took them. When they come back they will be ready to be

married. They went willingly and I ain't kicking.

I have five little ones yet in school which means at least another ten years hard work at a time when I should be slowing up a little. But I always had a good reputation as a worker and did not slow up when I hired out to you. You gave me work when I needed it and I am still very grateful. But the future does not look good.

This is the worst part of my story. Two years ago I developed a bad case of bronchitis which the doctor says is chronic. It was very bad all last winter and I am off to a flying start again.

Many years ago I made a complete recovery from T. B. but was warned to be careful of my lungs.

I cough very hard every morning. It is hard to start out on a miserable

receiving and get chilled, eat lunch in the cold truck and return home every night wondering if the next day will have to be the last.

But I am still able to do a good days work and am far from being a wreck.

My greatest fear is that if I keep on I may last one, two or three years more and then oblivion.

Several times I have ~~not~~ spoken of the full time labor job in the library vacated by Lonnie Lynch and later by Jim Bayless which I understand is still open.

Knowing only yourself could help me I have never said anything to Mr. Plain.

Frankly I am up a tree and would like to talk things over with you the next time you come to Hyde Park.

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sition is.

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job perhaps it could also be arranged  
so I could help Mr. Plog harvest the tree  
crop this year and help out in other things  
until the labor shortage improves.

At any rate I would be glad to talk to  
you as it is so much easier to explain  
things than by writing.

At last reports the boys were all well.  
Best wishes for your success Nov. 7.

Respectfully

Frank E. Davis.

PSF

Hyde Park folder  
3-44

November 2, 1944.

Dear Frank:-

I will be up for Election Day and will have a good talk with you, and also I shall have a chance to talk with Mr. Shipman at the Library.

My best wishes to you,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Frank E. Draiss,  
Hyde Park,  
Dutchess County,  
New York.

HP  
~~Franklin~~  
Full

COPY

Hyde Park, N. Y.  
Octo. 29, 1944.

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White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Frank E. Draiss

*PSF Hyde Park folder 3-44*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*PSF*

October 31, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. PLOG:

How many square feet of  
radiation is required in the small green-  
house?

F.D.R.



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON 25 D. C.

OCT 30 1944

U.S. WHITE HOUSE  
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My dear Mr. President:

The National Capital Parks have no surplus boilers, but I have learned that several are available at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. They have a rating of approximately 3,000 square feet radiation and should be adequate for a small green house.

Sincerely yours,

*Harold L. Ickes*

Secretary of the Interior.

The President,

The White House.

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\* OFFICE \*  
THE SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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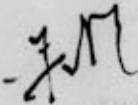
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MEMORANDUM FOR

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or your Historic Sites people have any  
second hand boilers for a greenhouse (small)  
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give you specifications.

F.D.R.



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*Hyde Park folder*  
*3-44*  
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November 14, 1944.

Dear Nelson:

Thanks for your note, and at the same time, all the good luck in the world on your trip to Italy. Keep in touch with me.

In regard to next spring's planting, I hate to plant nothing and I suggest that we put in Douglas in the eastern most lot because they seem to do best on hilly ground. I think we could take ten or fifteen thousand of them and put in replacements on the rest of the land. I would really like to plant twenty or twenty-five thousand trees to keep the record going.

Have a grand time.

As ever yours,

*"F. D. R."*

Professor Nelson C. Brown,  
N. Y. State College of Forestry,  
Syracuse, New York.

Dear Louis Field:

Many thanks if you  
will pass this along.

What a magnificent  
victory!!!

Belmont Brown.

NELSON C. BROWN  
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Dear Mr. President,

Congratulations on the magnificent victory. They can't beat The Old Master.

During the past month or more I have tried to find some suitable trees for planting on your place next spring. The Conservation Department at Albany, our own Experimental Nursery in Syracuse and private nurseries do not seem to have any Douglas fir, balsam fir, Canadian white spruce or other species that I would recommend planting for next spring.

Because of the invasion of white pine weevil on the Norway spruce, I am somewhat hesitant about planting more of this kind. It is very strange that after planting Norway spruce for a good many years on your place, the first evidence of any infestation was in June, 1944. It may be controlled and we will do everything possible to cut off the tips and burn them before July 1, as is necessary.

Private nurseries want \$40. to \$60. per M for their Fraser fir and a very steep price for Canadian white spruce and other species as compared with the \$4. to \$5. that you have been paying to the State nurseries.

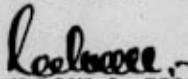
If agreeable to you, it may be well to wait until the spring of 1946 before renewing planting operations and devote our time to improving the crown development and tips of the Christmas trees that are now coming along in large numbers. I think the time and expense would be well justified. Of course we could plant red pine or other species but these would not do for Christmas trees.

-2-

I shall leave for Italy late this month or early in December and I am in touch with Mayor LaGuardia whom I used to know in Italy during the first World War. I will probably be back in the late spring or early summer and will be glad to follow through with anything that requires attention at Hyde Park.

We all thoroughly enjoy the splendid talks you have given.

Sincerely,

  
NELSON C. BROWN

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

November 8, 1944

Hyde Park road

3-44

~~Hyde Park road~~

I see Lewis Tully

PSE file 11-27-

Many thanks for 70<sup>44</sup>

will pass this along. I presume  
you received check for \$608.70 for  
the timber shown on the map as  
Plot. 6. for the Hudson Valley timber Co

Regards - Leonard Brown.

W. A. Plog  
Hyde Park Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>/44

Dear Miss Tully

PSK

The Atlantic Co call up about  
the Christmas trees they said they  
did not hear from the President  
& wanted to know if there bid was  
good. as it is getting late I wrote  
to Mr Boyel 202 Warren St & told  
him to send me a copy of his letter  
& if prices was good & also let me  
know how many trees he wanted  
I will hear from him in couple  
of days I have some dealers who  
would take all the Douglas  
Balsam we have will you please  
let me know if the President has  
any orders for the trees Hope the  
President is enjoying his stay at  
Warm Springs  
Sincerely W. A. Plog

Hy de Par 18 Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> /44

Dear Miss Tully

file

As I have not receive no check  
for November account I wonder if  
it is possible to get some <sup>money</sup> for the  
men I have been helping them out  
as it is so near Christmas & they  
would like to buy something  
you probably have send it if so  
you can destroy ~~little~~ thanking  
you for your kindness Please tell  
the President that we have cut  
3200 Christmas trees for Atlantic  
Commission & they are sending  
their trucks tomorrow the 18 Dec.  
Kind regards to all.

Respectfully

Wm A Plog

Dear Miss Tully

I am enclosing accounts  
for November. Will you  
kindly give enclosed letter  
to the President thanking  
you.

Sincerely

Wm A. Flagg

Dec. 9/44  
To: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Mr Franklin

The Atlantic call me up & wanted to know if their bid was good so I told them to send me a copy of the bid as there <sup>was</sup> a bid a little more than last year & ~~the~~ higher than the rest & they are taking all the <sup>trees</sup> we have to sell this year. <sup>well</sup> quite a few locals will have about 32 Hundred for Atlantic commission so they are sending their trucks up on the 18 of this month start cutting the trees today. Hoping you enjoy your trip at Warm Springs

Respectfully  
Wm A Plog

Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Sent over. To House from farm

301 gts Milk	3913
18 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " Cream	7665-
41 lbs. Butter	2050
59 doz. Eggs.	2950
6 Roasting Chickens 37 lbs. 45	1665-
2 Hens. 11 lbs. 42	462
1 bu. Potatoes	225-
1 " seconds in for Robert	150
	<u>130,80</u>

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

12 gts milk	156
5 " Cream	540
6 lbs. Butter	300
7 doz. Eggs	385-
	<u>1381</u>

Wm A Plog

Hyde Park field  
Dec. 11/44 3-44

How: Franklin D. Roosevelt

PSF

Garden wood

7 lengths of stove pipes & two elbows	2	80
nail shoe on horse		75-
2 Strainers for house		38
John DeGross		91 00
Louis Dupar		100 00
Charles Gancuran		75 00
Wm A. Plog		125 00
Parcel Post on butter to Syosset		36
		<u>395 49</u>
Farm	160	88
		8 50
New wheel for scraper		25 61
Parts & repairs to pick up		6 75-
50 sheets medium board		<u>597 23</u>
1 load of wood	6	00
		<u>591 23</u>

Wm A. Plog

How: Franklin D Roosevelt

Dec. 1/44

Farm

4 Tractor plow Shares		13 00
70 gallons Gas: 17		11 90
Electric light bulbs.		81
		15 00
Ray Smith for new storm door & window & labor		39 50
David Downs.		40 50
Ed. Curran		145 00
Wm H. Barrett		263 71
		<u>99 83</u>
Sold.		165 88
Mrs. James R. Roosevelt 38.20		55 00
21 qts milk	2 73	220 88
11 - cream	9 90	
5-lbs Butter	2 50	
37 doz. Eggs.	18 50	
8 lbs. Potatoes	18 00	
Ray Smith 2 loads wood	10 00	
	<u>99 83</u>	

Bought one bull	55 00
Sold 1 cow.	60 00
	<u>160 88</u>

Dec. 1/44

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

men cut wood & trim Spruces

Frank Drass 26 days .400	104 00
Harry Ellerson " " "	104 00
New Battery for Dump truck	11 45 -
rental Battery	30
Hose	15 -
labor	60
	<hr/>
	220.50

Wm. A. Plog

WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

December 28, 1944.

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Hyde Park  
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Hyde Park  
7-11*

*3-44*

The President,  
The White House.

Dear Mr. President:

I have your memorandum dated December 16, 1944 regarding the disposition of the Military Police training camp at Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York. The records of this office indicate that the camp to which you refer is located on the property known as the Rogers Estate.

In a letter of December 7, 1944 from the Acting Secretary of War, you were advised that there were no plans for the removal of the Military Police detachment stationed on the subject property. The War Department has leased the property from Second District Realty Corporation, a Corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York and a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, on a yearly basis with option of renewal for the duration of the war and six months thereafter. The detachment will unquestionably stay there for this period or until the Secret Service has no further need for this assistance. Should this need be terminated by the Secret Service prior to the end of the war, the property would be returned to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The postwar need for stationing Military Police in this vicinity has not been determined. Should there be no postwar need for the property by the War Department, this circumstance will be reported to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the War Department lease cancelled.

In view of the interests of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of The Interior, those agencies will be informed by the War Department as soon as practicable of its requirements for the property, in order that those agencies may complete their plans for the development of an agricultural and forestry demonstration project.

Respectfully yours, .

*Henry L. Stimson*

Secretary of War.



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR  
THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*x25*

Will you please let me know if the War Department has any plans in regard to the disposition of the M. P. Training Camp at Hyde Park, Dutchess County, N. Y. Also, whether it is making any recommendations as to the use of the property. *x1260*

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The property was bought by the R. F. G. just before the outbreak of war, I think, for use by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Interior as an agricultural and forestry demonstration project. When the war broke out it was allocated to the Army for M. P. training purposes.

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x6*

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x1-26  
x149*

*x324*

F. D. R.

WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

*E. A. Tamm*

*file*

DEC 7 1944

The President,  
The White House.

Dear Mr. President:

I have investigated the rumors concerning the Army vacating the Rogers Place, next to your Hyde Park estate and find that they are entirely without foundation.

The subject property known as the Rogers Estate with the buildings thereon known as Crumwold Hall was leased by the War Department from the Second District Realty Corporation effective August 14, 1942 at \$13,592 per annum with an option for renewal for the duration and six (6) months thereafter and contains 741.77 acres of land. Title is vested in the Second District Realty Corporation, a subsidiary of the Consolidated Realty Corporation, which realty corporation is owned by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Military Police are stationed on the property at the request of the White House Secret Service detail. The Army will be prepared to move them or reduce their numbers only when the Secret Service, which has primary responsibility, feels this can be done.

Respectfully yours,

*R. H. P. Tamm*

Acting Secretary of War



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

25-1111

November 27, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF WAR x25

I get rumors that the Rogers <sup>x seen</sup>  
place next to mine at Hyde Park <sup>x PP71128</sup>  
will soon be vacated by the Army <sup>x1260</sup>  
which for several years has been  
using it for training Military  
Police. #

I do not know who is in  
charge of this but I wish you  
would send them a memorandum  
asking if they will let me know  
well in advance if the Military  
Police are taken away. The  
property belongs to the Govern-  
ment and arrangements must be  
made for its use by some other  
Agency -- probably the Department <sup>x1</sup>  
of Agriculture or the Department <sup>x6</sup>  
of the Interior.

F. D. R.

No papers accompanied the original of this  
memorandum to the Secretary of War.

MISS TULLY:

August 29, 1942

G. G. T.

For the President's information.

G. T. E.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON

25-7171

August 25, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EARLY:

The President has been interested in the establishment of a Military Police Company on the Rogers estate near Hyde Park. x1260

In connection with our "occupation," I think he would like to know that we do not find it necessary to make any interior or exterior changes on the estate as it now stands except to install a hot water heater, a 600 gallon hot water tank, and additional showers and plumbing facilities. The Department of Agriculture has been notified, and it is glad to have us make these installations. x117/128

A small amount of painting will have to be done within the house, but of course none of the fine woodwork or floors will be touched. No partitioning or other construction work will be necessary.

You may wish to call these matters to the attention of the President in view of his interest.

J. M. C.

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WASHINGTON

October 17, 1942.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HASSETT:

Title to the Rogers Estate at Hyde Park is held by the Second District Realty Corporation, of New York City, a subsidiary of the RFC. The corporation's representative for the property is George W. Healy. The War Department is occupying the site pending negotiation of a lease between the Department and the Realty Corporation. The proposed lease will probably call for our paying the fixed charges, which embrace about \$6500 in taxes, about \$5000 in maintenance, and about \$925 in insurance.

The gardens, trees and grounds are at present being maintained by a civilian superintendent and three civilian workers, all in the employ of the Realty Corporation.

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May 15, 1945

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the History of the Hyde Park Estate which the President started but unfortunately, was not able to finish. At the time, the President directed Dorothy Brady to send the copy to Mr. Ronalds of the National Park Service so I am enclosing another copy for him if you wish him to have it.

I do hope to see you and Jane very soon. My best to you both,

As ever,

GRACE G. TULLY

The Honorable  
The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures - 2 copies of "History of the President's Estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. with Anecdotes."

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1945.

My dear Grace:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the history of the President's Hyde Park Estate. I assume that Mrs. Roosevelt has a copy of this. If she hasn't, I will be glad to send her one. The draft that you sent me will go to the National Park Service which in due course will undoubtedly issue a history of the Estate.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Interior.

Miss Grace G. Tully,  
The White House.

HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENT'S ESTATE  
AT HYDE PARK, N. Y.  
WITH ANECDOTES

This place was part of the nine water lots and first became a fairly large estate about 1740 when a New York merchant moved here with his family and his son by the same name had a shooting accident and shot out both his eyes. He loved the place so much that it was named Krum Elbow, the name being applied at about this time to both sides of the Crooked Elbow. His letters, however, were dated from Krum Elbow so there is no question about the historical legitimacy of the term.

He lived at what was later known as Belfield, now the Newbold Morgan house. His son conceived the idea of putting a complete row of trees on both sides of the King's Highway which was improved at about that time, though it had always been the trail between New York and Albany. Many of the trees are still growing on the side of the Highway in 1948. During this period each of the nine water lots had a road to the river and a dock. The lower one on the present place ran past Mrs. James R. Roosevelt's house and thence to the river on the south river road, but before reaching the cove turned left from the present road and in the woods are the foundations of an old house inside the track. Tradition says that this spot was also used in the Revolution as an observation post with a possible gun or two, as it designated the approach from the south up the Langer Rock long reach. This is the exact beginning of the four mile crew course for intercollegiate regattas.

The present river road from back of the stable was built by my father about 1870. The next access to the river at that time was the road called Stone Cottage Road which started at the Newbold Morgan place and is substantially in the same location. These access roads from each water lot

served a good part of the territory between Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park village and probably ran back to the first depth of the lots four and a half miles from the river and were used for produce. Also at this time it should be noted that hay and corn were shipped in large quantities to New York City -- the hay for the bus horses and later the streetcar horses. The county was known as a great corn producer, but the land gradually ran out.

My farm on the Creek Road was mentioned in the 1830's as having grown the largest amount of corn per acre in Dutchess County. Lack of rotation and fertilizer soon seriously injured the producing value of all farms in this section. I think the records will show that the value per acre in this section was higher in the 1830's and 1840's than it was in the 1910 to 1920 period.

The first family living here must have been of some prominence because the house, about 1,000 feet east of Mrs. James R. Roosevelt's house, was called "the mansion" on an old map dated about 1790. This house burned down and was replaced about 1810 by the present square house of typical Hudson River architecture. The straight hall through from east to west, two rooms on one side, the dining room on the other side and a stairway and pantry on the same side.

In this house the kitchen was in the basement -- a rather usual custom. My brother, James R. Roosevelt, built an addition on the north end.

This original house must have been built about 1740 as I remember several trees on the drive that must have been at least as old as that.

Speaking of trees, the fields in front of my house and his house prove that an Indian encampment existed here before the white man came. The old oak tree in front of the Library and on the lot south of the Avenue must, of course, have grown up under field conditions and this existed only where Indians had cleared the land and cultivated it. About 1920 one of these trees got so old, I had to take it down. And the rings at the base proved that it dated from about 1690. Furthermore, a good many arrowheads have been found in plowing. Probably this Indian cultivation is not true of the east side of the Post Road because I can remember no similar very old trees. There were, of course, no white men here in 1690.

The oldest untouched forest borders the River Road from the field below the house to the swamp. It is one of the very few primeval forests on the river. It has never been lumbered and only live trees which had blown over have been cut up. The forest north of the original place has, however, been lumbered from time to time. Colonel Archibald Rogers developed the timber there on the strip between the line of the original place and the stone cottage road which was bought by me in about 1930, was well developed by 1944, and I took much oak out of this for war shipping purposes.

About 1000 feet north of the present railroad siding was a piece of land outside of the track and my father, who did much rowing in a wherry, built a boat house here and during my early days I was taught to row -- sometime about 1810.

The land between James R. Roosevelt's house and the Morgan house was sold to a farmer named Holbrook. He put up a square Hudson River type house which is today part of the main house. A series of additions were made.

Holbrook owned the main part of the place to the river, but sold it in about 1855 to the Wheelers, she being a daughter of Mr. Bowman, the President of the New York Central, who had bought the Newbold Morgan house. The Wheelers added the tier on the south and a kitchen on the north. The profile of the house thus resembling a train of cars. This is the house in which I was born.

In 1866 the original family house, Mt. Hope, which is now the site of the Hudson River State Hospital, burned down while my father and his first wife were abroad. The tradition was that they had rented it during the summer to a New York family and this family's butler was thoroughly bored with the country and wished to go back to New York. He is supposed to have set the house on fire in order to return to the city. In the original Mt. Hope house was the only ghost in the family.

The tradition is that about once a year, especially when visitors were staying in the house, everybody was awakened by the sound of something like a stone cannon ball being rolled down the marble stairs. Many people heard it, including my own father. It sounded as if the ball was started from the top step, gathered momentum and landed with a crash in the main hall. When the house burned, there were found in the ruins of the cellar three stone cannon balls. That is all there is to it.

My father inherited Mt. Hope from his grandfather James Roosevelt in 1848 at the time of his graduation from Union College. He lived there until 1866 when the house was burned and had started a trotting stable. When they returned

from Europe they were looking for a place where they could live and maintain the stable. The Wheeler place was for sale and my father bought it and moved the stable to it. The present carriage house was used for the driving horses and the barn taken down about 1910 directly below the hill was used for the brood mares. It was here in 1870 that the famous Gloucester was bred and my father had a trotting course on the field south of the avenue. My father had a theory that length of stride counted in speed and he bred primarily for this purpose. The stride of every colt was measured in the sun or on the ice of the Hudson River where at that time much trotting was done in the winter.

Gloucester was a large horse with a record stride. No horse had ever trotted to a high-wheeled sulky in under two minutes and twenty seconds, but Gloucester established a world record which held for many years. However, it was broken as soon as the rubber tired sulky came in. Gloucester's trotting records went down and down until in 1873 he trotted in 2.17 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The following autumn, my father sold Gloucester to a gentleman who had driven up from the station in a frock coat and silk hat and announced himself as Leland Stanford of California. My father received a record price for those days, especially for a gelding -- \$15,000 for Gloucester.

Senator Stanford shipped him out to Palo Alto and the following spring, after being conditioned, he was sent down by a freight train to San Francisco. But the train was wrecked on the way and Gloucester was killed. The stable boy who was with him and lived in Goshen cut the horse's tail off and presented it to me while I was Governor in 1930. I still have it hanging in my bedroom.

Soon after this time my father gave up racing trotters because he felt that the game had become too crooked. I can well remember two of the old string of trotters -- my father's saddle horse, 16.2, and named Doolittle and a mare named Josie who was the regular driving horse for years.

In the blizzard of 1888, which I remember very well, we were cut off from the farm across the road. In those days there were few refrigerating facilities and practically no canned goods. At the end of four days we had just about run out of food and my father mounted Doolittle and finally got through the snow drifts as far as the farm gate on the Post Road. Here he was met by the farmer who had shoveled his way out on the top of the stone wall and delivered some milk, cream, cheese, eggs and a couple of chickens to my father, who managed to get back safely to the house. We finally reestablished communications, though as I remember it, the Post Road itself was impossible to use for at least a week after the snow started.

The Holbrooks and Wheelers did very little farming as the present farm went with the next place which was bought by my father from the Boreels in 1867. Parts of the present farm buildings probably date back to about 1770, though it is possible that a portion of the barn and the farm house itself were built earlier.

The main house was remodeled by my mother and myself in 1912. The central square is substantially the same except that what was known as the south parlor was cut in half. The eastern half being what my mother called the snugery, and the western half is the passage way from the main hall down four or five steps to the big library, occupying the stone addition.

This part is fireproof. Another fireproof part was put on north of the main house and contains the servants' sitting room and my study. This also is fireproof.

On remodeling the house the outside clapboards were removed from the original main beams. It represents a method of construction fairly common in the early Nineteenth Century. Between the main uprights diamond-shaped timbers were placed and inside of the diamond and the side gaps were filled with a composition of mud and hay. This is still the structure of the main part of the house. It is interesting to note that in 1912 the wood in this structure was in far better condition than the wood in the north wing, which was built about forty years later, which at that time had to be partially renewed because you could stick a pencil through it.

The tradition is that the timbers of the original house were cut on the place and are partly oak and partly white pine.

The architect who redesigned the house in 1912 was Francis W. Hoppen of New York and the contractor was Elliott Brown, who had built many country houses. He was called "Tiny" Brown, center of the Princeton Football Team and weighed about 250 pounds.

The room in which I was born is the southeast corner of the original tower -- the one directly over the snugery. It also has been cut in half -- the eastern half with the fireplace being still a bedroom and the western half part of the hallway going into the new south wing. The furniture in this room is the same as it was before. Until after my mother's death, this furniture had been moved into her room -- the southeast corner of the new wing. She moved it out in 1912 and we moved it back.