PSF: Hyde Park, 1944-1945

PSF
Subject File
Box # 154
Dear Miss Fulery,

I am enclosing account for farm garden &eden cutting brush & wood I also for 1944 license for trucks & station car I got notice that car of coal was shipped on Dec 30 they 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

W M A. Plow
Hans Franklin D. Roosevelt

sent to house from farm:

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(710 eggs gathered)
Jan 1st 1944

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Jan 143

Man help with trees trees cutting brush

Frank Dpass 27 days. 400 108.00
Harry Elfferson 23 2 102.00

$210.00

W. A. Spy
Jan. 1/43

Hon: Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Farm

Granding feed 3.40
232 lb. Pea Coal 14.62
95 lb. Coal 16.15
100 lb. H. Barret 125.00

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20.00

Frank Smith

103.00

284.17

128.29

Sold:

Mrs. James R. Roosevelt 43.03

130 lb. Milk 16.90

3/4 gal. Cream 3.15

120 doz. Eggs Medium 50.00

50 1/2 Large 30.00

Mrs. H. Smith Doz. Eggs. 2.80

133.88
**To**

**THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY**

**DESTINATION**

**ROUTE**

**CONSIGNOR**

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

**DATE**

15-4-44

**PRO. NO.**

219

**POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. STATION**

**DR.**

P. F.

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**AGENCY**

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

219

**NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY**

Dear Miss Fuller:

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

Sincerely,

Ludwig Berman.

1/11/44.
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. Plog 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 32-inch cucumber trees below the house have not been marked and will not be cut. I made this clear to both Plog 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 $2,750 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,

[Signature]

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.

[Date] 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.
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
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.
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

(copied filed - Mrs. Nesbit folder, 4-44)
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

(copies in Mrs. Nesbit folder, v-vv)
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Commentary:

PSF Hyde Park for Dr. 3-14

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Hope Franklin O. Roosevelt
Miss Tully

I am enclosing accounts for January, if you wish you can wait till the first of March or later. With grace.

Hyde Park, March 3, 44
Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt

sent over to house in January

203 qts. Milk 39.39
15 1/2 lbs. Cream 13.50
29 lbs. Butter 15.75
50 lbs. Eggs 20.00
3 lb. Potatoes 3.00
2 bars 96c 3.60
11 Roosters 60 1/2 c. 23.50

\[ \text{Total} \] 120.89

Wm. A. Fisk
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Wm. P. Pope
Feb. 1st 14

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Farm
- Shoveling Farm Teams: $9.00
- Filling Hoss Wood Saw: $1.50
- 75' All Pass 17: $12.75
- 1 Basket: $0.75
- 1 Boy Milk Cans: $0.70
- Milk Strainer: $0.65
- Phil Gas Bo: $4.89
- H. Barrett: $12.50
- M. Stone: $20.00

Frank Smith: $105.00

For grinding feed: $2.70

Sold from farm:
- Mrs. W. Roosevelt: $8.57
- 133 qts. Milk: $17.27
- 7 1/2 - Cream: $6.75
- 2 Bushels: $3.96
- Wood: $10.60
- 3 Bales, Oat Straw: $3.82
- 24 Pounds Butter + Eggs: $2.70

Subtotal: $28.29 (Corrected: $28.24)

9.367

18.927

Total: $39.22

93.67
Dear Miss Pully,

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 on for his fourth term. Do hope he does.

Regards, [Name]
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...
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,

[Signature]

Nelson C. Brown

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

February 11, 1944.
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 Wagner,
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 Committees 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. Forthy, 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 Wagen, 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 $2,000. Another was the estate of Col. Edmund Roger, with a valuation of $13,000, 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 the 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, Clor Engle of California, Carl M. La Compte of Iowa and J. Edgar Chenoweth of Colorado. Assemblyman Harold C. Oertag of Attica, N. Y., presided for the New York State committee.
# BILL FOR TREES

STATE OF NEW YORK
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
Albany, N. Y.

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All checks payable to Conservation Department. Trees F.O.B. Nursery. Notice of shipment will be sent in advance. For permanent record return this bill for receipt.

### 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.

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

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Ship to President Franklin D. Roosevelt
o/o Wm. Plog
Station: Hyde Park
County of Dutchess, N. Y.
Notify: Wm. Plog, Hyde Park and
P. O. Nelson C. Brown, Forestry College, Syracuse NY
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,
Mannet, New York.
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

[Signature]

Marshall Rooney, President

MR/hje
Enc.

All agreements are made contingent upon strikes, fires, floods, accidents, delays of carriers and other delays unavoidable or beyond our control. All quotations are made for prompt acceptance. Subject to change without notice.
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 Mrs. Tuttle,

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 decided to mention it! It was so nice to see you again Saturday.

Best regards,

J. Samuel Brown
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 for 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,

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**

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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

Tally by R. J. POWER

Marked by NELSON G. BROWN

Assisted by FREE, ROONEY, PLOG, and DICK POWER, Jr.
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 sent it already thanking you for your kindness sincerely

W.A. Hog
This Grace Tully  Feb. 20th 144

Dear Mr. Tully,

I am enclosing plumber bill
had to repair grate for Robert T. W.,
over garage als farm feed till
for January both are correct.

You can tell the President that the
men finish cutting logs I am
busy drawing them out now
men are cutting cord wood.

Thanking you for your kindness

Sincerely

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Total: 563.07
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Feb. Sent to Horse from farm in February

308 lbs. milk 4004
11/2 lb. cream 11.35
40 lbs. butter 20.00
48 doz. eggs 19.20
3 round 11 lb. 42 46.2
6 Roasting chicken 14 85 33 1/3 lb. 4 5
1 lb. seed potatoes 1 50

11 13 5 6

Sent 8 lb. butter to
Dr. F. D. Roosevelt 4.00
S. B. Roosevelt 2.50
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- W.M. A. Fry
**Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt**  March 12th 44

- February
- Men cutting brush and wood

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Wm. A. Pfof
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
By de Pon March 7th

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Mr. Franklin,

Andrew's Hardware Store has a new 100 gallon sprayer on sale.
I went down to look at it, and it is alright.
I would like the tank a little larger, but they didn't have any 150 gallon sprayers.
I saw a 110 gallon sprayer for $3.50 a gallon. They were asking $3.75. I told them I would like to buy one, but they are holding it a few days. If you have any prospect of getting one or loaning one till we get the spraying done, when you were up, we spoke about spraying. We said you would look in to it to see what you could do if you think the price is too high. Let me know.

I will try to have the men have the ladders cut and ready for the sprayer.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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

PLOT 1
172 TREES 28,270 B.F.

PLOT 4
248 TREES
44,630 B.F.

PLOT 5
117 TREES 27,925 B.F.

PLOT 6
115 TREES 20,490 B.F.

PLOT 2
78 TREES 20,290 B.F.

WHITE PINE PLANTATION

ROGERS PLACE

LIBRARY

MAIN HOUSE

Dairy Farm
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
New York. 19

M.

Ackerly & Sandiford
Wholesale Fish Dealers
8 and 9 FULTON FISH MARKET

[Handwritten]:
9/360 120

[Handwritten]:
40/45 5

[Handwritten]:
PAID

[Handwritten]:
10/40
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. E. F. Fitzgerald
Security Bldg.
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.

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, 4/4/44
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
Mrs. Barrett on farm would like to know if you would have one bed room painted & papered & front porch painted or clay would the room for 22.90 Thoreau inside of screens for 20.00 & ashes 10 more for outside of doors.

Harry Johansen who lives in Tomkeins House is putting in bath room & is buying tub & doing the work. I 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 dollars will do it less if he can you can let me know if.
April 1st, 1904

Miss Grace G. Tully

Dear Miss Tully,

I am enclosing March accounts for the place also received a bill from Advance Plumbing Co. which is correct we had to send for them. Hope the President is much better.

You can tell them 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 I will plant 6 hickory trees. I came up and will plant them as soon as the frost is out of ground.
April 13th 44

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Sent over to house from farm for March month:

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt April 12th 1944

Account of Men Cutting Brushwood

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**Total:** 217.35

Wood Pile
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Grace —

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

.60 a blue point
per person per meal.

.93 a red point
per person per meal.

.05 a sugar point
per person per meal.

This includes servants as well as guests.
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
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

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.
Bank of More Smith  April 4 144
1910 N. Spencer
1407 W.
1311 Balsam
47 28

South of yellow barn north of Balsam lot
214 N. Spencer
214 W. -
214 Balsam c. 7352 25 -
57 Aspen -
25- conifer
31 3  Balsam
2737
James lot
3 663 N. Spencer
49 85 W.
60 07 Balsam
198 Noble Fir and River Pine trees
193 Silver -

22 36 7
41 2 Y
27 5 7
29 2 4 2
29 3 4 1
20

White Cedar
83 magnificent Cedar lot

106 South red pine lot
139 White lot
Miss Grace Tully

April 18th 1944

Dear Miss Tully,

Bill from Hyde Park Motor is correct. We had to overhaul our farm truck and a lot of work was done to it. I am enclosing a check for $50.00. It is the balance for the work done.

Miss Tully, you can tell Mr. Greenlee that my wife and I are going to order the fertilizers for the farm.

We are very busy preparing the dirt for planting. My wife and I are planning to plant some vegetables and flowers this year.

Kindly,

Wm. A. Pfoh

P.S. Paid $30.00

P.S. 44

Jan 1
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. He is enjoying his trip south thanking you North.
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<td>Louis Depulu</td>
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<td>Chas. Taraswan</td>
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Total: 392.81
May 15th, '44

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Sent to home from farm in April

245-qt. Milk 318.50
24 lb. Butter 103.20
26 doz. Eggs 91.00
2 lbs.  4.00

$35.47

1 ton Hay for Coald Stable 18.00
3/4 straw  18.75

$39.22

With appreciation.
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**Subtotal:** 479.12

**Total:** 206.43

**Grand Total:** 272.59
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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, May 15th/44
P.S. = Hyde Park folder

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Frank Draus 63-02

Boy, planting trees 225-26

290.25

With A Ploog
Dear Mr. President:

On April 23th 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 23th 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.
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.
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<td>3 1/2 days</td>
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Total: $113.75
— PSF — May 31, 1944

Miss Grace Tully

Dear Miss Tully,

I am enclosing May accounts for the place you can tell the President that Lumber Company have finish drawing on the Boys 9th Free said he would be right scrape roads & has bridge to repair thank you for your kindness

Sincerely

With, PSF
Franklin D. Roosevelt
Sent over to House from farm May

298 qts Milk 38.09
7½ lb. Cream  6.75
29 lb. Butter  13.92
37 doz. Eggs  12.35
½ bushel Potatoes 7.50
4 fowls 2½ lbs.  9.13
41.59

1 ton Hay Coach Stable 18.00
   99.39
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**Total:** $596.60
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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  June 1st/44

### July 15 to 31st

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**Amount due:** $700

**Amount paid:** $700

**Amount owing:** $0
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.
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.
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 4,123 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
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.
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 LEANEY
PRESIDENT

MR. H.
ENCLOSURE.

Check #153
Sent 2/5 11th Bank Of
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
4/10/44

All agreements are made contingent upon strikes, fires, floods, accidents, delays of carriers and other delays unavoidable or beyond our control.

All quotations are made for prompt acceptance. Subject to change without notice.
I had to get a man wagon to put cracked wall in Bathroom Hall for few days before he could finish them, when he finished, 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 if you like it when you visit.

From A. P.

Bathroom Hall 18.45
Front Porch 73.90

Hyde Park; February 5, 1944

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt P.S.
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**Total:** $94.35
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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. Flog 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

II 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 War Regulations to ship you during the month the following number of cars of Domestic and Buckwheat:

Domestic: 1

Buckwheat: 0

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.
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Per
# North River Coal Company

**Sold To:**
11 Thomas St., Kingston, N.Y.

**Paid Invoice No.:** 35-2

**Date:** July 14, 1944

**Customer:**
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

## North River Coal Company

IN NET TONS, F.O.B. CARTS AT MINES, FREIGHT COLLECT

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**Deduct:**
- Ass't. error Ck. of 1/10 No. 1349
- Rec'd 1/13/44
- Tendered Payt. Inv. of 1/30/43
- Less: Cash Disc. allowed
- Correct Amount Due
- Ass't. check as rec'd

**Amount Owning on This Invoice:**

**Overpayment:** 7.04

**Total Amount:** 382.61

**Note:** Bills are to be paid as rendered unless deduction is authorized by our Sales Dept.

**Railroad Weights Govern Settlements:** Claims for loss or damage must be made directly to North River Coal Company.
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
White House,
Washington, D. C.
North River Coal Company

II THOMAS ST., KINGSTON, N.Y.

The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, June 10, 1944-L
The White House, OUR ORDER NO. 1429
Washington, D. C.

Att: Miss Grace G. Tully

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your order of the 9th, 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

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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
June 16, 1944.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
Dutchess 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
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, N. Y., June 17, 1944

M. President Franklin D. Roosevelt

In account with J. E. CLAY
PAINTER AND DECORATOR

Telephone 2F-4

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as Percontract for work at Farm House
Room
Porch
Screws

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$22.90
20.00
10.00

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$52.90

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Three days work scraping & painting
Tin gutters on House
1 gal. paint

---

$80.90

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Rec'd payment with thanks

J. E. Clay
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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
Hiram Franklin D. Roosevelt
Sept 26 to House June Month file

400 qts Milk 52.00
1 1/2 c. Cream 13.95
47 lbs. Butter 22.50
61 doz. Eggs 23.18
8 Roosters 2 1/2 lb. 8.58
3 Fowls 18 1/2 7.86
128.13

1000 Apr. Tomatoes 12.50
140.63

W.M.A 1909
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

July 1, 1944

Garden

5 Hose Menders
Ref. Spray Pk
Bolts & yrs. hinges
2 Balls twine
Telephone
Post Box
John Deere, 26 days, $3.00

L. Arther
Chas. Vanenspan

$2.00

50 cents
60 cents
12 cents
35 cents
9100
10000
7500
12500

$386.37
37
77.76

$318.61

Rent for 6 months: $30.00

77.76

Farm

224.23

30 lbs. Calcium chloride
10 lbs. lawn seed
25 lbs. arsenic of lead
30 lbs. rock
100 gal. motor oil
3 bags cement
Greek Anderson station wagon
2 tires
5 cigarettes: 10 cents
19 all season tires
8 100
4 stamps & 1 letter for station, 10 cents each.

$17.26

Volkswagen hat on wall in den marks place

$617.26
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  July 1st 1944

Frank Davis 26 days  4.00
Harry Ellifson 27  4.00

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Wm. P. McGee
HYDE PARK, N. Y.

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July 4, 1944

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

In account with J. E. CLAY

$91.35

For Bill rendered for Bath & Corridor

Paid in full with thanks

J. E. Clay
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**Low Price**

- 3 tons hay each stake: 45.00
- ½ ton rye straw: 12.50
- Total: 262.50

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Aug 1/44

House: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Garden

1 Long hand shovel
Frode Groff: 26 days: 3.50

Louis Ref (Ref)

Chas. Kaucam

Mr. A. Plug

Rult 5.00
Wood 29.00

3.35.00

Farm
Hyde Park Motor Co
Canning chair R. J. Monroe

100 g. all creosote


3 Lg. Gal. cement

1 Hydride lime

Carters, Prentice: 30 hrs. 3.50

20 hrs. Cleaning 16 days: 3.00

Veg. & flower seed

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt Aug 1/44

Frank Cravis 26 days $4.00
Harry Elpherson

104.00
104.00
208.00

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

PAINTER AND DECORATOR

Telephone 2F-4

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**Total: $211.30**

Rec'd payment with thanks

J.E. Clay
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 3,000 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.
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

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

September 13, 1944.
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 fir. 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.
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 beach. 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 Drair 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
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,

[Signature]

Nelson C. Brown

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

July 28, 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
2-44

Son: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Sent over to house from farm

383 qts. Milk 49.99
29 1/2 lb. Cream 26.53
44 lbs. Butter 22.00
60 doz. Eggs 30.00
17 Roasting Chickens 89.90 40.28

168.82

Sent over to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

87 qts. Milk 113.11
14 1/2 lb. Cream 13.05
8 lbs. Butter 4.00
26 doz. Eggs 14.30

426.69

With a P.S.
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Farm

July 13 - put 2 shoes farm horse 1.50
150
2. Clever 30
Aug. 3 Showing farm team 7.00
Aug. 13 5/24 the parchment But 1.19
3. Shoe farm team 5.00
10
4. Morse for cutting corn stalks 22.50
5. Grinding feed 3 12
6. Corrugated for milk filters 3 10
7. Hyde Park Motor Co. 2 fan belts 2 40
8. Holders Augustin 1 100
9. 3 Gall Peurpont 7 95
10. 12 1/2 Gall Can 23 39
11. Dave Brown 3 00
12. Ed. Curnan 3 20
13. Hay Smith putting wire on corn crib 5 00
14. 2 bgs. half in corn 24 00
15. Work H. Savaile 145.00
Total 312.65

Sold:
Mrs. James A. Roosevelt 38 30
17 qt. Milk 2.21
10. Cream 6 30
5 lbs. Butter 2 20
10 doz. Eggs 3.50

Sold to Mr. Pogy Eggs 39.00
Total 54.00

Credit 217.84
217.84

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Oct 18/44

Firm 1st Bank
4 Pgs. Repairs $69
Oct. 13. A V for 208.02
Sent 10/4/44.
Dear Miss Tully:

So, there any possible to get a little money to pay men I put September accounts on your desk in coat room when the President was up hope you receive there hate to ask for it than it go on.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

In view of Plog's note to you, do you still wish to send this memorandum to Ike or wait to see how they get along with the boiler they have?

G.G.T.
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 F. Tulley,

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

[Signature]
Oct. 12th /44

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Mr. Franklin:

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

Respectfully,

[Signature]

[Date]
Birmingham Boiler Co
Livingston, N.Y.

Case 10 - Rebuilt

American Radiator Co
New York City

J. A. Johnson

Max Mahan Co
Michigan City, Ind.

Interstate P&Co
Agent,ImagePath:627521

Old Boiler
Ideal Ammonia
No. 2409

Rated at 25,000 lb.
(Advance Planning, No.)
13" eccentric
Dear Elmer:

Please think this over and let me know about the town on your round Election Day.

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 have 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...
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 Wagoner,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County,
New York.
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.

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At last reports the boys were all well.

Best wishes for your success Nov. 7.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Dries.
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.
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

Octo. 29, 1944.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. PLOG:

How many square feet of radiation is required in the small greenhouse?

F.D.R.
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 greenhouse.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Secretary of the Interior.

The President,

The White House.
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.

\[Signature\]
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 Lewis [Redacted].

Many thanks if you will pass this along.

What a magnificent victory!!!

[Signature]
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 $10. 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 there would not do for Christmas trees.
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,

[Signature]

NELSON C. BROWN

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

November 8, 1944
I am pleased fully. P.S. 11-27.-

Many thanks. I presume

we'll pass this along. I presume

you received check for $608.70 for

the timber shown on the map as

Plot B. from the Hudson Valley Lumber Co.

Regards - 

[Signature]
Dear Miss Tully,

Hyde Park Nov. 30th 44

PS

The Atlantic has call up about the Christmas trees they said they did not hear from the President. I wanted to know if their bid was good. As it is getting late I wrote to Mr. Boyle at 2 Warren St. and told him to send me a copy of his letter and prices. Was good also let me know how many trees he wanted. I will hear from him in a couple of days. I have some deals who would take all the Douglas Balsam we have with you please let me know if the President has any orders for the trees. Hope the President is enjoying his stay at Wrose Springs.

Sincerely, W. R. Plog
Hyde Park, Dec. 16th, 44

Dear Mrs. Tully,

I have not receive no check for November account. Wonder if it is possible to get some for the men I have been helping them our as it is so near Christmas & they would like to buy something you probably have send it if so you can destroy letter than thank you for your kindness. Please tell the President that we have cut 3,000 Christmas trees for Atlantic Commission & they are sending their trucks tomorrow. The weather looks very nice & regards to all.

Respectfully,

Wm. A. T. M. Scott
Dear Miss Tully,

I am enclosing accounts for November, will you kindly give Enclose letter to the President thanking you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dear Mr. Franklin,

The Atlantic Barge Co. sent me a bid to cut trees and I wanted to know if their bid was good. So I told them to send me a copy of the bid as there was a little more than last year. The trees are higher than the rest and there are 32 hundred feet. We have to sell this year, will quite a few locally will have about 32 hundred feet. Atlantic commission is very high, so they are sending their trucks up on the 15 of this month. Start cutting the trees today so you can enjoy your trip at Warm Springs.

Respectfully,

W. A. Prog
for Franklin D. Roosevelt
Sent over to house from farm

3 gal. Milk 37.13
18 qt. Cream 72.65
4 lb. Butter 20.50
5 dozen Eggs 29.50
6 Roasting Chickens 37.45 16.65
2 Hens 1 lb. 42 4.62
1 lb. Potatoes 2.25
15 Seconds in for Robert 1.50
230.80

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

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How: Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Men cut wood & trim spruce

18 days, 400
Harry Ellefson
New battery for dump truck
Rental Bakery
Hose
Labor

Dec. 1/44

104.00
104.00
14.45
30
18
60

$20.50

Wm. a. Plog
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,

[Signature]

Secretary of War.
MEMORANDUM FOR
THE SECRETARY OF WAR

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.

The property was bought by the R. F. C. 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.

F. D. R.

No papers accompanied the original of this Memorandum to the Secretary of War.
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,

[Signature]

Acting Secretary of War
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 27, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF WAR

I get rumors that the place next to mine at Hyde Park will soon be vacated by the Army 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 Government and arrangements must be made for its use by some other Agency — probably the Department of Agriculture or the Department 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.

[Signature]

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

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.

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.

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.

F. W. McCarthy.

x 25-7
WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HASSELT:

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 $6,500 in
taxes, about $5,000 in maintenance, and about $925
in insurance.

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

McCarthy
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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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."
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 will go to the National Park Service which in due course will undoubtedly issue a history of the Estate.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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 1820 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 1830, 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 1846 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 1893 he trotted in 2.17%. 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 snuggery, 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 260 pounds.

The room in which I was born is the southeast corner of the original tower -- the one directly over the snuggery. 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.