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St. Luke's Church in Lincoln, N. C.
The Nativity of Our Lord 1886

*P.S.F.
Hyde Park
Church*

Whereas the Rev. John M. McVicker, D. D., of the Diocese of New York, and until lately Chaplain of St. Cornelius Chapel on Governor's Island, has been pleased to present to St. Luke's Church in Lincoln a very beautiful and valuable communion service and other articles consisting of a Paten Chalice and Alms Basin, a full set of Altar linen, surplice, stole and bands, an antique chest and a picture of the above named edifice built by him, to be held inalienable as consecrated property; and also a number of prayer books and tracts, the Congregation of said Church, through their vestry cannot but avail themselves of the opportunity given them by their benevolent benefactor of returning to him their most sincere thanks, and at the same time assuring him that they fully appreciate the motive which induced the donation; and that the treasures will be held and prized by them 'in perpetuum', as well in regard for the giver as the gift.

It is ordered that the above, together with this resolution, be transcribed in the Journal of the Church and that a copy of the same be forwarded to him whose Christian benevolence has called it forth; and for whose peace on earth and blessed immortality hereafter they most earnestly make their supplication to the Throne of Grace.

The vestry for themselves and for their brethren of the church take occasion to add that the motive which induced the gift, emanating at this time from the North, gives them more than usual satisfaction.

L. E. Thompson, Senior Warden
J. M. Richardson, Junior Warden
V. A. McBee
Benj. H. Sumner

*This resolution was taken
at the meeting of St. Luke's
Hyde Park*

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ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
55 MARKET ST.
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

May 22, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:-

Your letter of May 18th stating that you are entirely agreeable to the thought of accepting the trust set forth in Mr. Eliot's Will, is most welcome because not having heard from you we feared that you might have some serious objection and we did not want to take any action with which you would not be in full accord. On May 12th although a Vestry meeting was held, we took no action because of the fact that we had not heard from you and we adjourned the matter indefinitely awaiting some expression of opinion.

Rev. Wilson has called another Vestry meeting for May 26th, at which we are expecting Mr. Gerry, and Mr. Edmund Rogers and possibly Mr. Morgan and we will undoubtedly make a final disposition of the matter at that time.

I note that your one objection is that St. James Church as a corporation may be called upon for annual expenditures. I had previously written Mr. Rogers and have assured the other members of the Vestry that I will gladly contribute whatever assessment St. James Church may be called upon to make. If I thought that the amount would ever be very large I surely would not make any such offer and I am certain that none of the other churches will feel that they can advance any great amounts toward developing the Park. As a matter of fact it is my opinion that any development will come from voluntary contributions of moneys by local organizations aided by voluntary contribution of services by the residents of the village, who are interested in seeing the Park eventually made a most pleasant place within which to stroll.

With kind assurances that we of the Village are most appreciative of your willingness that St. James Church should participate in administering this trust and with best wishes for your continued good health, I remain,

Very truly yours,

A. S. Halpin

H/E

May 18, 1933.

Dear Arthur:-

In the rush of mail I have only just come to your letter of May second. I am entirely agreeable to the thought of accepting the Trust but I think it should be perfectly clear that St. John's Church, as a corporation, will have no liability for annual expenditures.

Do let me know what action was taken at the meeting on May twelfth.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur S. Halpin, Esq.,
55 Market Street,
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
55 MARKET ST.
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

May 2, 1933

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mr. President:-

In Re: Walter G. Eliot's Will

We had a meeting of the Vestry on April 28th and while it was intended that that meeting be held for the express purpose of disposing of the question of accepting the Trust under Walter G. Eliot's Will, the Clerk had neglected to make mention of that fact on the notice and it was decided to adjourn the meeting until May 12th and to send out new notices. I presume that by the time you have received this letter you will have received another notice.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion of the majority of the people of the Village that we should accept the Trust and do what little we can in developing The Pines into a Public Park and within the past few days a new angle has developed. The heirs of Walter G. Eliot have approached us with a counter-proposition, the trend of which is that they will surrender the greater part of The Pines and give the proposed trustees unquestionable title to the property, if we will release a portion of it to the elder son.

Before this can be done, it will be absolutely necessary that we tentatively accept the bequest under the terms of the Will, organize as a Board of Trustees and then take up for discussion and disposition this alternative proposal.

While no action was taken at the Vestry Meeting on April 28th, Rev. Wilson suggested that I write this letter to all absent members so that you may be acquainted with the proposal.

We trust that you may be present at the meeting which will be held on May 12th.

H/E

Yours very truly,

A. S. Halpin

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H. S. Halpin*

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
55 MARKET ST.
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

May 29, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:-

At the meeting of the Vestry of St. James Church held at the Rectory on May 26th there were present the Rector, the Junior Warden Crapser and Vestrymen Bilyou, De Groff, Bird, McConnell and Halpin and a resolution was adopted to accept the Trust set forth in the third alternative of the Codicil to Mr. Eliot's Will.

I was appointed the representative from St. James Church to act in conjunction with the representatives from the other churches and at the same time the following motion was duly adopted for the acceptance of the above mentioned trust by St. James Church as a corporation: "That by the acceptance of the above mentioned trust St. James Church will have no liability for any expenditures." This was done to comply with the suggestion in your letter of May 18th.

I am enclosing a copy of the resolution for your information and we would appreciate greatly any further suggestions which you may make.

The Methodist Church has already adopted a resolution accepting this property and the Reformed Church has been waiting until we should take some definite action and I am reasonably sure that they will now call a meeting and enter into the spirit of the occasion for the benefit of the community.

As soon as the Reformed Church has decided, the respective representatives will get together and we will then be in a position to enter into a compromise agreement with the Eliot heirs whereby we will probably release a portion of The Pines to these heirs retaining the balance for park purposes with a full and complete release from them.

Again assuring you that your willingness that St. James Church should participate in administering this Trust meets with great favor among the People of the Village, I remain

H/E

Very truly yours,
A. S. Halpin

WHEREAS, WALTER G. ELIOT did by the third alternative to the Codicil of his Last Will and Testament give his lands and tenements at Hyde Park, formerly for generations known as "THE PINES" and as shown on a Map of Survey 1914 made by Benjamin H. Brevoort, C. E. of Poughkeepsie to the joint use and control of the Protestant Churches of the Village of Hyde Park to be jointly maintained by them as a Park for the enjoyment of their parishioners under such regulations as they may from time to time deem proper, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of Columbia University and the Board of Governors of the University Club of New York City have renounced their rights to the use of said lands and tenements under the provisions of Paragraphs 1 and 2 of said Codicil.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. James Church of Hyde Park, being one of the Protestant Churches in the Village of Hyde Park, do hereby accept the trust imposed upon it by the terms of said codicil and do hereby consent to designate a trustee in accordance with the provisions of said codicil to carry out the permanent fulfillment of the provisions and purposes of said gift.

Dated: May 26th, 1933.

Paul
Mt. "Hyke Park"

Hyke Pk. Church
PSF

Warm Springs, Ga.,
November 19, 1934.

Dear Arthur:-

I agree with your letter of November sixteenth, and I would approve the investment in good first mortgages on local real property up to say \$20,000. I take it that in such cases the mortgagor would pay the cost of investigation, etc. Otherwise such cost would cut our income considerably.

I still see no reason why we should not take a part of the fire district bond issue - say three or four thousand dollars - if you can get it for a yield of about 3.90%.

Always sincerely,

Arthur S. Halpin, Esq., Treasurer,
St. James' Church,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County, N. Y.

St. James's Church

HYDE PARK, N. Y.

REV. FRANK R. WILSON,
RECTOR

ARTHUR B. HALPIN
TREASURER

November 16, 1934

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I communicated with Mr. Edmund Rogers requesting a proposed schedule for investing the moneys and received the enclosed memorandum from him. It does not represent a proposed schedule, but simply contains a memorandum and suggestions.

I note the suggestions of a New York City $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ bond due March 1st, 1960. I do not like to question Mr. Roger's opinion, but when we take into consideration the fact that the bankers of New York City are repeatedly refusing to provide finances unless the Board of Estimates and Control complies with certain demands and further than that in view of the fact that a great portion of the taxes and assessments remain unpaid, I do not see how such a recommendation can be made and I for one would be wary of this issue.

In view of the comparatively low returns on the other proposed bonds, to wit: those of the Home Owners' Loan 3% , United States Treasury $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ and United States Liberty $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, I would much prefer to leave the money right in the Savings Bank.

As to the list on the second sheet, the suggestions would probably be very good, if we had a trust officer who was watching the daily quotations, but in view of the high market price and the comparatively low return and considering the fact that we would be investing for future income rather than speculative rise and further in view of the fact that the price in all instances is above par under which circumstances we would have but little hopes of converting at a profit, I do not feel that the Finance Committee should consider any of them as an investment.

In a separate letter Mr. Rogers, and also the gentleman who prepared this for Mr. Rogers, advised against St. James's Church subscribing to the proposed bond issue of the Hyde Park Fire Department on the grounds that it is a local issue and would not be good practice. I can understand their logic and, therefore, the opportunity to invest our funds there is eliminated.

You will note in the last paragraph of the first memorandum the suggestion of investment in good first mortgages. Mr. Rogers in his letter to me said that he had confidence in Mr. Hackett's judgment on the matter, but also suggests that if any such mortgages are taken they should obtain the approval of all of the members of the Finance Committee. This Finance Committee,

St. James's Church

HYDE PARK, N. Y.

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ARTHUR S. HALPIN
TREASURER

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as you know, consists of yourself, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Hackett and myself and I heartily agree with the suggestion. I am certain that none of us would want to take any such responsibility without having the approval of all members of the Finance Committee. I occasionally have opportunities to invest in first mortgages on local real property, and when I say local I mean Poughkeepsie property, and I am sure that Mr. Hackett also often has such opportunities. Each suggested loan would have to be given separate and individual attention, an appraisal of the property would have to be made, an abstract and certificate of title would have to be delivered to us and in addition to that the earning power of the owner and security of his position would have to be taken into consideration.

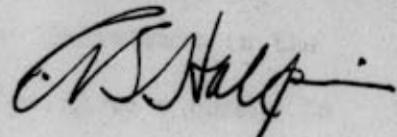
I would not suggest a loan in excess of 40% of the conservative appraisal and I would limit the amount of any one mortgage to \$3000.00. In this way we would be obtaining as much income from \$20,000.00 so invested, as we would receive from \$40,000.00 invested in the Savings Bank or government bonds.

If you have an opportunity to go over this matter, I would be glad to hear from you and to submit any suggestions to the other members of the Finance Committee.

Trusting that I will hear within the very near future, I remain

H/E

Very truly yours,



Memorandum for Mr. Rogers.

Investment for St. James Church - Hyde Park, New York.

September 8th, 1934.

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Yield</u>
New York City 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % due March 1st, 1960.	99-99 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %
Home Owners Loan Corporation 3% due May 1st, 1952. (Callable after May 1st, 1944.)	98	3 $\frac{1}{8}$ %
United States Treasury 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ % due June 15th, 1943. (Callable 1940)	103	2 $\frac{5}{8}$ %

United States Liberty 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % due June 15th, 1947 (next call date December 15th, 1934.)
These bonds are callable on 90 days' notice, but because of the tax exemption they carry and the low coupon rate, an early call is not expected. In the current market of 103 29/32 they yield about 2% to maturity, but owing to the premium a direct comparison would be shown if the bonds are called in a year or less.

The high grade legal bonds, particularly the Public Utilities, are commanding substantial premiums, but I list a few below that are available at prices below the call price. I feel that in view of the low yield obtainable, a portion of the funds should be kept in the Savings Bank even at the low rate of interest, the latter being the premium for availability for investment in the event that the legal bonds are obtainable at lower prices owing to a change in interest rates.

There must be some good mortgages that a fund of this kind might be invested in.

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	Current Call Price	11/7/34 Market	Income	Yield	Fixed Times		Charges Earned	
					1950	1951	1952	1953
Brooklyn Union Gas Company First Consolidated 5% due 1945.	NC	114 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.37	5.29	3.2	3.4	3.0	2.5
Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Company (Baltimore) First Refunding 4% due 1981.	105	104 $\frac{7}{8}$	3.82	3.78	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.9
Milwaukee Gas Light Company First 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % due 1967.	107 $\frac{1}{2}$	108	4.21	4.11	5.5	2.9	2.7	2.6
New York Gas, Electric Light, Heat & Power Company Purchase Money 4% due 1949.	NC	107	3.74	3.38	6.9	6.8	5.0	4.4
Philadelphia Electric Company First S. F. 4% due 1966.	SF100	103 bid	3.88	3.64	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.3
United Electric Company of New Jersey First 4% due 1949	NC	106 $\frac{3}{4}$	3.74	3.42	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.7

St. James's Church
HYDE PARK, N. Y.

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REV. FRANK R. WILSON,
RECTOR
ARTHUR S. MALPIN
TREASURER

November 22, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I was very glad to receive such an early reply to my recent letter, and to learn that you would approve of good first mortgages on local real property up to \$20,000.00. In event such mortgages are taken the costs of examining the title, certifying to the same and the cost of appraisal would be borne by the mortgagor.

The successful bidder for the Water District Improvement Bonds of the Hyde Park Fire District will be obliged to bid for the full amount of the issue, to wit: \$18,750.00 and under those circumstances we will not be in a position to offer any bid. Upon your suggestion I will immediately communicate with the successful bidder in an effort to obtain an option for \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00 of that issue at a figure which will yield 3.90% as suggested by you. If I am successful in obtaining such an option, I will immediately communicate with you and the other members of the Finance Committee.

In the meantime I will communicate with Mr. Hackett and try to locate a few good mortgages for the consideration of the Finance Committee.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Haggis

H/E

PSP: H. P. Church
(St. James)

February 12, 1936.

Dear Arthur:-

I am delighted to have that balance sheet. It is in clearer form than any I have seen and, incidentally, I am also made happy by the excellent results of the past fiscal year.

The church must, of course, look forward to the time when some of the big contributions of the past will no longer be available but, on the other hand, I think that an increasing population will, in the long run, make up the difference.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur S. Halpin, Esq.,
55 Market Street,
Poughkeepsie,
New York.

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
55 MARKET STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Roosevelt:

I am enclosing the balance sheet prepared by
Professor Deel for St. James's Church.

H/E

Yours very truly,

A. S. Halpin

[Handwritten notes and scribbles in the right margin, including the date February 9, 1935.]

BALANCE SHEET
ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, HYDE PARK, N. Y.
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1934

		121746.71
ASSETS:		
Capital Assets:		
Endowment Fund Investments		
Bonds	49500.00	
Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Co.		4139.41
Participation Certificates	17000.00	
Poughkeepsie Savings Bank		
Pass Book #161290	7500.00	
" " 161292	2500.00	
" " 166392	500.00	
Total Endowment Fund	77000.00	77000.00
Churchyard Lot Bequests:		
Poughkeepsie Savings Bank		
Pass Book #75869	2168.27	
" " 79543	1060.89	
" " 81338	592.63	
" " 85896	206.91	
" " 89956	389.06	
" " 92092	742.36	
" " 99172	2559.03	
" " 101790	196.30	
" " 103937	156.22	
" " 111267	759.04	
" " 115437	200.00	
" " 115574	740.00	
" " 116518	191.00	
" " 117236	190.00	
" " 118348	189.00	
" " 130320	416.00	
" " 130808	275.00	
" " 132562	275.00	
" " 133461	528.00	
" " 135141	277.00	
" " 143536	1194.00	
" " 144078	1200.00	
" " 145247	1171.00	
" " 148728	520.00	
" " 149408	208.00	
" " 150595	3315.00	
" " 153892	147.00	
" " 154175	7500.00	
" " 154176	7500.00	
" " 154177	5000.00	
" " 168835	100.00	
" " 169389	5000.00	
Total Churchyard Lot Bequests	5000.00	44746.71

Carry Forward		121746.71
Cemetery Fund-Sale of Lots		
Poughkeepsie Savings Bank		
Pass Book # 76756		4159.41
Pew Rent Fund:		
Poughkeepsie Savings Bank		
Pass Box # 153596		5000.00
St. James's Church, Special Fund		
Poughkeepsie Savings Bank		
Pass Book #158698		4214.84
Total Capital Assets		<u>133100.96</u>
Current Assets:		
Cash on hand		902.74
Total Assets		<u>134003.70</u>

LIABILITIES:

Capital Liabilities, none		
Capital Surplus	133100.96	
Operating Surplus	<u>902.74</u>	
Total Surplus		134003.70

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ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, HYDE PARK, N. Y.

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Jan. 1st to Dec. 31, 1934

RECEIPTS:

Offerings:		
Church	661.79	
Missions	212.22	
Miscellaneous	548.90	
Subscriptions:	922.00	
Endowment Income	3187.47	
Plot Upkeep	2068.96	
Pew Rents	562.28	
Miscellaneous	18.50	
Total Receipts	<u>8184.12</u>	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1933	909.08	
Amount to be accounted for		<u>9093.20</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries:		
Rector, and Car Maintenance	3240.00	
Music	522.80	
Sexton	1200.00	
Labor	864.50	
Light & Power:		
Church	40.00	
Parish House	50.07	
Rectory	87.31	
Fuel:		
Church	52.25	
Parish House	422.25	
Rectory	316.54	
Water:		
Parish House and Rectory	30.04	
Miscellaneous Current Expenses	418.75	
Pension Assessments	231.90	
Insurance	18.01	
Repairs	233.39	
Cemetery	105.11	
Nation-Wide Campaign	209.46	
Diocese of New York	139.00	
U.S. Tax on Checks	3.08	
Total Disbursements	<u>8190.46</u>	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1934		<u>902.74</u>

ARTHUR S. WALPIN
Treasurer

157 A.P. Church

Hyde Park, N. Y., April 16 1935

M Honorable & Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

To St. James's Church

To Subscription for 1934 \$200. and 1935 \$200. \$ 400.00

ARTHUR S. HALPIN, Treasurer

Received \$400⁰⁰ Date May 4/35

AS Halpin
Treasurer

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

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P. J.
Hyde Park

June 19th, 1935.

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

Dear Franklin:

I acknowledge receipt of yours of the
17th instant containing letter of Mrs. Eliot, a copy of your
reply and a copy of the proposed inscription for the Jacobus
Stoutenburgh memorial.

I have already sent to Dr. Wilson the
original letter received from Mrs. Eliot and a copy of the
inscription.

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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H.P. Church*

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
55 MARKET ST.
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

July 17, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I have your letter of July 6 inclosing a check in the sum of \$25.00 as a contribution toward the ball field.

I assure you that we greatly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness and it is our earnest desire that you make it a point to visit the field when you are in Hyde Park, which, I understand, will be the latter part of next week.

Relative to the Vestry meeting, which Rev. Wilson advised me would be held on the 28th at your home, I have sent letters to all of the members advising them of the change of date.

I received a note from Mr. Gerry that he would not be able to be present on the 21st but I trust that he will find it convenient to be there on the 28th.

I assume that the members of the Vestry will be interested in a financial report and I will have one prepared for that meeting.

Sincerely yours

Arthur S. Halpin

H:P

RF
Hyde Park Church

October 28, 1935.

Dear Gerald:-

Many thanks for your note. I wholly agree with you that Edmund should be Junior Warden and it would be fine if he could come to the November third meeting.

In view of the fact that Edmund wants to motor to New York in the evening, it would perhaps be best to have the meeting at my house at two o'clock in the afternoon, if this is all right for the Rector.

I hope to get home by Thursday and will see you before Sunday.

As ever yours,

Gerald Morgan, Esq.,
P.O. Box 38,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County,
New York.

Oct 24. 1935

P. O. BOX 38
HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

Dear Franklin,

So James' church, Hyde Park, N.Y.

Reference to enclosed letter
from Edmund Rogers, will you
please let me know when you
decide at what hour you
would like the ^{proposed} ~~other~~ meeting
on Nov 3rd? I'll then tell Wilson.

I had lunch with Edmund,
and he would like to be
junior warden if we elected
him. But he doesn't want to
promise to attend more than
one meeting a year. I think

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HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

myself that this would do,
but could I see you for
a few minutes before the
meeting takes place?

This is very definitely for
Edmund, on those terms.

I do hope you had
a fine trip.

Ever yours

h.m.

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NEW YORK
ELECTRIC COMPANY
TRADE MARK
P. O. BOX 38

Oct 26. 1935

P. O. BOX 38
HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

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Dear Franklin,
St James Church, Hyde Park, N.Y.

Reference to enclosed letter from Edmund Rogers, I wrote him that I would let him know when you decided the day and hour of the meeting.

I think Edmund would really like to be elected, and would come to meetings at least once a year, and probably oftener. That is all

his personal

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Hyde Park
Church*

Report of Arthur S. Halpin
as Treasurer of St. James's Church
January 1, 1935 -to- December 31, 1935

I CHARGE MYSELF AS FOLLOWS:

Charge balance as per audit	\$ 902.74
Envelope Offerings	597.02
Loose & Special Offerings	534.16
Mission Offering.....	231.78
Subscriptions	1233.00
Endowment (pure)	2160.09
Plot Care	1985.83
Pew Rents	708.27
Miscellaneous	125.18
Plot Sales	82.50
Bequests for perpetual care	250.00
Total Charges	<u>\$8810.57</u>

I CREDIT MYSELF AS FOLLOWS:

Salaries	\$5196.00
Music	527.97
Fuel and Light for Church	63.90
Fuel and Light for Chapel and Rectory	674.63
Miscellaneous	329.05
Pension Fund	210.00
Insurance and Repairs	373.84
Cemetery Expenses	83.75
Nationwide Campaign	231.78
Perpetual care Transferred to Special Int. Account.....	250.00
Lot Purchased Transferred to Special Int. Account	82.50
Diocesan Assessment	143.00
Balance in Falkkill National Bank	644.15
	<u>\$8810.57</u>

Operating Deficit \$ 258.59

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H.P. Church
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February 13, 1936.

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

I have signed the deed and enclose
it herewith.

I hope to get home about noon on
Sunday, the twenty-third, and to be there for three
days. How about a Vestry meeting at the house at
about four-thirty o'clock or five Sunday afternoon?

It will be good to see you again.
Everything is going well.

Always sincerely,

Rev. Frank R. Wilson,
St. James Church,
Hyde Park,
New York.

(Enclosure)

Frank R. Wilson

St. James Church
HYDE PARK
N. Y.

REV. FRANK R. WILSON, RECTOR
RECTORY TELEPHONE CONNECTION

February 6, 1936

Dear President Roosevelt:

I am enclosing one of our deeds for your signature, if you please.

Are you going to be able to spare us an hour if and when you visit Hyde Park during this month? The Vestry will have before it a proposition for the overhauling of the two organs. In view of the fact that we shall be able to celebrate the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the parish during the coming October it might be wise to secure funds for this purpose and for other necessary items on that score. Thus we shall be able to put the fabric in ship-shape for another period of time.

We are right behind you. Talking about a New Deal, some of these fellows don't know a good hand when they see it and that's why they don't know how to play the game. More power to you and keep a 'lif upper stiff' as Andy says.

Our best wishes to you and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Faithfully yours,

Frank R. Wilson

BF
Nyde Plk Church

April 15, 1936.

Dear Arthur:-

Yours of March twenty-first has remained unanswered because of my absence on the cruise. I am enclosing, duly signed, the power of attorney to take care of the mortgage with the Fulton Trust Company.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur S. Halpin, Esq.,
55 Market Street,
Foughkeepsie,
New York.

(Enclosures)

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
55 MARKET STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

March 21st, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

You will recall that at the last meeting of the Vestry, I informed the meeting that the two Isabella R. Schloss, Guaranteed Mortgage certificates for the sum of \$7,000. and \$5,000. respectively, covering premises 156 West 75th Street, were in default, no interest having been paid since April, 1935.

The Fulton Trust Company holds the balance of the Guaranteed Mortgage certificates on this property and for that reason we have felt very little concern about the eventual outcome of our investment, and it was the consensus of opinion that we should follow Mr. Edmund Rogers' recommendations relative to any steps to be taken.

I recently received a telephone call from Mr. Milton E. Miller of the Mortgage Department of the Fulton Trust Company, advising me that he had taken the matter up with Mr. Rogers, and requesting that the certificates which we held be forwarded to the bank so that they would be in a position to relieve the Mortgage Commission and the Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Company from their obligation and take over the property, or at least to restore the mortgage to good standing as a result of direct handling on the part of the Fulton Trust Company. Apparently they were dissatisfied with the progress being made in the handling of this property by the Mortgage Commission and the Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Company.

Mr. Wilson and I removed the two certificates from the safe deposit box and they have been forwarded to the Fulton Trust Company with the understanding that no action would be taken on their part without the knowledge, consent and recommendation of Mr. Rogers.

In order to place the Fulton Trust Company in the position to give this matter proper attention, they required powers of attorney which have been prepared by them and placed in my hands, to be properly executed by the officers of St. James's Church. I have secured the signature of Mr. Wilson and I am enclosing

Enclosed

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
55 MARKET STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

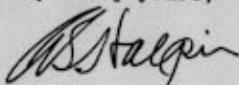
Hon. F. D. R.

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March 21st, 1936

them herewith for your signature. Will you please re- |
turn them to me at the earliest possible date?

Very truly yours,



H/S
Enc.

BSF
H.P. Church

May 28, 1886.

Dear Arthur:-

I entirely forgot to give this to you or the Rector last Sunday when I was at home. It seems to me entirely in order that we give this Deed to replace the original cemetery 1st grant.

Always sincerely,

Arthur S. Halpin, Esq.,
55 Market Street,
Poughkeepsie,
New York.

(Enclosure)

PSF
Hyd. Pk Church

December 18, 1936.

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

The enclosed came while I was away. Frankly, I greatly doubt the serious report on the health of our organ. It was put into excellent condition not more than ten or twelve years ago.

We had a wonderful trip to South America and I have come home very brown and thoroughly rested.

Merry Christmas to you. I do wish I could be at home.

Always sincerely,

Rev. Frank R. Wilson,
St. James' Church,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County, N. Y.

P. S. By the way, when I last saw you I entirely forgot to tell you that Inauguration Day comes on January twentieth and that we are most anxious to have a little service that morning at St. John's. I hope much that you will come. I will write you more in detail in about a week.

St. James Church

PSF
H.P. Church

February 19, 1937.

Dear Arthur:-

I approve the suggestion made by
Edmund Rogers in regard to the sale of Central
Railroad Company of New Jersey bonds held by
St. James Church.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur S. Halpin, Esq., Treasurer,
St. James Church,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County,
New York.

Approved To

St. James's Church

HYDE PARK, N. Y.

REV. FRANK R. WILSON,
RECTOR
ARTHUR S. HALPIN,
TREASURER

February 16th, 1937

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:-

I am enclosing a copy of a letter recently received from Edmund Rogers. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Morgan have been considering our investments and this is the result of their deliberations.

If you will write me a letter to the effect that as Senior Warden, and as a member of the Finance Committee, you approve of the action recommended, I will take the necessary steps.

Very truly yours,

Encl.



FULTON TRUST COMPANY

of New York

Edmund P. Rogers
Chairman of the Executive Committee

149 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Arthur S. Halpin, Esq.,
55 Market Street,
Poughkeepsie, New York.

Dear Art:-

In reply to your letter of February 11th, as Junior Warden of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, and also as a member of the Finance Committee, I would advise at this time the sale of the \$6,000. par value Central Railroad Company of New Jersey General Mortgage 5% bonds due 1987.

It is probably that, if no trouble occurs this year between the coal mining companies and the United Mine Workers of America, these bonds may sell at a higher figure; but as Trustees of the funds of St. James' Church, I feel that we should not gamble upon such a contingency as the recent automobile strike, and the attitude of John L. Lewis leaves one to believe that there will be more unrest in strikes during this coming year. Such a strick would, naturally, affect the earnings of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey.

Very sincerely yours,

EDMUND P. ROGERS

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ST. JAMES' RECTORY
HYDE PARK ON HUDSON, N. Y.

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H.P. Church*

Februry 26, 1937

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am a shirker and a 'putter-offer', I am afraid. The spirit has been willing but somewhere I got lost in what often happens to be with me, no-account details. I am ashamed to say this to one against whom my details are as nothing compared with the one to whom I am writing. But this is what I should have said sometime ago, - to thank you so much for the enclosure in your last letter. I do not feel justified in having accepted it because I think it was enough to have had the privilege of going to Washington, whatever the expense.

ST. JAMES' RECTORY
HYDE PARK ON HUDSON, N. Y.

But it is strange when one thinks of it. The very afternoon upon receiving the letter, within two hours a telephone call from the doctor comes to me with the news that Frank broke his arm at basketball which meant a trip to the hospital and several subsequent trips. So after all, your check was really a God-send. The arm is, we have reason to believe, going to turn out all to the good. So this is what I should have said to you a long time ago. Florence and I do thank you most sincerely.

Without saying anything to anyone I may after Easter be enabled to start a Sunday School out at Chapel Corners. There are certain conditions present now which seem to make a way for it though there are complications. Some day, if we are successful, it may be the means of a mission station operating out from here.

What a winter! I haven't had a shovel full of snow to remove thus far simply because there hasn't been enough fall.

We are having a good Lenten attendance despite six stormy Sundays out of seven since the beginning of the year. And the Guilds are doing well.

Looking for you!

Best wishes from all.

Faithfully yours

Frank R. Wilson

*PSE
Hyde Park Church*

May 19, 1937.

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

I enclose copy of my letter to Arthur Halpin. I entirely forgot last Autumn to send my check for the anniversary of the church.

I expect to get home Sunday morning, May thirtieth, and if I am not completely exhausted, I will come to church.

If you want a Vestry meeting for that afternoon or for Monday afternoon, May thirty-first, go ahead and call me, for say five o'clock, on either day.

It will certainly be good to get home again and to see you all.

Always sincerely,

Reverend Frank R. Wilson,
St. James Church,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County,
New York.

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Church*

There will be a Meeting of the Wardens and Vestrymen of St. James' Church, Hyde Park at

The Home of Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

on Sunday, May 30th, 1937

at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

Hyde Park.

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F. R. Wilson

Rector

Arthur S. Halpin

Clerk of the Vestry

Forward! Catholic Charities Is Catholic Action!

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
Mr. Joseph P. Rosenthal
(NAME OF SUBSCRIBER)

HAS ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF
 THE CARDINAL'S COMMITTEE
 OF THE LAITY FOR 1937
 in support of
 CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Signed *Mr. M. Noonan*
Parson Worker

Parish *Regina Coeli, City of Wash.*

Membership Subscription \$ 10 Cash Payment \$ 10 Trans. No. _____

Regina Coeli Church
 Hyde Park-on-Hudson

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 H.P.
 Regina Coeli
 Church*

Dear President Rosenthal:

Many, many thanks for your kind
 contribution towards Catholic Charities.
 I appreciate it all the more, realizing the
 many demands on you. When you come to
 Hyde Park, I hope to have a chance to
 thank you personally. With kind regards
 and trusting you are well. I am.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
M. Noonan.

May 29, 1937

Onward! Catholic Charities Is Catholic Action!



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Mr. Joseph D. Rowlett
(NAME OF SUBSCRIBER)

HAS ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF
THE CARDINAL'S COMMITTEE
OF THE LAITY FOR 1937

in support of
CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Signed

Fr. J. Noonan

Team Worker

Parish

Regina Coeli, Hyde Park, N.Y.

Membership

Cash

Team

Subscription

Payment

No.

\$25

Regina Coeli Church
Hyde Park-on-Hudson

PSF
H.P. Church

Dear President Rowlett:

Many thanks again for your contribution towards Catholic Charities. Due to an error, having two checks in front of me, I credited you with \$10 instead of \$25.00 which you so kindly sent me by check. Enclosed find receipt. Awaiting an opportunity to thank you personally and trusting your soldier better. Sam.

Sincerely yours in X't.

J. J. Noonan

May 31, 1937.

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Hyde Pk
Church
Dinner 1-

There will be a Meeting of the Wardens and Vestrymen of St. James' Church, Hyde Park at

The Home of Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

on Saturday, October 30th

at four o'clock

Hyde Park.

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Frank R. Wilson

Rector.

Arthur S. Halpin

Clark of the Vestry.

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ST. JAMES' RECTORY
HYDE PARK ON HUDSON, N. Y.

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Hyd. Pk. Church*

January 12, 1938

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing the deed for a plot purchased by Mrs. Nesbitt. Will you please affix your signature, and have Miss Lenand carry the paper to Mrs. Nesbitt securing her signature and return the document to me whereupon we will attach the corporate seal of the parish and present it to Mrs. Nesbitt.

It was a shock to learn of Mr. Nesbitt's passing. Both before he went to Washington and during his residence there we had some very pleasant times, and these give pleasant memories.

Mrs. Roosevelt told me last Saturday morning that the tooth which had caused so much trouble has practically by now ceased to have its say, and we are glad to hear that. Mrs. Roosevelt also told us about your happy Christmas experiences and of her exciting trip to visit your daughter over the holiday.

One and all in the rectory greet you.

Faithfully yours,

John R. Wilson

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
55 MARKET STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

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Franklin Park
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January 13th, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing a copy of my
annual report.

Yours very truly,

Enc.
H:R

A. S. Halpin

ANNUAL REPORT OF ARTHUR S. HALPIN
Treasurer of St. James Church
January 1, 1937 - December 31, 1937

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RECEIPTS

Received Envelopes for church	\$608.14
" " " missions	279.76
" Loose and Special Offerings	550.64
" Special Annual Subscriptions	1051.00
" F. D. Roosevelt, Subscription for 125th Anniv.	200.00
" Endowment - Pure	1625.90
" " - Plots	1113.65
" " - Pew	64.26
" Annual Subscription, care of plots	565.00
" " " Pews	505.00
" Interest on monies received from sale of plots	111.91
" Misc. sources	15.52
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Balance as of January 1st, 1937	\$ 6690.78
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	\$ 9145.84

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and wages Rector \$3000.	
Allowance on Car 240.	\$ 3240.00
Sexton	1200.00
Assistant	784.00
Music-Organist, choir & Music	558.77
Fuel, light, water Church	99.14
Chapel and Rectory	574.89
Expenses	462.44
Pension	227.52
Insurance and Repairs Insurance \$159.29	
Repair Organ 230.00	
Painting Church \$140.00	
Repairing Roofs 119.22	
" Furnace 55.00	
" Ordinary 35.99	
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	739.60
Cemetery Expenses	154.12
Missions	279.76
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Total	\$ 8320.24
Balance as of December 31st, 1937	825.60
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	\$ 9145.84
Disbursements exceed receipts by	\$ 1629.46

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Hyde Park Church
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February 4, 1938.

Dear Sterling:-

I am sorry to hear about John
Vickar. In his long service he has undoubt-
edly taken excellent care of the church
property.

I am writing to Mr. Wilson as
per enclosed copy.

Always sincerely,

J. Sterling Bird, Esq.,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County,
New York.

(Enclosure)

February 4, 1938.

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

I am sorry to hear that John Vicker has had a heart attack, and I fear he will not be able to continue as sexton. You can either have a meeting of the Vestry or go ahead and have someone act temporarily until I get back. Incidentally, I hope to be at Hyde Park over Sunday, February twentieth, and, if so, we could have a meeting that afternoon at the house at about four-thirty.

I do not know what your thought is about a new sexton. Perhaps we might consider Arthur McConnell, as he knows the property and is capable of doing many things himself without our having to hire outside men. Also, he would be good at meeting the people who go to the cemetery in the summer time. Also, he would be willing to cut down and remove small, dead trees without additional expense!

Always sincerely,

Rev. Frank R. Wilson,
St. James' Church,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County,
New York.

February 1, 1938.

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

My dear Franklin;

Mr. Wilson and I have just been having a talk about a very important matter, which he has asked me to write you about quite plainly.

John Wicker has just suffered a heart attack that will prevent his continuing as our sexton after thirty years of the best work any one has given the church. There can be no question whatever about that. Until we can appoint a new sexton, Mr. Wilson has engaged Samuel Lane to care for the chapel.

There have been many applicants for the place, both from inside the parish and out. Some would be fair, others useless. This morning Mr. Wilson and I went over the situation pretty thoroughly, agreeing that the one man to fill John Wicker's place best is Arthur Mc Connell, whom you know as one of the vestry. He worked a year with John, so knows the work quite well. He is a dignified and sincere churchman who would meet the many from the old families, who visit the church yard every summer, in an agreeable manner, and who would take great interest in doing everything properly. However this cannot be said of some of the others.

It seems to be the impression of some that this is a soft job, paying a rather large salary. They never come around when there is any work to be done, or show much interest in the church. To my personal knowledge that is the biggest job in the Town of Hyde Park, for I have been around enough to know whereof I speak.

Both Mr. Wilson and I detest any wire pulling stuff, but this is one case where it is necessary. We want you to know the facts in advance of the meeting. A word from you in Mc Connell's favor would be likely to head off any unpleasantness that might develop. And we beg of you never to mention that I have written you in this way. It would make trouble for us.

Mr. Mc Connell could step right in and carry on the work. No one else could. He will consider the position, provided it is not just for a year or two. There will also have to be a summer assistant

appointed who would make an agreeable fellow workman.

Were it possible for me to see you personally could put this still more frankly, but do not wish to put names on paper. Mr. Wilson and I are in complete agreement.

And just a word in John Wicker's behalf. When he became unable to work longer, Burras Dobbs was given a pension, how much I do not know, and after his thirty year service it seems to me only just, some provision should be made for John, the best man, by far, who ever worked for St. James.

Although we dislike bothering you with this, it is of so much importance it seems necessary. When you know all the facts you will agree.

Most sincerely yours,

J. Sterling Bird.

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ST. JAMES' RECTORY
HYDE PARK ON HUDSON, N. Y.

February 9, 1938

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am grateful for your letter of the 4th and as grateful for the reason that you are coming home so that we can have a vestry meeting on Sunday, the 20th, at 4:30. No doubt you have by this time received proper notification.

The matter of selecting a sexton and an assistant (for you you know that Don Todd is now in Washington, Treasury Dept.,) is indeed going to present a knotty problem. There are a number of applications. Naturally some will be deleted off-hand but the remaining ones the moment we choose will leave some bad tastes. However, for the peace and good of the church we shall have to be bold and make our choice regardless.

Mrs. J. R. Roosevelt sent in this morning a piece of the New York Birthday Ball cake which we shall have to sample this evening.

With all good wishes,

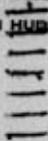
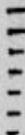
Faithfully yours

Frank R. Wilson



The Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

ST. JAMES' RECTORY
HYDE PARK ON HUDSON, N. Y.



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H.P.

ST. JAMES' RECTORY
HYDE PARK ON HUDSON, N. Y.

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H.P. Church

February 28, 1938

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

About an hour ago I was in telephone communication with Colonel Starling with reference to the service to be held in St. John's Church, Friday morning at 10:30. Needless to say I am very very happy with the prospect of joining with you in that service.

Florence and I are leaving here Thursday morning so as to arrive in Washington in the late afternoon. We shall stop over at the Powhatan.

From reports within and without St. James' it is wholly agreed that we made the correct choice for sexton. However, it was a most disagreeable experience and I hope we shall never again be faced with a like problem.

Was sorry not to have been at the train when you left here a week ago, but as I told you, I was invited to speak that day at a Father-Son dinner down on Staten Island.

With all good wishes and blessings,

Faithfully yours,

Frank R. Wilson

March 1, 1938.

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

It is grand that you are coming down here for the Friday service. You and Mrs. Wilson must stay at the White House so we shall expect you there on your arrival Thursday afternoon.

As ever yours,

Rev. Frank R. Wilson,
St. James' Rectory,
Hyde Park-on-Hudson,
Dutchess County, N. Y.

(Enclosure)

ST. JAMES' RECTORY
HYDE PARK ON HUDSON, N. Y.

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Hyde Park Church
PSK
March 18, 1938

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

Too much time has elapsed but Florence and I are still reminding ourselves constantly and living over those twenty-four hours of another great event in our lives. You surely must know how grateful we are for your having made it possible for us to go to Washington and to stay in the White House again and dine with you and to have a part in the service at St. John's. The peace and quiet of that service made it to be more impressive and helpful, it seemed to me, than on the days of inauguration. Then there seemed to be an atmosphere of hurry to be off to other events which were to follow. I am sure that the lesson for the service will always be in your mind, "by faith, etc.,"

You knew that we flew back. Had quite an experience above the clouds until we passed out of them in the neighborhood of Camden. Quite a new world up there out of sight of the old earth.

Another matter I must thank you for, - the splendid photograph of yourself. That is our prize and a joy, a treasure which we can hand down to our boys.

ST. JAMES' RECTORY
HYDE PARK ON HUDSON, N. Y.

People are turning out to the services this Lent as never before, the children as well. Ash Wednesday had more communicants than ever. There must be a revival in religion and people must be beginning to assume that there is something to be gained which they have been missing until now. I hear of this going on elsewhere.

We will be looking forward to your next visit. In the meantime you will have had some rest in Warm Springs.

With many thanks again and with every good wish,

Faithfully yours,

Frank R. Wilson

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Dear Pres. Roosevelt, S
The Parish Guild, of St. James
Church, are planning to hold
a Bazaar & Strawberry Festival
in Town Hall, on Wed. June 15th
from 2.30-7.30 P.M. proceeds
to be used toward general
church expenses.

Would you care to help
us toward same, if so we
would indeed appreciate
same.

Would you be so kind
as to answer by June 1st,

So that a final report can be
given at that time.

Thanking you for all
past favors, & for anything
you may care to do to help
me, I am

Resp. Yours,
Mrs Lulu Rogers Taylor ^{Society}
Hyde Park-on-Hudson
N. Y.

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St. James's Church
HYDE PARK, N. Y.

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REV. FRANK R. WILSON,
RECTOR
ARTHUR S. HALPIN,
TREASURER

July 7th, 1938.

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

You will be glad to hear that a deed from Frederick W. Vanderbilt to the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. James's Church, deeding an additional two hundred feet along the Post road, running the full depth of our present church yard, has been received and recorded.

I have heard nothing relative to the terms of Mr. Vanderbilt's will and apparently it has not yet been filed in the Surrogate's Court of New York County. The terms will undoubtedly be made public as soon as it is filed.

Yours very truly,

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,

By Arthur S. Halpin
Treasurer.

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H.P. Church

PSF

December 28, 1938.

Dear Arthur:-

I am glad that we got such a good bid for the Central School District bonds.

In regard to the church buying some, I would entirely approve of buying the long-term bonds with a yield basis of 2.70%, but I think the shorter term bonds give too low a yield for us.

Incidentally, I think that R. D. White & Company ought to give us a special price consideration, i.e., omit their commission on these bonds, or at least substantially reduce the commission.

In regard to the total to be purchased by the church, I do not remember the total amount we have free for investment. It is my thought that after buying \$10,000 worth of "Baby Bonds" in January and these new School District bonds, the church should keep about \$10,000 free for investment in something with a better yield.

My best wishes to you for the New Year,

Always sincerely,

Arthur S. Halpin, Esq.,
55 Market Street,
Poughkeepsie,
New York.

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
55 MARKET STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

Hon. F.D.R.

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December 21st, 1938.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter, which I this day addressed to Mr. A.J. Gray, which may be of interest to you. If you could find it possible to intercede for the district in getting an immediate amendatory offer of grant in accordance with the contents of that letter, it will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A. S. Halpin

Enc.
H:R

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
55 MARKET STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

December 21st, 1938.

Mr. A. J. Gray,
Assistant Administrator of Public Works,
Interior Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: In re: P.W.A. Docket #NY 1903-F, Hyde Park Schools

Confirming telegram of December 21st, copy of which is attached, this matter can probably be explained more satisfactory as follows. When the application for grant was originally made it was for \$1,300,000 and the project contemplated, two school buildings.

The Central School District was formed and organized on September 23rd, 1938. This left only seven days within which to advertise and hold an election on the bond issue, leaving no time to consider the question of changing the program to three schools. An election on the bond issue proceeding was therefore had on October 1st, which approved the \$1,300,000 project and a bond issue for \$715,000.

At a later date, to wit, October 28th a subsequent election was held, at which the voters of the district adopted a resolution for the construction of three school buildings, instead of two, at a cost within the amounts approved at the election on October 1st.

On November 8th the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works made an offer to Central School District #1 of the Towns of Hyde Park, Poughkeepsie, Clinton and Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, of a grant on t at project not to exceed \$585,000.

This offer was for two school buildings. It was accepted in the form given because of time limits, with the understanding, however, that a subsequent amendatory application would be filed and amendatory offer made.

Our bonding attorneys, to wit, Dillon, Vandewater and Moore of 120 Broadway, New York City have passed every phase of all proceedings, but they will require an amendatory offer to be made so that three buildings can be constructed under the project, instead of two. An amendatory application and re-allocation of funds were duly filed with Col. M. E. Gilmore, Regional Director at New York City, on December 13th, 1938 and the urgency of an amendatory offer was impressed upon that office. They promised to put it thru to Washington immediately.

Our bonding attorneys advise that all of the proceedings which we have taken and all of the haste and attention given the matter will have been done for naught unless we can deliver the bonds prior to January 1st, 1939.

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
55 MARKET STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

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December 21st, 1938.

This is due to the fact that New York State recently adopted a new Constitution and the proceedings relative to the sale of school bonds have not been definitely set forth. Enabling legislation is necessary before any bonds can be delivered after January 1st and it is difficult to estimate the length of time it will take in order to obtain such enabling legislation.

All details in connection with awarding the bonds, printing of the same have been attended to and if this Board can receive from you an amendatory offer upon which action can be taken prior to December 27th our bonding attorneys will approve the delivery of the bonds for December 29th.

Yours very truly,

Enc.
H:R

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

PSF
H.P. Church

January 10, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR

GERALD MORGAN

This makes me good and mad. In view of the fact that it was Arthur Halpin himself who was selling these school bonds on behalf of the school trustees, and having my approval the day after he wrote for it, he could very easily have had the purchasing brokerage house set aside \$10,000 of them and got your consent and Eddie's by telephone. It is a pity that the church has missed this buy, for they would have yielded 2.70% or better -- and I am very certain that if Halpin had acted fast he could have got the brokerage house to waive their commission, which probably amounted to about 2% on each bond.

I am quite sure in my own mind that Eddie Rogers could let the church in on the ground floor

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WASHINGTON

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on various similar underwritings where there is practically no risk to the investment and where the church would get a yield of from 2.70% to 3%.

I am wondering if you could put it up to Eddie and ask him, as a matter of pride and affection in the church, if he would undertake to invest some of our church funds. I hate to have such a large amount drawing no interest for it means that we all have to chip in this Spring to make good on the deficit.

Do you want to try to prod Eddie into this?

F. D. R.

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
55 MARKET STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

January 6th, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

The Hyde Park school bonds were sold almost immediately and by the time I got the approval from Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rogers none of them were left.

The possibility of increasing our revenue some by such investment is now removed and we will have to wait until some other opportunity arises.

Yours very truly,

Arthur S. Halpin
R.

H:R

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HP Church
PST
Jan 14. 1939

P. O. BOX 38
HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

Dear Franklin,
St James Church (Hyde Park) Investments

of course I will get
busy about this. As soon as
I got your memorandum of
Jan 10th, I arranged to talk
to Edmund Rogers (on Monday
morning)

I'll write again
Ever yours
S.M.

P. O. BOX 38
HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

PST Jan 16. 1939

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#P Church

Dear Franklin,

31 James Church (Hyde Park) Investments

I talked to Edmund Rogers this morning and he promised, with his usual kindness, to try to pick up \$10,000 - bonds of the next new issue similar to the recent Hyde Park issue on a 2 - to 3% basis.

Underwriters of bonds like these (including the Hyde Park issue) just buy as low as they can and sell as high as they can. There isn't any commission.

There are bonds on the market

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now which could be bought
(Westchester County bonds on a 2-⁹⁰
basis are about the best) but
more which I think you would
particularly like to buy. I think
that following your own suggestion
of trying to pick up ten bonds
of a new issue through Edmund
would give us a safer, as
well as a better, bargain.

What an incomprehensible
fellow Art Halpin is! But I'm
bound to say that Horace Curry
(who knew him intimately) always
swore that he was really all right,

[Faint, illegible handwriting on the back of the envelope]

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NEW YORK

even though he was always getting himself into hot water.

I wish you were coming here instead of going South but you will get a better holiday fishing, and I'm glad of that, though I hate to miss seeing you.

All well here and not yet snowed up.

Ever yours

[Signature]

P.S. Old Oscar Plain is still alive. Sacky, but the Plain is tough!

BSF
H. P. Church

January 21, 1939

Dear Gerald:

You were right about the bonds. Frankly I would hesitate to take the bonds of the more populace over-bonded places like Westchester or Detroit or Buffalo or New York City. If things should get into another jam, they would be the first to feel it - - whereas communities like Hyde Park which have no bonded debt will almost surely keep on paying. Some of the existing issues of this bond come into the market fairly frequently through the settlement of estates, etc. and because the sales are in fact forced sales, one can often get the original purchase price or a little less. I hope Mr. Brooks will really watch this.

It is grand of you to offer to take some of the Royal party next June. I will try to provide an equerry for Mary and a lady-in-waiting for you.

As ever,

F. D. R.

Gerald Morgan, Esq.
Post Office Box 38
Hyde Park, New York

By the way, Helen
tells Mary that Mrs.
Rosy is going to put
up some of the King's
cannon next Spring.
Of course we would
gladly do that too

Yours

Richard
Morgan

H.P.

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Jan 18, 1939

P. O. BOX 38
HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

Dear Franklin
St James Church (Hyde Park) Investments

It appears that municipal offerings such as that of the Hyde Park School District ended abruptly on Dec 31, 1937 with the cessation of P.W.A. grants on that date. Therefore in regard we shall have to wait if we want a real bargain, but Edmund's bank has arranged to telephone me the minute anything new turns up.

As for the Westchester County bonds, my own opinion is that it is barely possible that some time we might have to take at least

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NEW YORK

a slight temporary cut in interest, like Detroit - The same applies to Buffalo, and even more to New York City, and that is all there is in the market at any decent price.

I enclose a copy of my letter to Mr. Brooks, the trust officer.

With hearty congratulations on your Social Security message.

Ever yours
S.M.

P.S. Tom is so well that the doctors advise us to stay right here in Hyde Park

Jan 18. 1939

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HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Brooks.

Thank you very much
for your letter (J D : V W) of
yesterday, and particularly for
promising to telephone me the
minute anything new turns
up of good character anywhere
near what we want on the
basis mentioned.

offerings need not of
course be confined to school
bonds.

Yours very truly

Yel
Poughkeepsie 132

Herald Morgan

Memorandum H.P.
P.S. J. Y. Church

Feb 2, 1939

P. O. BOX 38
HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

You will be interested to know that I had to invest for a small trust \$5,000. in exactly the same sort of bonds which we are trying to buy for St James Church, and after thoroughly combing the market through the Bankers Trust Co. the best I could do were Hamburg N.Y. School district bonds due 1958 on a 2.50 basis

S.M.

PSF
H. P. Church

March 16, 1939.

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

It was grand to have you and Mrs. Wilson here for the March fourth ceremonies, and I am enclosing a check to cover the expenses of the trip.

I look forward to seeing you both when I get home in April.

My best wishes to you,

As ever yours,

Rev. Frank R. Wilson,
St. James' Rectory,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County,
New York.

(Enclosure)

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*Miss Zully
Parker
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE P. S.

The President has written to Mr. Wilson at Hyde Park asking him and his wife here for March fourth. The President said when we get the reply, will you send him a check for \$100.00 for expenses?

G. G. T.

P5F.
~~Wilson~~
C H Pk Church
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July 14, 1939

Letter from President
To Rev. Frank R. Wilson--Hyde Park

In re-offer of Bible or pair of candlesticks
as gift to St. James Church from the King and
Queen of England.

Asks Wilson which the Church needs most.

See-King and Queen file for letter with
attached memo from Watson and letter to
Summerlin from Ronald Lindsay--all in ref to
gift.

PSF
H.P.
Church
Wilson

Lectern Bible----gift from King of England

Sent over by Summerlin-State Dept on Sept 21, 1939
and delivered to Miss Le Hand for the President.to
take with him to Hyde Park. He will give it to Rev.
Wilson as it is a gift for St. James Church.

RECEIVED OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
 FALLKILL NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY
 THE SUM OF \$82,872.87
 PAID TO THE CREDIT OF THE
 ENDOWMENT FUND

149,408	Piersaull	215.00
150,595	A. Rogers	3,400.00
150,596	A. Rogers (Faw)	3,010.00
153,892	Jago	152.00
154,175	Mills	7,500.00
154,176	Mills	7,500.00
154,177	Mills	5,100.76
158,698	Special (Endowment fund)	3,513.87
161,290	Sexton	7,550.00
161,292	Sexton	2,540.00
166,392	Kliet (Endowment fund)	384.00
168,835	Aldrich	104.00
169,389	A. C. Rogers	5,080.00
170,139	Murrell	255.00
170,551	Stringham	128.00
170,902	Arnold	257.00
171,355	Pure Endowment No. 1	6,020.00
172,182	Pure Endowment No. 2	2,010.00
173,452	Bodenstein	257.00
174,726	Varick (Endowment fund)	5,020.00
175,293	Sullivan-Allen	810.00
		\$ 82,872.87

(This committee has been informed by the Treasurer that of the \$82,872.87, \$6,580.66 is accrued interest)

Fughkeepsie Trust Company

29,570	C R R N J (Endowment fund)	\$ 968.39
29,571	H. P. Rogers	1,280.00
30,002	Hess	150.26
30,057	Johnston	500.00
30,116	Arnold	150.51
30,791	Hughes	200.00
		\$ 3,249.16

(This committee has been informed by the Treasurer that the balance in account No. 29,570 represents part of the proceeds of sale of the Cen. Railroad of N. J. bonds, and that the balance in account No. 29,571 represents part of the Gladys Pell Rogers Fund)

The balance on checking account in Fallkill National Bank & Trust Company was on Friday, October 13th, 1939, \$ 127.26

Dated, October 13th, 1939.

Henry G. Stewart

COPY

Original carbon put in King and Queen folder-Drawer 1-1939

October 14, 1939,

*PST
Hyde Park Church
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Dear Mr. Wilson:-

Here is the engrossed Resolution from St James Church to the King. It was done by Mr. Tolley of the White House staff and I think it is a grand job. Will you sign it at the top and get as many of the Vestry to sign it as you can get hold of--including Edmund Rogers as Junior Warden?

I am also enclosing an extra copy which I thought we could mark "copy" and keep in our own records.

When all this is done if you will return one to me, together with the letter from you to Sir Allen Lascelles, I will add a letter of my own and send the whole thing to the King via our Embassy.

I will be home I hope next Friday for the weekend.

Always sincerely,

Rev. Frank R. Wilson,
St. James Church,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County,
New York.

2 copies sent--with letter--October 15, 1939.

BSF
~~Pres. Wilson~~
St. James Church
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October 16, 1939.

Letter to the President from Rev. Wilson
Telling him about the dedication Services
regarding Bible which the King of England
presented to St. James Church. The President's
telegram of Oct 18, 1939 is attached.

See: King and Queen file-Drawer 1-1939

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AEH:bc

October 19, 1939.

BF

Frank R. Wilson
St. James Church
Hyde Park 3

DIRECTIONS FOR RELEASING SPRING LOCKS IN GLASS ENCLOSURE OF BIBLE WHICH WAS
PRESENTED TO ST. JAMES CHURCH, HYDE PARK-BY THE KING OF ENGLAND

The glass top is locked into the base by means of one spring catch at each end of the glass. The location of these catches is indicated by the small recesses or notches in the wooden base adjacent to the glass.

The catches can be released by pressing down one of the metal strips enclosed with these directions into each of the two notches. When both strips are pressed down the glass will lift out.

The glass may be put back into the base without using the metal strips.

The holes in the glass and the spring latches are not exactly centered and the glass will only lock itself in when inserted the right way. If turned around, end for end, the latches may not engage.

AKH:bs

*file
Prof. Frank Robinson
St. Louis*

October 19, 1939

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STANDARD FORM No. 14A
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

PSF file
Wilson
St James Church
NY

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM The White House
Washington

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 93821

November 23, 1939.

Rev. Frank R. Wilson,
St. James Church,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County, N. Y.

Fully approve Crapsier's report for one hundred feet on
north stop Suggest you and he take it up with Mr. Shears.

Happy Thanksgiving

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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FRANK R WILSON.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF ARTHUR S. HALPIN
TREASURER OF ST. JAMES'S CHURCH
FOR YEAR 1939

RECEIPTS

Envelopes for Church maintenance	\$ 576.88
Loose Sunday Collections	655.86
Easter Collection	58.86
Thanksgiving Collection	15.29
Christmas Collection	47.72
July 8 Collection Visitation of Bishop	21.10
Pew rents and Endowments	460.46
Subscriptions	302.00
Interest on Regular Endowments	1,890.58
Interest on Churchyard Endowments	950.54
Care of Plots	283.00
Envelopes Red Side For Missions	233.65
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	<u>\$ 6,500.74</u>

PRINCIPAL INCREASE

Sale of Plots	\$ 112.50
Amortization of Bonds	88.87
Endowment of Churchyard Plot	200.00
TOTAL PRINCIPAL INCREASE	<u>\$ 401.37</u>

EXPENDITURES

Clerical Salary Paid	\$ 2,850.00
Balance Due on Clerical Salary 12/15/39	\$150.00
Music, Organs, Etc.	580.56
Sexton Salary	1,200.00
Pension Salary to J. D. Wicker	300.00
Fuel, Light and Water-Church	45.61
Fuel, Light and Water-Chapel	183.59
Fuel, Light and Water-Rectory	225.75
Printing Stationery, etc.	-- --
Current Expenses - not repairs	145.75
Church Pension	212.96
Insurance	209.04
Repairs	74.60
Bus Hire and Car Allowance-Mid-Hudson Bus Line	125.00
Bus Hire and Car Allowance-Rector	220.00
(Balance due as of 12/15	\$20.00
Extra Churchyard Labor	165.55
Paid R. M. Pott Diocesan Assessment	\$301.
Credit	141.
Paid to R. M. Pott Receipts from Red Side of Envelopes	283.65
Paid to R. M. Pott Collection at the time of visitation of Bishop	21.10
Cemetery Expenses	42.70
Paid to Ladies Auxiliary, Portion of Contribution so Designated	10.00
Past Interest from <i>Schloss</i> Verick VanDusen Mortgage paid to principal to make up loss on investment	29.59
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 7,144.85</u>

Total Operating Income	\$ 6,500.74
Total Expenditures	<u>7,144.85</u>
Operating Deficit for 1939	\$ 844.11
Operating Deficit for 1938	877.19
TOTAL DEFICIT	<u>\$ 1,721.30</u>