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January 5, 1940

Dear Arthur:

I have yours of January second enclosing copy of letter to the Rector. May I suggest that you and he get in touch with Eddie Rogers and ask the latter to carry out at this time the request made in a Vestry meeting over a year ago -- that he seek to collect the necessary \$1,350.00 as quickly as possible from those who have given generously in the past. I feel confident that Eddie will do this if we ask him to. He knows all the names and the forms which have been used hitherto.

As ever,

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

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January 5, 1940

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Arthur Halpin has sent me a copy of his letter to you about the Church deficit and I am enclosing copy of my reply. I think Eddie Rogers should undertake this for us at once and I am sure that he can raise the money from the list of donors who have been so good to us in the past.

Always sincerely yours,

Reverend Frank R. Wilson,
Hyde Park,
New York.

Enclosure

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

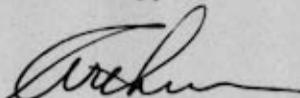
January 2, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I am this day sending to our Rector. The situation is becoming rather acute and something must be done within the very near future to rectify the condition.

Yours truly,



H:M
Enc.

January 2, 1940

Rev. Frank R. Wilson
Hyde Park
New York

Dear Mr. Wilson:

You will probably want a report on the financial situation of the Church in so far as the income and operating expenses are concerned. At the present writing I have a balance of \$38.10 in the checking account. This includes monies which were received on December 31st from interest on some of our bonds. All bills and salaries are paid to date except yours and the balance of your salary amounting to \$100.00 which was due on December 15th.

I estimate the income which I will receive between now and May first will be \$950.00, very little of which will come in until April first. As against that I will need \$2500.00 to cover expenses, salaries and known repairs. This leaves an estimated deficit for the next five months of \$1550.00 and if the accounts are going to be kept up to date I must have at least \$600.00 by the 15th of January.

In addition to the above anticipated deficit we are indebted to our regular endowment fund in the sum of \$1,000. for monies which were borrowed on the first of January, 1939.

This matter should be taken up with the Finance Committee immediately. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Rogers, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Hackett and to the Hon. F. D. Roosevelt.

Very truly yours,

H.M

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January 16, 1940.

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

The President is sending you today, under separate cover, the original letter of Nathaniel Pendleton, given to St. James' Church by Mr. Shaemas O'Sheel. If it is hung in the reading room he suggests that it be put in a rather dark place because sunlight will fade the ink.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Le Hand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

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

St James Church
Hyde Park

P. O. Box 28
HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

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Dear Franklin

I hoped I should see you on your last trip but I gathered you were too darned busy. May I go ahead and buy some more U.S. Savings Bonds? I was stupid at the last meeting about not buying more. I borrow the money could be got out any time, and Mr. Brooks of the Fulton Trust is approving heavily. The drive is going well. Health is coming up trumps.

Ever yours

P.S.

A. M.

NEW YORK
DUTCHESS
HAD
P. O.

Dear Mr. Warner
Hyde Park
Dutchess County

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

P.S.

I see that Senator Warner
has reintroduced a resolution
for an advisory council. This
time, just on unemployment
insurance. Even though my
specialty is health and disability
insurance, I'm not at all
ignorant of unemployment
insurance, and I'm desiring to be
on it if it goes through

J.M.

En route to Pensacola
February 14, 1940

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~~PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have been doing much thinking about the real problem of St. Margaret's Church in Staatsburg and have unofficially discussed the matter with Lydig Hoyt. They have, of course, a serious financial problem -- one which will grow more acute with the departure of the Mills family and the probability that the Huntingtons and Miss Dinmore and the Hoyts will not be succeeded by a new generation which will help to keep the Parish going. Also in the case of Staatsburg, the increase in population for church membership is not as great as in the case of St. James.

I understand the Bishop is wholly opposed to any merger of the two parishes, but unfortunately it is sometimes necessary to look facts in the face.

Lydig Hoyt has sent me the enclosed confidential memorandum of the expenditures of St. Margaret's for the calendar year 1939. Please keep this in confidence. When you come down on March fourth, please bring it with you and also our own list of expenditures of St. James Church and Cemetery. You and I can then go over the two sets of figures.

We are looking forward to the usual little service on Monday morning, March fourth.

Always sincerely yours,

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

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En route to Pensacola
February 14, 1940

Dear Lydig:

Many things for your note and for the memorandum in regard to St. Margaret's. I am writing a similar one for St. James and will talk with the Reverend Mr. Wilson (but to nobody else) when he comes to Washington on March fourth. Later on when you are back at Staatsburg you and I can go over the figures of both churches.

It was grand to see you both at the White House. I am off for, I hope, two weeks and am dictating this on the train, so please forgive the lack of signature.

Always sincerely yours,

F. D. R.

Lydig Hoyt, Esq.,
Vaucluse,
Jackson Springs,
North Carolina.

February 9th 1940



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VAUCLUSE
JACKSON SPRINGS
NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Franklin

Following your request, I now enclose a short report of the expenditures of our Staatsburg Church for the year 1939.

You will note that the Rector received less than his official stipend; also that nothing much was spent during the year for repairs and maintenance. Fuel is always a

large item.

I am ready to suit your
time

time and inclination for any further discussion of the problems that face our neighboring churches.

My wife and I remain most grateful for the pleasure of our visit to the White House.

Yours sincerely
Lydia Hoyt

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July 11, 1940

Dear Mr. Halpin:

I am enclosing the President's
check for two hundred dollars, as his
contribution toward the 1939 deficit of
St. James.

Very truly yours,

M. A. LeHAND
Private Secretary

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

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St. James's Church

HYDE PARK, N. Y.

REV. FRANK R. WILSON,
RECTOR

ARTHUR S. HALPIN,
TREASURER

*Yours. is gone - 200
M. C. H. A.*

July 10, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I received the check from Mrs. Roosevelt in the sum of \$100. as her contribution towards the 1939 deficit, and so that she may be able to take proper credit for that on income tax returns, I have forwarded her a receipt.

I have inquired into the possibility of making further investment in Baby Bonds, but I am informed that a rule has been adopted by the Treasury Department prohibiting subscription by corporations, and this definitely applies to our Church. There is no possibility of making further investment in that manner.

On Sunday you asked me to remind you to contact the other members of your family for the purpose of obtaining contributions towards the 1939 deficit.

I have talked with three of the members of the Town Board relative to "The Pines", but they are non-committal. I have asked them to give this matter their earnest consideration and let me know whether they might possibly give it favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

A. S. Halpin

H:M

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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July 12, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR

ARTHUR S. HALPIN

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

F. D. R.

July 12, 1940.

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

Since our Vestry meeting last Sunday the Treasury has put out an issue of sixteen year 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Bonds at par. This is not as high a yield as the church should get, but it is the first time we have put out a long term issue for several years and the rate gives at least a fair return.

I have subscribed for \$5,000 of them and I put in the subscription as "Franklin D. Roosevelt, Senior Warden of St. James Church, Hyde Park". There is no obligation for the church to take them and if the Vestry decides they do not want to subscribe to them, I will keep them personally.

As we have a good deal of additional money to invest, I am inclined to think that the church should take this amount even though, as I say, the return is lower than the Baby Bonds.

I, therefore, suggest that you call a Vestry meeting and let me know, and you might ask Gerald Morgan what he thinks.

Remember there is no obligation to take these but if the Vestry thinks we should do so, have Arthur Halpin send me a check for \$5,000 and I will have the bonds sent to him.

Always sincerely,

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

Copy to Arthur Halpin

St. James's Church

HYDE PARK, N. Y.

REV. FRANK R. WILSON,
RECTOR

ARTHUR S. HALPIN,
TREASURER

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 17, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing a list of the contributors towards the 1939 deficit so that you may have this information.

I am also enclosing a detailed list of our numerous savings accounts and an explanation of those that are not understandable from the schedule itself.

With the funds on hand and the anticipated revenues I should have sufficient monies to carry us through to December first.

Yours very truly,

A. S. Halpin

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LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS TO 1939 DEFICIT

January 18, 1940	Gerald Morgan	\$ 200.00
January 18, 1940	Edmund P. Rogers	100.00
January 23, 1940	Gladys Pell Rogers	300.00
January 23, 1940	Francis G. Landon	25.00
January 25, 1940	Mrs. Henry K. Brent	25.00
January 27, 1940	Mrs. E. Victor Loew	100.00
January 30, 1940	Robert L. Gerry	500.00
February 1, 1940	Geraldine L. Thompson	200.00
February 6, 1940	Ellen Schley	50.00
March 13, 1940	Herman Rogers	25.00
May 2, 1940	Mrs. T. H. Howard	100.00
July 10, 1940	Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt	100.00
July 12, 1940	Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt	200.00
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		\$ 1,925.00

St James's Church, Hyde Park, New York

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH
Hyde Park, New York

Special Interest Accounts in Poughkeepsie Savings Bank

Number	Name	Interest	Withdrawal	Accrued	Amt. of Prin.	
					1939	Remaining
75,869	Cowman	44.13	39.13	5.00	2190.	2195.
79,543	Wilkes	21.67	16.67	5.00	1075.	1080.
81,338	Harper	8.10	6.10	2.00	402.	404.
85,896	Inchman	4.26	3.26	1.00	211.	212.
89,956	Braman	8.06	6.06	2.00	400.	402.
93,092	Skidmore	15.48	13.48	2.00	768.	770.
99,172	Steward	51.98	41.98	10.00	2580.	2590.
101,790	McLennan	4.06	3.06	1.00	201.	202.
103,937	Hughes	3.25	2.25	1.00	161.	162.
111,267	Johnson	15.56	11.56	4.00	776.	780.
113,437	Herrick	4.12	3.12	1.00	204.	205.
115,574	Stevens	15.29	12.29	3.00	759.	762.
116,313	Barker	3.94	2.94	1.00	196.	197.
117,236	Van Vliet	3.93	2.93	1.00	195.	196.
118,548	Foster	3.90	2.90	1.00	194.	195.
130,320	Livingston	8.58	6.58	2.00	425.	427.
130,808	Hughes	5.68	3.68	2.00	282.	284.
132,562	Bailey	5.68	3.68	2.00	282.	284.
133,461	Langdon	10.91	7.91	3.00	541.	544.
135,141	Hawley	5.71	4.71	1.00	283.	284.
143,536	Landon	24.58	19.58	5.00	1220.	1225.
144,078	Skidmore	24.58	19.58	5.00	1220.	1225.
145,247	Mulligan	24.08	19.08	5.00	1195.	1200.
148,728	Sherman	10.68	8.68	2.00	530.	532.
149,408	Piersaull	4.34	3.34	1.00	215.	216.
150,595	Rogers	68.52	58.52	10.00	3400.	3410.
150,596	Rogers	60.66	50.66	10.00	3010.	3020.
153,892	Jago	3.06	2.06	1.00	152.	153.
154,175	Mills	151.14	151.14	-- --	7500.	7500.
154,176	Mills	151.14	151.14	-- --	7500.	7500.
154,177	Mills	102.78	53.54	49.24	5100.76	5150.
161,290	Sexton	152.14	102.14	50.00	7550.	7600.
161,292	Sexton	51.18	41.18	10.00	2540.	2550.
166,392	Eliot	7.74	5.74	2.00	384.	386.
168,835	Aldrich	2.10	1.10	1.00	104.	105.
170,139	Murrell	5.14	3.14	2.00	255.	257.
170,551	Stringham	2.58	1.58	1.00	128.	129.
170,902	Arnold	5.18	4.18	1.00	257.	258.
173,452	Bodenstein	5.18	3.18	2.00	257.	259.
175,293	Sullivan	16.32	12.32	4.00	810.	814.
		<u>1117.41</u>	<u>906.17</u>	<u>211.24</u>	<u>55452.76</u>	<u>55664.</u>
171,355	Liberty Bonds	123.30	103.30	20.00	6020.	6040.
172,182	Liberty Bonds	40.50	30.50	10.00	2010.	2020.
158,698	Endowment	70.65	70.65	73.87	3440.	3513.87
		<u>234.45</u>	<u>204.45</u>	<u>103.87</u>	<u>11470.</u>	<u>11573.87</u>
Total for Two Groups		<u>1351.86</u>	<u>1110.62</u>	<u>315.11</u>	<u>66,922.76</u>	
76,756	Sale of Plots	116.40	None	82.50 (Rec'd from sale of plot)	5776.24	5975.14
169,389	Rogers (Baby Bonds)					1394.77
174,726	Varick-Van Dam (Baby Bonds)					1333.56
						<u>8703.47</u>
	TOTAL Balance Remaining in all accounts					\$ <u>75941.34</u>

Special Interest Accounts in Poughkeepsie Trust Company

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Accrued</u>	<u>Amt. of Prin. 1939</u>	<u>Amt. of Prin. Remaining</u>
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
29,571	Rogers	18.27	¥ 139.27	4.00	1280.	1160.00
30,002	John Hess	2.26	2.00	.26	150.26	150.52
30,057	Johnston	7.52	7.52	- --	500.	500.00
30,116	Arnold	2.26	2.00	.26	150.51	150.77
30,791	Hughes	2.25	2.00	.25	200.	200.25
					7/15/38 Bal.	
29,570	C.R.R. N.J.	56.85	¥ 125.00	- --	4676.11	857.96
		\$ 89.41	\$ 277.79	\$ 4.77	\$ 6956.88	\$ 3019.50

¥ 12/3/38 \$3,750. Baby Bonds

NOTES:-

Account No. 29,570 in the Poughkeepsie Trust Company was the proceeds of sale of bonds of the Central Railway of New Jersey and was made on March 18, 1937 in the sum of \$4,652.85. This is one of the accounts from which \$3,750. was withdrawn for the purchase of Baby Bonds in the principal sum of \$5,000. The plan in connection with these Baby Bond investments is to take a fund of \$5,000. and to withdraw \$3,750. therefrom for the purpose of purchasing Baby Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000. withdrawing \$125. per year from the remaining principal together with any accrued interest. In view of the fact that this fund did not total the full \$5,000. I am leaving the accrued interest to accumulate and in that manner it will more nearly work out according to our plan.

Account No. 29,571 in the Poughkeepsie Trust Company was the fund which was received from Gladys Pell Rogers for the perpetual maintenance of the plots of Henry Pendleton Rogers in the sum of \$5,000. and we likewise invested \$3,750. of that fund in Baby Bonds.

Account No. 158,698 in the Poughkeepsie Savings Bank is the account in which we deposited monies received from our investment in the Isabel Schloss guaranteed mortgage certificates covering premises No. 156 West 75th Street, New York City. It will be recalled that the mortgage was foreclosed, the property bought in by the Fulton Trust Company who represented all of the holders of the guaranteed mortgage certificates, and eventually resold. It was on the resale that some cash was received. We still have an interest in a mortgage which was taken back on that property. Payment of interest is in arrears and we have received nothing for some months back. When we did receive payment a part of the monies so received represented an amortization of the principal of the mortgage. The amount set forth in the third column represents the amount of principal amortized during the year.

Accounts Nos. 171,355 and 172,182 in the Poughkeepsie Savings Bank are made up of monies received when certain Liberty Bonds were called.

Account No. 76,756 in the Poughkeepsie Savings Bank is the account in which all money received from the sale of plots is deposited and is the account from which we borrowed \$1,000. on November 18, 1938. I am leaving all interest to accrue until the \$1,000 is paid back. \$233.98 has already been credited.

Account No. 169,389 in the Poughkeepsie Savings Bank is the Anne C. Rogers fund in the sum of \$5,000. and is one of the accounts wherein we have invested \$3,750. in Baby Bonds and are withdrawing \$125. of the principal plus accrued interest each year.

Account No. 174,726 in the Poughkeepsie Savings Bank represents monies received on the call of a guaranteed mortgage certificate of the Varick-Van Dam Corporation. It is another one of those accounts which we have invested in Baby Bonds.

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August 14, 1940.

Dear Mr. Halpin:-

I have your inquiry in regard to making out the check for the Treasury Bonds for St. James Church. As the President paid for them out of his personal account, I suggest you make the check payable to FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. The President has requested the Treasury Department to transfer the Bonds to the Church.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Le Hand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Cecil Halpin:

"\$5,000 of St. James Church funds were authorized for subscription to Treasury Bonds. Shall we make check payable to F.D.R. as Senior Warden or payable to Treasurer of U. S.?"

Aug 29. 1940

P. O. BOX K
MANCHESTER
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Franklin,

I have just ^{RECEIVED} sent my contribution of \$1,000. to the National Committee. This is absolutely not a hint for future favors. It is simply and solely the only way I can show my gratitude to the best of friends for the past.

With my kindest regards to Miss Leland.

Ever yours

H. M.
Herold Morgan

Aug 12. 1940

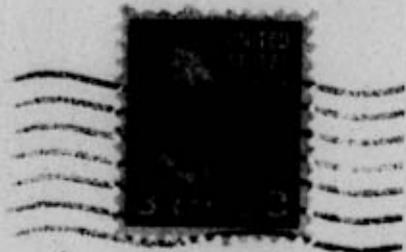
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MANCHESTER
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Dear Franklin,

As a contributor (and to other strictly English charities also), I was relieved to hear you repeat that safe conduct for the English children must be arranged. But can't we help Europe, and especially poor France, too? Don't you think England ought to let us?

Needless to add, I make no secret that I am only too happy to have the chance of writing for you again next



The President of the United States
Washington
D.C.

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MASSACHUSETTS

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PSF
H. P. Church

September 6, 1940

Dear Mr. Halpin:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of August twenty-sixth and for the check enclosed.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHAND
Private Secretary

Arthur S. Halpin, Esq.,
Treasurer,
St. James's Church,
Hyde Park,
New York.

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St. James's Church

HYDE PARK, N. Y.

REV. FRANK R. WILSON,

RECTOR

ARTHUR S. HALPIN,

TREASURER

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

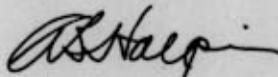
Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I have been trying to get the enclosed check for you for several weeks. The first delay was holding of a meeting for the purpose of adopting a resolution authorizing the investment and authorizing the withdrawal of the money, after which I was obliged to get a certified copy of the resolution for the bank, which certified copy had to be signed by Mr. Wilson as well as by myself, and then later the withdrawal draft also had to be signed by Mr. Wilson and myself, and Mr. Wilson having been away on vacation until this morning when he came in and signed the withdrawal draft, there has been all this delay. I trust that it has not caused you too much inconvenience.

I am enclosing check to your order in the sum of \$5,000.00.

When the bonds have been issued, you may send them to me, and I will see that they are placed in our safe deposit box.

Very sincerely yours,



Hyde Park
Church
PSF

January 26, 1941.

Dear Arthur:

I wholly approve your suggestion
that it would be a good thing to start
immediately to raise the expected deficit
now without waiting until later in the year.

I will start it off with \$100.

Very sincerely yours,

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

Enclosure.

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

Jan. 22, 1941

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

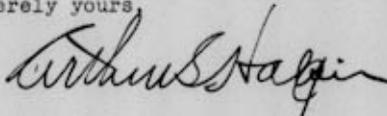
Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing a copy of my annual report as treasurer of St. James Church. You will observe that extra labor at the church yard was only \$84.65 which is a minimum. Before Mr. McConnell went in there as our sexton, the extra labor item amounted to at least \$800.00 per year.

You will observe that our operating deficit for 1940 was \$675.30. With a balance of over \$600.00 as of December 31, 1940 we ought to be able to go through the current year but it occurs to me that it would be much easier to raise a fund to cover our 1940 deficit now rather than to wait another year or two when our deficit will reach considerable proportions and when it will be much more difficult to raise.

I have made similar suggestions to Mr. Rogers, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Gerry, and Mr. Wilson and I am sending copies of this report to all members of the Vestry.

Sincerely yours,



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ANNUAL REPORT OF ARTHUR S. HALPIN
TREASURER OF ST. JAMES'S CHURCH
FOR YEAR 1940

RECEIPTS

Envelopes for Church Maintenance	\$ 640.60
Loose Collection	624.57
Easter Collection	66.41
Thanksgiving Collection	25.67
Christmas Collection	103.89
Pew Rents and endowments	275.66
Subscriptions (regular)	975.00
Interest on Endowment	1,981.16
Interest on Church Yard Endowment	1,022.78
Contribution for care of plots	576.67
Envelopes for Missions	266.61
	<u>\$ 6,559.02</u>

ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS

Marshall-Sterling Insurance Rebate	14.39
Received from Leonard Turner, Opening grave	18.50
	<u>\$ 6,591.91</u>

PRINCIPAL INCREASE

North West 1/4 lot # 120 sold to Leonard Turner	\$ 82.50
Received from Bessie Jago et al for perpetual care of plot # 138	200.00
	<u>\$ 282.50</u>

EXPENDITURES

Rector's salary (1940)	\$ 3,000.00
Music, organ, choir, etc.	596.56
Sexton salary	1,200.00
Pension to J. D. Wicker	300.00
Church (fuel, light, water)	58.14
Chapel (fuel, light, water)	176.60
Rectory (fuel, light, water)	334.61
Printing, stationery, etc.	30.06
Current expenses (not repairs)	73.26
Church Pension Fund (rectors pension)	240.95
Insurance	85.38
Repairs	159.97
Bus hire (Mid Hudson)	90.00
Car allowance (rector)	240.00
Extra church yard labor	84.65
Diocese Assessment	\$ 294.00
Credit by Interest on fund deposited	141.00
Paid balance	153.00
Paid R. M. Pott receipts from MissionSide of envelopes	266.61
Cemetery Expenses	158.92
Paid A. E. McConnell for Turner grave	18.50
	<u>\$ 7,267.21</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

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LOS ANGELES
MEMORIAL CHURCH
VICTIM MEMORIAL OF WILLIAM W. HUTCHIN

SUMMARY

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Total operating income		\$ 6,591.91
Total operating expenditures of 1940		7,267.21
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Operating deficit of 1940		<u>675.30</u>
Special Subscriptions for 1939 deficit		\$ 1,850.00
Paid on past due account of 1939		
During 1940	\$ 535.22	
Deficit 1940	675.30	
Balance 12/31/40	639.48	
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	\$1850.00	\$ 1,850.00

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
TREASURER

PSF Hyde Park Church

February 7, 1941.

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

I hope to get up home for the weekend of February twenty-second, and, if so, I suggest a Vestry Meeting. I will let you know definitely by February fifteenth.

I am enclosing an Inauguration present for you and Mrs. Wilson.

My best wishes to you both,

Always sincerely,

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

(Enclosure)

Longhand postscript by the President:
Later

Sunday is O.K. -- How about the Reading Room after 11 A.M. service?

January 29, 1941

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

We in the Rectory want that a word of greeting should go from us to reach you on your birthday expressing our wishes which can be comprehended in this saying, - 'Long live the President'. But the best wish one can extend to you, and that is the one so familiar to all who live by the Prayer Book, is the daily prayer for the President of the United States. No one can have a greater birthday than you, and that because all think of you as giving us the privilege of celebrating it by participating in so worthy a work which you established.

Florence and I had a wonderful time visiting Washington again. And I want to thank you for the opportunity of sharing in the service again in St. John's. I was rather glad that Dr. Glenn rewrote the service and brought it up to meet the spirit of the times. And we want to thank you, too, for making it possible to share in the several activities of Inauguration Day. Do you remember when we were down last March, and you said you would be home after January 20? We thought then we had attended our last Inauguration in 1936. I sensed a strange, unexplainable atmosphere this time but everywhere I found that people were glad you had been re-elected. I pick up constantly a real trust in you and that the people are willing to follow you.

We haven't had a Vestry meeting since early summer and I am wondering in some way, if you come home in February, a meeting can be worked in. Perhaps you could let us know about ten days ahead so that adequate notice might be given.

Cordially yours,

Frank R. Wilson

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Hyde Park Church

Hyde Park, N. Y.

February 19, 1941

Dear President Roosevelt:

Art Halpin has sent out notices for the Vestry meeting dated for this coming Sunday, following the eleven o'clock service, in the Reading Room. I'll try to confine the service to a convenient length, and we'll try and keep the meeting within the shortest possible bounds. Glad you are going to be home.

Many thanks for the enclosure in your letter. What's the word for 'the power of recovery'? Anyway, that's a good designation for what happened. Florence says that's the only time she gets a new dress, when we go to Washington.

Will be seeing you, and we are arranging for good weather.

Cordially yours,

Frank R. Wilson

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March 10, 1941.

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

The President asks me to tell you that he entirely approves the design of the Ogden Mills tablet on your say-so -- and also the adaptation of the Scriptures!

The President says that is grand about those offerings for the Church of England.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Le Hand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Rev. Frank R. Wilson,
The Rectory,
Hyde Park-on-Hudson,
New York.

Reply to 1047.

March 1, 1941

Dear President Roosevelt:

In as much as we are charged with certifying the tablets for the church we have before us again the Ogden Mills tablet. The new design submitted is in most respects similar to the two memorializing his parents, being of the same size, but the upper and lower portions are somewhat different, though harmonize with the other two. Because it is now impossible to secure Italian marble a domestic marble is used. The firm states that the difference in quality will probably be detected only by an expert. The inscription is changed to read, - "But the path of the just as a shining light goeth forth". This is an adaptation of Proverbs 4:18 which runs, - "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day". Does this meet with your approval.

There is another detail which will have to be determined, and I understand the estate will send a representative in a few days to look the situation over. This has to do with locating this tablet. The question is, will this tablet be placed above the other two or will the other two be shifted, etc.,

You will be interested to know this, - as a result of the paper and radio publicity given the matter of the offering to the Church of England at our last Sunday service \$5. has come from a person in Boston; \$50. from an individual in California; \$500. from a gentleman of Ft. Worth, Texas. I have written the Bishop a word of explanation lest he think St. James' itself is so well off.

Stanh. Jr., is thrilled with the prospects you placed before him. He iterates that his

It was so good to see you again, and we especially enjoyed last Sunday evening.

*With every good wish from the Rectory,
Cordially yours,
Stanh. R. Wilton*

PSF Hyde Park Church
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April 11, 1941.

My dear Rector:-

What you read about in the papers is, as usual, 90% incorrect.

James is, and expects to be, a member of our church. He does not expect to change to any other church. He does expect to marry a girl who is a Roman Catholic but they, of course, cannot be married by a priest, as James has been divorced.

My best wishes to you,

As ever yours,

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

ST. JAMES CHURCH

St. James's Church

HYDE PARK, N. Y.

REV. FRANK R. WILSON
RECTOR

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
TREASURER

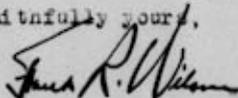
April 5, 1941

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am writing to you of the coming Easter Monday election of Wardens and Vestrymen. I am asking your advice on the subject that is raised in my mind solely by the reports given in the newspapers, which, of course is the only thing I have to go by. If it is true that ~~to~~ James is to be remarried, the fact that he is re-elected a vestryman will among other things create unfavorable publicity for the Church at large. The newspapers will naturally play this to the limit. If none of this that is given is true then there is no need to worry. So I wait your word as to whether or not to place James's name on the ballot. May I have this word before Easter Day?

May God continue to bless and guide you during these gravest of days so that justice will again be made to prevail throughout the world.

Faithfully yours,



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

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Hyde Park Church

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

July 2, 1941

Dear President Roosevelt:

Mr. Halpin informed me this afternoon that it will be necessary for the Vestry to meet in order to have a resolution to withdraw the annual interest accrument. I suppose that it is too late in the day on this visit to Hyde Park, but perhaps you will be coming up again in the course of a few weeks. I don't suppose you are staying here until Sunday, are you? We could no doubt take care of all the business within ten minutes. Those of us here in town could run down to your house anytime after six o'clock. However, if it were even so that you could grant the ten minutes on the evening of July 4th I know that there are a couple of the men who will be out of town. But if around the 15th of July or shortly thereafter you are back again we can get along sufficiently with the balance in hand.

With every good wish,

Faithfully yours
Frank R. Wilson

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October 29, 1941.

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

I will be home over the weekend and Election Day, but I am having the Princess Juliana of the Netherlands and her two babies, and I think it would be a nice thing to take her to the Dutch Reformed Church service on Sunday -- for historical reasons!

I shall see you, however, over the weekend.

In regard to a vestry meeting, I wonder if it can be put off until I get back, about the first of December.

I am delighted about Frank.

As ever yours,

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

St. James's Church

HYDE PARK, N. Y.

REV. FRANK R. WILSON
RECTOR

ARTHUR B. HALPIN
TREASURER

October 27, 1941

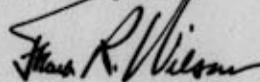
Dear President Roosevelt:

There will be necessity for one vestry meeting before you cease to come to Hyde Park during the winter months. I have a 'hunch' you will be here for election day. Would it be possible to have a meeting Sunday after service? Or if you prefer a later date that will be alright. Whichever, drop us a line so that we can get notice to the others on the vestry.

You will be interested to know that Frank enlisted in the navy September 23, and that he will next month be going to the torpedoman school, and that he intends to compete for Annapolis. He is thoroughly convinced that the navy is about the finest thing in the world.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,



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December 13, 1941.

Dear Arthur:

I am returning the deed to
the Krum plot duly signed. Congratula-
tions on the transaction.

I hope to get home Sunday
the twenty-first, but I can't tell yet.

As ever yours,

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

Enclosure. Deed Cemetery, St. James Church,
Hyde Park. Lot No. 114

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

December 5, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing a deed to a cemetery plot which has already been signed by the Rector and several of the Vestrymen. I have been holding it, hoping that you would be in Hyde Park and that I could see you and have it signed here but it would probably be better for me to send it to you. Will you please sign it and return it to me at an early date so that I can deliver it to the purchaser.

It will probably interest you to know that this is one-half of the plot which I repurchased from the Cortlandt-Johnston Estate for \$41.25 about a year and a half ago. You will note that I have sold this half for \$103. and I have also received \$100. for perpetual care of the same. You might term it a handsome business purchase on the part of our Church. I wish I could do as well with my own property.

I trust that you will be coming to Hyde Park before January 1st so that we can hold a Vestry meeting and adopt proper resolutions for the withdrawal of certain income from savings bank accounts.

You will also probably be interested to know that Edmund Rogers and the other members of his family gave us a considerable quantity of carpet which is now in the Church and arrangements are being made to use it to advantage.

Sincerely yours,

A. S. Halpin

PBF file Hyde Park Church

January 17, 1942.

Dear Mr. Halpin:

The President asks me to thank you ever so much for your letter of January fourteenth for the very excellent financial report of the Church.

The President also asks me to tell you that he fully expects to be home some Sunday before April.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully

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

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

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January 14, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing a copy of my annual report as Treasurer of St. James's Church and a similar copy is being sent to all members of the Vestry. You will observe that our operating deficit for the year was only \$58.49. In view of this exceptionally fine financial condition, I feel that the property committee should make a survey and recommend such repairs as are advisable, and that during the year we should attempt to raise a fund sufficient to take care of this comparatively small deficit and make whatever repairs are necessary. I especially have in mind the cost of recarpeting both the Church and the Chapel.

You will recall that at one of our last meetings it was suggested that I communicate with Edmund Rogers relative to the possibility of obtaining suitable carpeting from Crumwold Hall. I did this and the Rogers family very graciously gave us all of their hall carpets. They have been taken to the upper Church where they will be measured and estimates are being obtained on the cost of laying them in the Chancel of the Church and then transferring the carpeting taken from the Church down to the Chapel. Mr. Bird, Mr. McConnell and Mr. Wilson are on this committee.

The balance of \$1206.99 as of December 31, 1941 together with the income which is being received should be sufficient to carry us over until April. A meeting of the Vestry will be necessary during the month of April or May in order that income can be withdrawn from our savings bank accounts.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A. S. Halpin

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

Please see that the enclosed extra copy
of the annual report is delivered to
James.

A.S. HALPIN

ANNUAL REPORT OF ARTHUR S. HALPIN
 TREASURER OF ST. JAMES'S CHURCH
 FOR THE YEAR 1941

RECEIPTS

	Envelopes for Church Maintenance	\$617.85
	Envelopes for Missions	253.69
	Loose Collections (General)	622.34
	Easter Offering	148.23
	Christmas Offering	187.96
	Bishops Visitations	19.20
	Special Offering for Church of England	635.67
	Annual Subscriptions	816.00
x	Special Subscriptions toward 1940 deficit	626.00
	Endowment (Regular)	2412.89
	Endowment Cemetery Plots	1176.95
	Endowment Pew	50.86
	Plot Owners (Annual care)	492.16
	Pew rent and contributions	275.00
	Miscellaneous	
	Rebat on ins. 13.74	
	No record <u>40.08</u>	53.82
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x	To arrive at operating income deduct the above item of special subscription for 1940 deficit	\$8388.62
		626.00
		<hr/> \$7762.62

EXPENDITURES

	Rector's Salary	\$3000.00
	Sexton's Salary & Extra Labor	1215.75
	Music, organist, choir, etc.	492.95
	Church, (fuel, light, water)	54.85
	Chapel, (fuel, light, water)	204.27
	Rectory, (fuel, light, water)	318.33
	Current expenses, Bus hire \$130.00	
	Rector's allowance 200.00	
	General <u>241.91</u>	571.91
	Pension (Church pension fund)	262.50
	John D. Wicker	300.00
	Insurance	171.68
	Repairs	21.72
	Cemetery Expenses	101.59
	Missions	253.69
	Bishop Visitation	19.20
	Church of England offering	635.67
	Diocese Assessment	330.00
	Credit by Int. on fund	<u>141.00</u>
	Miscellaneous	189.00
		8.00
		<hr/> \$7821.11

SUMMARY

Operating Income	\$7762.62
Operating Expenditures	7821.11
Deficit	<u>\$ 58.49</u>
Balance as of Jan. 1, 1941	639.48
Special subscriptions to 1940 deficit	626.00
1941 Operating Deficit	<u>\$1265.48</u>
Balance as of Dec. 31, 1941	58.49
	<u>\$1206.99</u>

PRINCIPAL INCREASE

Nov. 7 Sale of westerly 1/2 of Plot #114 to L. Augustus Krum	\$103.00	
Dec. 16 Sale of westerly 1/2 of Plot #90 to Anna M. Keegan	170.00	
Dec. 29 Sale of northeasterly 1/4 of Plot #139 to Letitia Nesbitt	<u>56.00</u>	\$329.25
Sept. 24 Estate of Ann Buttler (Legacy) Deposit Po'k. Trust Company acct. #31679		1000.00
Oct. 6 Estate of Emity Rogers Brent Deposit Po'k. Trust Company acct. #31700		1000.00
Nov. 10 L. Augustus Krum (Perpetual care of plot #114) Deposit Po'k. Trust Company acct. #31756		100.00
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		\$2429.25

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Endowment Cemetery Plots			1176.95
Endowment Pew			50.86
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Pew rent and contributions			275.00
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Insurance			171.68
Repairs			21.72
Cemetery Expenses			101.59
Missions		253.69	
Bishop Visitation		19.20	
Church of England offering		<u>635.67</u>	908.56
Diocese Assessment		330.00	
Credit by Int. on fund		<u>141.00</u>	189.00
Miscellaneous			8.00
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			\$2429.25

SEE: Personal Financial folder
for complete details on this.

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P5F
H. P. Church

August 8, 1942.

Dear Danny:

I enclose a letter from the Treasurer of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York, of which I am Senior Warden. Will you please consider this a subscription by the church for \$5,000 of the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % bond issue which I understand is now open to subscription.

Please note that the Treasurer would like to have these bonds made out in four different denominations.

Notification of the acceptance of the subscription can be sent direct to Mr. Arthur S. Halpin or to me. The subscription should be entered in the name of "Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York.

Always sincerely,

s/ FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Honorable Daniel W. Bell,
Under Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

(Enclosure)

PSF Hyde Park Church
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September 28, 1942.

Dear Mr. Wilson-

Yours of the fourteenth came just as I was leaving Washington and I am much torn in my mind -- though I think I would want to do just exactly what you propose if I were in your place.

It would be a grand thing if you could get in as a Navy Chaplain, and you must keep up in touch with the situation.

Please don't worry for a minute about your relationship to the parish.

I know I speak for the whole Vestry in saying that under no circumstances must there be any dissolution of your Rectorship.

I know also that the Vestry will agree with me that your family must continue to live in the Rectory. The matter of a loan to you ought not to be difficult -- the chief problem is to find a bachelor -- either someone too old for active service or some younger man who has such bad eyes or flat feet that he could not serve in the Army or Navy. I am sure we can work that out.

I cannot tell at this moment when I can get to Hyde Park next. It may be about October ninth. I will let you know and I will

St. James's Church

see you before the V_ostry meets.

As ever yours,

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

St. James's Church

HYDE PARK, N. Y.

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

September 14, 1942

Dear President Roosevelt:.

Will it be possible for you to meet with the Vestry on your next visit to Hyde Park?

I am desirous of seeking an appointment to the Corps of Navy Chaplains. In the meantime I am getting my related papers in order and am having some necessary dental work done.

I have given earnest consideration to this step guided by the feeling that I have a duty in that field. My service in the ranks in the last war, my age range, together with a wish to get back in service leads me to this conclusion.

I must have the Vestry's consent either for a leave of absence or a dissolution of the pastoral relationship, if that is asked; this consent must accompany the other papers. Whichever; I feel that the leave of absence should not be greater than for one year in fairness to the parish, and this would depend upon my ability to continue as a chaplain and upon the length of the war beyond a year.

I trust you will further me in this matter; in fact I would like to have a few moments with you prior to the meeting.

In the event I am accepted into the Corps it might be wise for you to deputize Mr. Morgan to act for you, when you are absent, in your capacity as Senior Warden. This will relate more specifically, perhaps in the securing of a *locum tenens* or another rector, as the case may be.

With best wishes,

Faithfully yours,

Frank R. Wilson

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M. J. Church
JP* BF

November 19, 1942.

The south side there is one tablet design which should be taken down and replaced by

Dear Arthur:- and more artistic memorial. and I think that it would be a mistake to have

That is a bit of a problem about the Ogden Mills Memorial Tablet.

Ordinarily I would not be averse to placing the tablet on the south wall but, as you know, I try to take a very long-range view of things and I have been considering the hope and the probability that the church will still be a going concern one hundred or even two hundred years from now. That means that we must consider the fact that tablet space for the future is limited. Also, we must remember that there will be applications from families not yet known who fifty or one hundred years from now will want some chance to get into the limited space.

I do not speak from any personal point of view because, frankly, I do not like tablets and I doubt if any of my family will apply, as I think they share my point of view.

Now it is a fact that the Livingston and Mills' tablets occupy a good deal of space on the north side and still have space on that side which is not yet filled.

On the other side of the church are Bards and Rogers and a few vacant spaces. On

the south side there is one huge tablet of horrible design which should be taken down and replaced by a much smaller and more artistic memorial. And I think frankly that it would be a mistake to have the Livingston or Mills family overflow on to the south side! Equally frankly, I think it would be better to reset the Mills' tablets on the north side and fit the new one in there.

The above is merely a personal opinion, and I will be wholly willing, of course, to go along with what the Vestry decides!

Always sincerely,

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

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

November 16, 1942

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

In re: Ogden L. Mills Memorial Tablet

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

At a recent meeting of the Vestry Mr. Wilson advised us that the proposed tablet to Ogden L. Mills could not conveniently be placed in the wall space previously allotted to the other Mills' Memorials without removing such memorials and resetting them and the contractor does not want to assume such responsibility. The contractor and the representatives of the Mills' family suggest that the tablet could be placed on the south wall space above the "Jacobus Stoutenburgh" tablet.

In discussing this at the vestry meeting we were aware of the fact that tablet space is becoming limited and that the placing of the Mills Memorial on the south wall would practically take up the last available space. In view of the generosity of Mr. Mills, Sr., we did not want to refuse that privilege and we therefore left the matter to a committee consisting of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Morgan and Mr. McConnell with authority to act in the matter as it thought best but a final disposition has not yet been made. The committee feels that the wall space allotted for the Mills Memorials on the north side should be utilized and the two present tablets reset so as to make room for the third. At the same time they are not adverse to granting permission for the tablet to be erected on the south wall in the space previously suggested.

Mr. Brooks, representing the Mills' interest, has talked with the members of the committee and three or four other vestrymen. The committee and other members who have been approached are willing to permit the tablet to be placed on the south wall but none of us want to grant such permissions without first consulting you. Your opinion to this proposal is necessary and I am awaiting your reply.

Yours truly,

ASH:LJ

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

January 13, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing a copy of my report for the year 1942 which shows a comparison with the previous year.

You will observe that we had an operating deficit of \$876.05 which is not greatly out of line with our previous annual deficits. Although my report for the year 1941 showed an operating deficit of only \$58.49 that report included Special Subscriptions in the sum of \$626 for the year 1940 deficit.

Our Rector, having received a commission in the Navy as a Chaplain with the Rank of Lieutenant, left us to report for duty this morning. He has given us to definitely understand that he is resigning and not taking a leave of absence although no written resignation has been tendered to me. The local members of the Vestry will carry on temporarily providing Lay Preachers and supply Ministers to carry on the services.

It is imperative that we have a meeting of the Vestry as soon as it can be conveniently arranged in order that the matter might be discussed fully. I ought to be able to give at least 10 days notice to all members. As far as the local members are concerned we need only a few hours but the Messrs. Rogers and Gerry would probably like to have at least 10 days notice especially at this time of the year when they are likely to be away from New York.

From our previous conversations I feel that I may presume that the rules of the Secret Service will not permit advanced circulation of notice of any such meeting but they undoubtedly have various ways and means of communicating notice of such a meeting to the three above named Vestrymen and to your son James in such a way that it will not become public.

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

F.D.R.

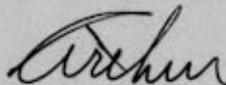
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January 13, 1943

I will see Mr. Morgan within the next day or two and will discuss various matters with him and if he has any suggestions to make as to making up the current deficit I will communicate further with you.

With kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Roosevelt, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



ASH:LJ

ANNUAL REPORT OF ARTHUR S. HALPIN

TREASURER OF ST. JAMES CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR 1942

	1942	1941
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Envelopes for Church	530.08	617.85
Envelopes for Missions	256.25	253.69
Loose offerings (General)	455.02	622.34
Easter offering	95.94	148.23
Thanksgiving offering	29.01	25.67
Christmas offering	120.18	187.96
Sept. 27 Bishop Visitation	7.51	19.20
Church of England (Special Offering)		635.67
March 17 Army and Navy Commission	21.55	
Collected by subscription for 1940 deficit		626.00
Annual subscriptions	812.00	816.00
N.B. Endowment (regular)	2139.96	2412.89
Endowment and subscriptions for Cemetery Plots	1724.25	1669.11
Few rents and endowments	236.06	325.86
Rebate on insurance	15.80	52.82
	<u>6443.61</u>	<u>8388.62</u>

	1942	1941
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
* Rector's Salary	3125.00	3000.00
Dexton and Extra Labor (Salaries)	1210.85	1215.75
Music, Organist and Choir	479.51	492.95
Church (fuel, light, water)	67.23	54.85
Chapel (fuel, light, water)	238.72	204.27
Rectory (fuel, light, water)	336.60	318.33
Current expenses	454.51	571.91
Pension (Church Pension Fund)	262.56	262.50
(John D. Wicker)	300.00	300.00
Insurance	142.47	171.68
Repairs	182.27	21.72
Cemetery Expenses	60.44	101.59
Missions	256.25	253.69
Diocese Assessment	82.42	189.00
Bishop Visitation	7.51	19.20
Army and Navy Commission Offering	21.55	
Church of England offering		635.67
Accrued interest on Bonds bought for investment	15.81	
Paid to Savings Bank Account 1/3d of Income from 156 W. 72d Street Property	76.16	8.00
	<u>7319.66</u>	<u>7821.11</u>

PRINCIPAL INCREASE

November 23d	
Received from Estate of Sarah D. Roosevelt	
Invested in U. S. Treasury Bonds	5000.00

Operating receipts	6443.61
" expenditures	7319.66
" deficit	<u>876.05</u>
Balance as of 1/1/42	1206.99
" as of 12/31/42	<u>330.94</u>

x * Increase due to changing date of payment from 15 to 1st of month.

N.B. difference due to having received arrears of interest during 1941

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Hyde Park Church

February 5, 1943

Hyde Park
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For Vestry Meeting
PSF
H. P. Church

Dear Frank Wilson:

I am back, as you know, from North Africa and I find yours of January sixteenth and am, of course, very proud of you.

I am going to Hyde Park very soon and I have called a Vestry Meeting. As Senior Warden, I am going to decline to accept your resignation -- and your family has got to stay just where they are. I am sure that we can work things out even if I have to read the Service myself on my occasional visits!

I had an awfully nice letter from Russell Bowie, my old classmate and former Rector of Grace Church. He offers to fill in at Hyde Park any time I want him. That is the right spirit.

Don't worry about the family in any way.

You have been grand in everything you have done. All of your parishioners are happy for you and proud of you.

Affectionately your
Commander-in-Chief

Chaplain Frank R. Wilson, Lt. USNR,
The Chaplains' School,
N. O. B.
Norfolk, Virginia.

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The Chaplain's School,
W.O.B. Norfolk, Va.

January 16, 1943

Dear President Roosevelt:

This is the first opportunity
given me to report the situation of St. James',
Hyde Park which I was compelled to leave on
them and a half day's of notice. I had to
literally dump parish matters into the hands of
Art Halpin; but Sterling Bird and
Art McConnell are standing by on the spot.

I feel that it is best to present my
resignation as Rector of St James (which I
enclose) for the best interest of that dear
old church and its people. We shall be
separated too long to make any other course
possible.

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I would that my family be able to continue in the Rectory for another two months when I shall know what my assignment will be. I think for the children's sake Hyde Park might become their home for the duration because it is the only home they have known.

As for the unnumerable thirteen and a half years past it would be more than you can take time to read if I were to express to you all the gracious kindnesses and opportunities given us by yourself and Mrs. Roosevelt. Perhaps you will let me say some of these things to you some future day.

Your Army Press relations put me on the spot when I entered the Service. I have asked the Chaplain in charge of the school

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to permit me to be rid of any more of it so that
I can move freely without having to list up to
something which would be difficult to meet.

I am convinced I have made the right
move, that this is where I belong.

Please accept my very best wishes to you,
Sir, no longer ~~the~~ "Rector's" Warden, but my
Commander-in-Chief, and convey our remembrances
to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Cordially yours.

Captain, Frank R. Wilson, Lt., U.S.N.R.

File Church
St. J. P.

PSF

Hyde Park
Feb. 7, 1943.

My dear Franklin.

It is a great disappointment that I cannot be with you today, both because it is so long since I have seen you, but this meeting is so important. However Dr. Lollar has ordered me to stay in the house on account of a cold. Would hate to bring you near you.

There is a matter I think should be brought before this meeting. Mr. Wilson put some very old and valuable records in my charge. They are still at the Rectory.

There is a good size metal box containing the oldest church papers, contracts books, etc. As Arthur Halpin told me it is possible to pick up a second hand safe at a bargain I would suggest he be authorized to buy one of fair size at the first opportunity. Our small one is packed full now.

Thank God for your safe return from that splendid trip.

Always most sincerely yours,

J. Sterling Bird.

Hyde Park Church
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ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
54 MARKET STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

February 17, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I recently received a letter from Bishop Manning inquiring as to what steps were being taken to replace Mr. Wilson and I immediately wrote to him advising that Mr. Wilson's resignation had not been accepted and that we had granted him a leave of absence and outlined our plan for conducting services and continuing the Sunday School. I have received a letter from him in which he advises that these arrangements are satisfactory and he has asked me to pass this on to you.

I recently received a check in the sum of \$150 from Mr. Gerry as a contribution toward our 1942 deficit and in acknowledging receipt thereof I advised him of the plan which we have agreed to follow and I quote from his letter:

"I would have no objection to this plan, provided that the Supply Preachers are ordained Bishops, Priests, Deacons or Licensed Readers in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, but I, as a Vestryman, should very much object to the Pulpit being opened to those of other denominations."

I think we all agree with Mr. Gerry and I shall assure him that such is the case.

Mr. Capers, of whom I spoke at our recent meeting, was at Norfolk on January 31st and February 7th and while there he saw and talked with Mr. Wilson. On his return to this city he stopped in to see me and as he had already promised Mr. Wilson that he would conduct services at our Church when requested, if it was possible for him to do so, he agreed to take the service for February 14th and 21st. Communion service was had on February 14th and he will hold the service again this coming Sunday. I will arrange for a lay reader to take the service for February 28th and it is my recollection that you were going to communicate with Mr. Bowie and arrange

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

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February 17, 1943

for him to take the service on March 7th. Please let me know if this has been arranged. During our recent meeting you mentioned the name of some retired minister at Rhinebeck but I do not remember his name and have not been in communication with him. Will you please give me his name and address so that we can reach him at an early date.

In view of Mr. Gerry's generous contribution toward the 1942 deficit it seems to me that this would be the proper time for either you, Mr. Morgan or Mr. Rogers to head a Committee for the purpose of raising the balance of such deficit. I will be only too glad to get the local members of the Vestry together and I am sure that locally we can raise \$175. This would leave about \$550 to be raised by subscriptions to a Committee headed by either you, Mr. Morgan or Mr. Rogers.

Very truly yours,

Arthur S. Halpin

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Hyde Park Church
PSF

April 7, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

It was grand that you and Mr. Wilson
could be at the White House for the Services on
March fourth.

I am enclosing herewith a check to
cover the expenses of the trip.

My best wishes,

Always sincerely,

Mrs. Frank R. Wilson,
St. James Rectory,
Hyde Park, New York.

Enclosure. Check for \$50⁰⁰

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Hyde Park Church
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St. James Rectory,
Hyde Park, New York,
April 14th, 1943

Dear Mr Roosevelt,

I wish to thank you so much for your generous check. It was grand being at the White House again and the service is, as always, "one of inspiration". Also, it was most wonderful to meet and be with my husband. He surely loves his work and we, the family are hoping to join him in a couple of months in Jacksonville, where he is now stationed.

Parish affairs aren't shaping themselves to well, as the town's people (some, not all) aren't aware yet, that there is a "war on". I have kept the Church School and Religious Education (in public school) going and we have had a marvelous attendance, to date. I feel after all, these are most important -

Most Sincerely Yours
Florence Wilson

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For the President
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THE WHITE HOUSE
Hyde Park, New York
May 28, 1943
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The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen
St. James Church
Hyde Park, New York

Gentlemen:

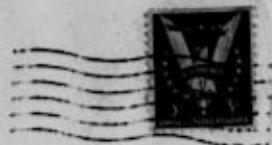
Finding it impossible to meet the present high cost of living on my present salary, I respectfully request that a 25% increase be granted me, retroactive to April 1, 1943.

Very truly yours,

Arthur E. McConnell
Sexton

Copies to:
The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
A. S. Halpin, Clerk

WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 30, 1943.

My dear Mr. Brent:-

The President asks me to tell you that he is having a Vestry meeting soon at Hyde Park and will take up the question of the fire insurance on the church. He is grateful to you for calling this to his attention.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Henry Kelly Brent, Esq.,
80 Maiden Lane,
New York City,
New York.

GENERAL INSURANCE

ESTABLISHED 1902

FIDELITY & SURETY BONDS

HENRY KELLY BRENT
80 MAIDEN LANE, NEW YORK 7, N. Y.
TELEPHONE, HANOVER 2-0570

June 25th 1943

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

RE: Fire Insurance
St. James Church, Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am writing to you as one insurance man to another insurance man about Fire Insurance on St. James Church, St. James Chapel and Library, and St. James Rectory all located in Hyde Park, New York. I am writing not as a broker on commission, but as an insurance adviser and friend of St. James Church.

Hereto attached is a copy of a letter which I have written to Mr. Arthur S. Halpin, Treasurer, concerning the insurance and I also enclose a memorandum showing the condition of the insurance in detail. The Fire Insurance is in very serious and dangerous condition. For instance:

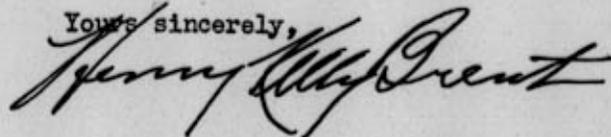
The estimated cost for rebuilding St. James Church, including the fine organ, the beautiful stained glass windows, the memorial plaques and so forth is estimated at \$70,950., whereas the present amount of Fire Insurance is only \$12,250. I recommend that the insurance on this building be increased to \$54,500. which is the maximum amount permissible on the building. This illustrates the condition of all of the insurance.

I will recall myself to you by saying that when you were a Vice-President of Fidelity and Deposit Company in New York City, I lunched with you several times in your private office at 120 Broadway to discuss insurance of mutual interests to both of us.

I am also sending a copy of this letter and this insurance memorandum to Mr. Edmund P. Rogers and Mr. Gerald Morgan who are also Vestrymen of St. James Church.

I realize the great pressure under which you are working at present and I send to you my very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



HKB/ERR
Enc.

HENRY KELLY BRENT
80 MAIDEN LANE, NEW YORK 7, N. Y.
TELEPHONE. HANOVER 2-0570

June 25th, 1943

Mr. Arthur S. Halpin, Treasurer
St. James Church
55 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, New York

RE. Fire Insurance
St. James Church, Hyde Park, New York

Copy for Mr. Roosevelt

Dear Mr. Halpin:

I have recently conferred with Mr. Edmund P. Rogers concerning Fire Insurance on St. James Church, St. James Chapel and Library, and St. James Rectory all located in Hyde Park, New York. Mr. Rogers agrees with the Church Properties Fire Insurance Corporation and myself that the various buildings and contents are very much under insured and that the Fire Insurance should be increased at once in order adequately to protect the property.

Herewith enclosed are four photo copies of an insurance memorandum which I have prepared showing in detail the condition of the insurance. The values and amounts shown in the insurance memorandum are based upon an appraisal of the property made by the Engineering Department of the Church Properties Fire Insurance Corporation as of September 28th, 1942. You will notice the property is very much under insured. For instance:

The estimated cost for rebuilding and refurnishing St. James Church is \$70,950., whereas the amount of Fire Insurance at present carried is only \$12,250. I recommend that the amount of insurance be increased to \$54,500. which is the maximum amount permissible on this building.

The estimated cost to rebuild and refurnish the Chapel and Library Building is \$18,000., whereas the present amount of the insurance is only \$5,800. I recommend that the insurance on this building be increased to \$15,000. which is the maximum amount permissible.

The estimated cost to rebuild the Rectory is \$12,725. whereas the present amount of the insurance is only \$2,500. I recommend that the amount of the insurance be increased to \$10,000. which is the maximum amount permissible on this building.

You will notice on the attached memorandum that your present Five year premium for the very inadequate insurance now carried is \$392.90. If the insurance is increased in accordance with the proposed amounts shown on the memorandum the Five year premium would be \$1,436.40, payable in quarterly installments of \$71.82.

The Fire Insurance on the Church properties is in a very serious

Mr. Arthur S. Halpin, Treasurer
St. James Church

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June 25th, 1943

condition, and I hope my recommendations to increase the insurance immediately will meet your approval. If you wish me to do so, I shall be glad to make the necessary arrangements for you with the Church Properties Fire Insurance Corporation, not as a broker on commission, but as an insurance adviser and friend of St. James Church.

I should appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

HKB/ERR
Enc.

HENRY KELLY BRENT

FIRE INSURANCE

St. James Church, St. James Chapel and St. James Rectory
Located Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York

	<u>Cost To Erect and Furnish New Buildings</u>	<u>Present Values After Depreciation</u>	<u>Present Insurance</u>	<u>Present Five Year Premium</u>	<u>Insurable Value Proposed Insurance</u>	<u>Proposed Five Year Premium</u>
Church Building including Altar, Pews, Bell, Organ, Stained Glass Windows and Plaques attached to Building	\$70,950.00	\$54,500.00	\$12,250.00	\$200.90	(1)*-\$54,500.00	\$ 893.80
Contents of Church including Furniture, Brass, Vestments and Altar Hangings, etc.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	18.40	\$ 3,000.00	55.20
Shed and Tool Room Tools	\$ 1,850.00 300.00	\$ 1,500.00 300.00	None		\$ 1,500.00 300.00	11.16 2.16
Chapel and Library Building including Organ	\$18,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$ 5,800.00	134.56	(2)*-\$15,000.00	348.00
Contents of Chapel and Library including Furniture, Brass, Vestments and Altar Hangings, etc.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 650.00	16.64	\$ 2,000.00	51.20
Rectory Building Barn	\$12,725.00 1,900.00	\$10,000.00 400.00	\$ 2,500.00 200.00	22.40	\$10,000.00 400.00	72.00 2.88
	Total Five Year Premium -			\$ 392.90		\$ 1,436.40
	Quarterly Installment -			\$ 19.65		\$ 71.82

(1)*- This Estimate includes \$5,000.00 on Organ
and \$8,525.00 on nine Stained Glass Windows

(2)*- This Estimate includes \$3,000.00 on Organ

Prepared June 25, 1943
By
Henry Kelly Brent
80 Maiden Lane
New York 7, N.Y.

Specially Designed Stained Glass Windows

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

<u>Position</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	
North	\$1,200.	James Roosevelt	Died 1900
North	650.	George Kneeland	Died 1850
North	600.	James Y. Jones	Died 1858
North	525.	Stencil Design	
South	700.	Rubert Sherwood	Died 1856
South	650.	Oliver H. Butler	?
South	1,100.	Edmund H. Pendleton	Died 1862
South	1,600.	Emily Rogers Brent	Died 1940
Front	<u>1,500.</u>	Chancel Window	
	<u>\$8,525.</u>		

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REPORT OF ARTHUR S. HALPIN, TREASURER

file → ST JAMES CHURCH, HYDE PARK, N. Y.

RECEIPTS

From envelopes for the Church	3409.98
From envelopes for Program of Church	201.78
From loose offerings (weekly)	400.88
From Easter Offering	98.17
From Thanksgiving Offering	6.60
From Christmas Offering	106.15
From Special Subscription (Mr. Gerry)	150.
From Annual Subscriptions	944.00
From endowment fund (income)	2530.29
From Cemetery endowment and plot subscriptions	1671.17
From pew rents and endowments	261.26
From Henry Kelly Breat (Special subscription for insurance premiums)	262.76
	<u>7043.04</u>

Rebate on insurance	18.29	
Reimbursement from Sunday School	29.32	47.61
		<u>\$7090.65</u>

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Received 6% dividend on claim filed with Mortgage Commission on 156 West 75th St., less	363.26
Received from sale of plots	565.00
Received perpetual care of plot	300.
	<u>\$1228.26</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries: F. R. Wilson \$675.00 less V tax 34.75	640.25
Mr. Anthony 800.00 no tax	800.00
Supply preachers	582.50
Mr. McConnell 1425.00 less taxes 59.70	1365.30
Extra labor	9.
Organist 370. less taxes 38.00	332.00
Paid Collector Internal Revenue Taxes 132.45	132.45
Paid Choir	105.00
Paid Music and tuning organs	82.40
Fuel, Light and water (Church)	42.91
do do do (Chapel)	45.09
do do do (Rectory)	327.59
Pensions (Church Pension Fund) 80.96	
John D. Wicker) 300.00	<u>380.96</u>
Paid for Insurance	243.17
Paid for repairs	419.33
Cemetery expenses	86.45
Current expenses (includes \$29.32) Sunday School which was reimbursed)	294.59
Missions	201.78
Diocesan Assessment 273.42	
Less 5% Int. on fund dep. for purpose 104.99	
Paid balance	168.43
Paid to Fed. Sav. Mk. Act No. 158698 1/3rd of the income received from interest in 154 W. 75th St.,	141.28
	<u>6390.48</u>
Dep in F. S. B. act. #158698 n/c loss 156 W 75th St	363.26
do F. S. B. Spec Int act perpet. care Bodenstain	300.
do F. S. B. act. #76-756 sale plot 171	390.
do do do do do do 85	170.
Returned to Stanley Alarich paymt offered on act. plot	5.
	<u>\$1228.26</u>

Hyde Park Church folder
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The file regarding this correspondence
is in Miss Turner's Confidential Files.

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*Hyde Park Church folder
PS F 9-44*

February 7, 1944.

Dear Gerald:

I did not even know that Arthur Halpin had resigned as Treasurer. Of course, I think Henry Hackett would be grand in his place if he is willing to do it.

I hope to run up to Hyde Park about the twenty-third, for a week -- if I can make it. What would you think of having a Vestry Meeting on Sunday, February twenty-seventh, and putting it through at that time? If you think you can get up there that Sunday, let me know and I will write to Halpin to call the meeting. I suppose he is still Secretary of the Vestry.

As ever yours,

"F. D. R."

Gerald Morgan, Esq.,
14 East 93rd Street,
New York City, 28, N. Y.

St James Church
Hyde Park, N.Y.

Feb 2, 1944

14 EAST 93RD STREET
NEW YORK CITY 28

Dear Franklin,

Now that Art Halpin has
resigned as treasurer, why not
Henry Hackett? I spoke to him
some time ago, and he said he
supposed he might have to do so
some time, or words to that effect.

It seems to me I haven't
seen you for ever so long! Wishing
you all health, success & happiness.

Ever yours,

Am.

THIS DOCUMENT IS THE BEST
AVAILABLE. EVERY TECHNICAL
EFFORT HAS BEEN TAKEN TO
INSURE LEGIBILITY.

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St. James Church
Hyde Park, N. Y.

Feb. 9, 1944

14 East 22nd Street
New York City 28

Dear Franklin:

I am going to Hyde Park
tomorrow afternoon, and I will get
hold of Henry Hackett on Thursday,
and find out for certain whether
he will take over Art Halpin's
job as treasurer. Then I will be
able to answer definitely your
letter of yesterday, which I will
promptly do.

Yours ever,

C. H.

St. James Church
Hyde Park, N.Y.

Feb 8, 1944

14 EAST 93RD STREET
NEW YORK CITY 28

Dear Franklin,

I am going to Hyde Park tomorrow afternoon, and I will get hold of Henry Hackett on Thursday, and find out for certain whether he will take over Ark Hulpin's job as treasurer. Then I will be able to answer definitely your letter of yesterday, which I will promptly do.

Yours ever

Sam.

Hyde Park Church folder
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February 7, 1944.

Dear Arthur:

I am very sorry that you are thinking of resigning as Treasurer, but I can understand how busy you are. I hope you will continue as Secretary of the Vestry.

I hope to get home about the twenty-third or twenty-fourth of this month and I will be there on Sunday, the twenty-seventh. Could we have a Vestry Meeting right after church on that day? If this is all right, go ahead and call one. I have written to Gerald Morgan.

I think it is an excellent idea that Henry Hackett should take over the treasurership, if he is willing to do so.

Always sincerely,

"F. D. R."

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

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BT
Hyde Park Church Ledger

January 31, 1944

54 ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
53 MARKET STREET
ROUGHKNEEPSIE, N. Y.

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I would greatly appreciate it if, on your next trip to Hyde Park, you could give an hour of your time for a Vestry meeting for routine business and for the special purpose of acting upon my resignation as Treasurer, which I will tender at such meeting.

Due to pressure of business in my practice of law I find it impossible to give the time to the duties of Treasurer the responsibilities of which are increasing rapidly. I will, of course, insist that my accounts be audited. I am also writing Mr. Rogers and Mr. Morgan of my resignation and I suggest that either Mr. Morgan or Mr. Hackett be elected to the office. It should be someone of considerable experience in such matters and with time to devote to the work.

H/S.

Very truly yours

Arthur S. Halpin

Hyde Park Church
PSK folder 3-44

February 8, 1944.

Dear Jimmy:

At last I have come down in my basket to your note sent back in December, together with its grand contribution to St. James' Church. I am sure all the Vestry will be made very happy and I will speak to them about it when we have a Vestry meeting the end of this month.

As you know, Mr. Wilson is a Chaplain in the Navy and we are filling in with a Dr. Anthony who is a retired clergyman from Rhinebeck -- we are lucky, as he is a fine, old gentleman and things are running smoothly. He gets less than Mr. Wilson got and in 1943 -- for the second year in a row -- we came out without any deficit or any big drives to make both ends meet.

However, last autumn I found that the insurance on the main church, the chapel and the rectory were altogether too low so we have increased them in case they burn down, and that means higher premiums for this year.

It was just grand to have you here and I do hope that you and Rommie can get on again soon. Be sure to let me know if you get any rumors of orders!

Affectionately,

Lieutenant Colonel James Roosevelt,
El Cortez,
San Diego,
California.

(Orig. covers - James Roosevelt folder, 4-44.)

February 8, 1944.

Dear Arthur:-

Here is a check for the Treasury of the Church from my boy Jimmy. He said that he would send it to the Rector of the Church for use as he may deem fit but that it seems more appropriate at this time that it go to the General Fund of the parish.

With kindest regards,

Always sincerely,

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

(Enclosure)

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

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February 10, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am giving notice of a meeting
of the Vestry to be held at your home on Sunday February
27th at 12:15 p.m. which I believe is in accordance with
your suggestion.

I have suggested to Henry Hackett
that he accept the position as Treasurer but he shied from
the suggestion in a manner that reminded me of a filly at
the noise of an automobile in the early 19 hundreds. But,
like a filly, I do believe that he will take it if you,
Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rogers will use a little salve.

I acknowledge receipt of James'
check in the sum of \$50.00 which has been credited to the
general fund and a receipt is enclosed so that you may
forward it to him. When you do so please tell him of the
proposed meeting and try to prevail upon him to be present.

Sincerely,

H/S.

Arthur S. Halpin

Hyde Park Church
PSP folder 3-44

February 15, 1944.

Dear Gerald:

I am sorry about Henry Hackett not being willing to undertake the treasurer-ship and I suppose we can defer selecting his successor until March or April.

Of course, you are the obvious choice for treasurer and you would make the best we could get, but I suppose it is really better to have someone who is in Hyde Park all the time.

What would you think of the young man who runs the drug store -- for the moment I cannot put my finger on his name? He seems to be up and coming. He is a violent Republican!

As ever yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Raymond Hill

Gerald Morgan, Esq.,
14 East 93rd Street,
New York 28, N. Y.

St James Church
Hyde Park, N.Y.

Feb 11, 1944
14 E. 93 St.
New York 28 N.Y.

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

Dear Franklin,

Henry Hackett, with whom I have had two long talks, does not feel equal to taking on the treasurer's duties, on account of extra pressure of business, chiefly income tax business, in his office. He will explain to you by letter, as he himself wishes to do.

I have had notice of a Vestry meeting on Feb 27th. Since Arthur Halpin, whose letter I enclose, does not mean to resign at once, you may wish to have this meeting postponed until Edmund Rogers returns from Aiken. If so, please let me know.
Ever yours
A. S. H.

January 31, 1944

ARTHUR S. HALPIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
54 ~~XX~~ MARKET STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

Mr. Gerald Morgan,
Hyde Park, N. Y.

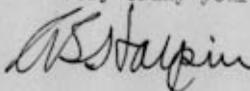
Dear Mr. Morgan:

I have just written Mr. Roosevelt asking for a meeting of the Vestry so that action may be taken on my resignation as Treasurer which I will tender at such meeting. I find that I cannot give time to the business of the office and must be relieved. I hope, however, to remain as a vestryman. I have also notified Mr. Rogers because you will want to talk this matter over and decide on my successor and it is better that some consideration should be given the office because it is a real responsibility requiring time and real ability.

It will probably be a month or six weeks before a meeting can be held giving you sufficient time to consider the matter.

H/S.

Very truly yours,



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

February 15, 1944.

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

Dear Franklin:

Mr. Gerald Morgan has told me that Arthur S. Halpin is going to resign as Secretary and Treasurer of St. James Church and that you had suggested that I succeed him. I regret that this is impossible because I now have so much work to do that I would not be able to devote the time to this matter which it would require.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

St. James Church
Hyde Park, N.Y.

Feb 16. 1944

14 EAST 93RD STREET
NEW YORK CITY 28

Dear Franklin,

The name of the drug store man is Raymond Hill. Henry Harkett suggested him to me, and I like him personally and know also that he is well liked in the village. I think he would be absolutely O.K. for treasurer. Whether or not you call a vestry meeting on Feb 27th, how would you like to see me at Hyde Park some time that weekend and talk things over?

Ever yours

G.M.

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*Hyde Park Church picnic
PSF 3-44*

February 21, 1944.

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The President has your note about Mr. Raymond Hill and also about the Vestry Meeting. He asks me to tell you that he hopes much that you can come up on Sunday, February twenty-seventh and also, that you will be able to have lunch and supper with him on that date.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Morgan,

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Gerald Morgan, Esq.,
14 East 93rd Street,
New York City, N. Y.

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St. Joe Church
HP.

March 13, 1944.

Dear Henry:-

I agree with you that the church should not advance \$200 to appeal a case which was lost in the lower court. It seems like too much of a risk.

Always sincerely,

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

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

March 7, 1944.

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

Dear Franklin:

Re: Estate of Chester E. Sherman, dec.

Robert J. Farrington, an attorney of New York City, who was originally recommended by Morris & McVeigh of New York City and was retained in April 1943 to represent St. James Church in the above estate on a contingency basis of 33-1/3%, has written me that Hon. Charles J. Dodd, the Referee to whom the matter was referred, has decided against him and wants the Church to advance \$200. so he can appeal.

It appears that Sherman executed a separation agreement with his wife some time before his death in and by which he set up a trust fund and in addition guaranteed an annual income of a fixed amount of more than the trust fund produced. Mrs. Sherman is claiming that the real property should be added to the trust fund in order to insure the maintenance of the amount of annual income. She is represented, I am informed, by the son-in-law of a certain Supreme Court Justice and has been very successful to date.

In view of this and the fact that Sherman guaranteed the amount of the annual income, I do not believe that St. James Church would win on appeal and that it ought not to advance the \$200. Kindly let me know what you think about it.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

BILL HASSETT:

If it is all right with
Arthur Halpin, I could have a
Vestry Meeting at the house on
Sunday, May 21st at 12:00.

F.D.R.

Also attached is Arthur S. Halpin's ltr. of April 7th, re St. James Church, and enclosing a copy of a ltr. which Dr. Anthony received from the Treasurer of the Diocesan Convention and also report and recommendation in the Diocesan Assessment and the Episcopal Fund. Mr. Halpin says a Vestry meeting will be necessary.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
MAY 8 1944

May 8, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT:

Arthur S. Halpin, Treasurer,
St. James's Church, wrote the President under
date of April seventh to ask when a meeting of
the Vestry can be held to consider Diocesan
Assessment and the Episcopal Fund.

Mr. Halpin's correspondence is
attached.

W. D. H.

Enclosures.

April 17, 1944

Dear Mr. Halpin:

Your letter of April seventh, addressed to the President, with respect to the necessity for a meeting of the Vestry has been received while the President is seeking a little rest and sunshine in the South. It will be brought to his attention immediately upon his return.

I do not know of any plans which the President has for another visit home but I will keep you advised.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

Arthur S. Halpin, Esq.,
Treasurer,
St. James's Church,
Hyde Park, New York.

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REPORT OF ALAN D. MACY
 TREASURER OF ST. JAMES'S CHURCH
 June 5th, 1944 to January 1st, 1945.

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 H.P. PSF
 Church*

Balance on hand June 5th, 1944. \$138.25

RECEIPTS

Envelopes, Church	\$444.29	
Mission	151.49	
Loose	257.63	
Special Thanksgiving	10.60	
" Christmas	86.40	960.41
Annual Subscription		800.00
Endowment, Interest church endowments		1413.58
" churchyard endowments and contributions for care of plots		1742.47
Pew Rents		486.46
Total Operating Income		\$5541.17

EXPENDITURES

Salaries, Rector	\$1600.00	
Sexton	966.40	\$2566.40
Music, Organist, Chbr, etc.		292.99
Light, Water & Fuel, Church	14.32	
Chapel	263.70	
Rectory	312.98	591.00
Pension Fund		122.50
Expenses		273.67
Insurance		148.30
Repairs		20.30
Cemetery		63.40
Missions		367.89
Miscellaneous (includes income tax withholding)		91.52
Total Expenditures		\$ 4557.97

Balance on hand January 1st, 1945. \$ 983.20

U.S. Bond) called in and money
 N.Y., Chic, & St. Louis Bond) deposited in bank 2000.00

Bank Balance January 1st, 1945. \$ 2983.20

COMPARISON of INCOME and OPERATING
EXPENSES for Years 1944 and 1943.

	<u>1944</u>	<u>1943</u>
RECEIPTS		
Envelopes, Church	680.01	409.98
Mission	237.33	201.78
Loose	598.13	611.80
Annual Subscription	850.00	1094.00
Endowment, Church	2224.83	2461.59
Churchyard	1744.97	1671.17
Few Rents	486.46	261.26
EXPENSES		
Salaries	3856.10	3442.35
Music	466.24	463.40
Light, Water, Fuel Church	18.08	42.91
Chapel	309.70	45.09
Rectory	540.67	327.59
Pension	217.50	380.96
Expenses	429.94	334.59
Insurance	267.47	243.17
Repairs	20.30	459.33
Cemetery	91.88	86.45
Missions	470.08	370.21
Misc.	259.47	194.33