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POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Pub. Jan. 31st
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Jan. 31st, 1934.

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

Dear Franklin:

I acknowledge receipt of the tax bill
for school taxes on the Bennett and Tompkins farms. These
taxes were paid on December 18th, 1933 and I have the
receipted bill for them in my possession.

May I remind you that on Jan. 11th I
sent you a statement of the rents received and payments
made by my brother on account of the Bennett and Tompkins
farms, also that we need \$142.09 to pay the taxes which are
now due and payable. The 1% period expires on February 7th.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Henry T. Hackett

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May 2, 1935.

Dear Henry:-

I am delighted that you have completed the Dumphy farm survey and also will see Edmund tomorrow.

Why don't you run down here whenever it is convenient to you — any day except Saturday or Sunday? Probably it is best not to wait until I go to Hyde Park the end of May or the beginning of June.

Jeff Newbold suggested when he was down here last month — perhaps in fun — that they might be glad to get rid of the whole of the farm north of the Dumphy place, i.e., the one that has the right of way out to Van Wagner Road.

Always sincerely,

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

HENRY T. HACKETT
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226 UNION STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

April 27th, 1935.

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

Dear Franklin:

The map and survey of the land west of
Mrs. Mary Newbold Morgan to be conveyed to you has been
completed. I expect to go over this matter with Mr. Edmund
P. Rogers in the course of a few days.

On Tuesday, April 30th, we expect to
survey the rear part of the Dumphy farm owned by the Newbold
estate, which the Trustees are to convey to you.

If convenient for you, I would like to
see you about both of these matters before the titles are
finally passed.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 2, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY T. HACKETT, ESQ.

Many thanks for your note of July thirtieth in regard to the Central Hudson refund. Will you be good enough to check this up with the Company? The one thing I want to avoid is any acceptance of a bonus, gift, refund, etc., from them if other people do not get the same thing.

F. D. R.

HENRY T. HACKETT
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226 UNION STREET
POUGHKEEPSIK, NEW YORK



July 30th, 1935.

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

Dear Franklin:

I have delayed writing you in reference to the refund mentioned in the letter from the Central Hudson Gas & Elec. Corporation to you of the 12th instant, which I am returning enclosed herewith, as I expected to see you at Hyde Park.

I do not know of any other person to whom the Company is making a refund in the vicinity of your property on Violet Avenue.

I think it would be well, if you approve, that I obtain from the Company their method of computing refunds and then obtain copies of their agreements with you and Mrs. Roosevelt in order to ascertain how generous they are.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

Marion

Will Henry Hackett run
this down & send the President
a report. (at the White House)

He would like to know
if they are making
similar offers to people
who have ^{had} private lines

He does not want to
answer this letter until he
knows that other people
are getting the same
treatment,

N.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
JUL 16 1935
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CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

July 12, 1935

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

Sir:

Re Purchase of Electric Distribution Lines on
Val-Kill Farm Property, Violet Avenue,
Hyde Park, N. Y.

The Val-Kill Furniture Shops, Miss Nancy Cook and Mr. Arnold Berg, all situated on Val-Kill Lane in the Town of Hyde Park, receive electric service from a line extension which we built on your property for Mrs. Roosevelt in 1925 and which we understand was further extended for you or Mrs. Roosevelt by a contractor in 1933 to supply Mr. George Lawson.

Mr. Moses Smith located on Violet Avenue, in the Town of Hyde Park, receives electric service from an electric line which we understand was built for you in 1927 by an electrical contractor and was further extended in 1930 to supply the farmhouse and gas station of Mrs. Nellie Johanesen.

We have recently made certain modifications in our Rural Extension Plan to liberalize its application and to effect material reductions in the guaranteed minimum charges under which rural lines will be built in the future. At the same time we are reviewing all cases of line extensions built and paid for by our customers on private property but which now serve other customers. In the case of the line extensions above mentioned, these lines are now used to supply electric service to several different individuals and enterprises for use at six different places instead of to a single customer on each line as originally contemplated. Under the circumstances we feel that we are now justified in taking over your original investment in these lines and in assuming the responsibility for their maintenance and for the provision of additional capacity as required from time to time to meet increases in the volume of the business.

We, therefore, offer to purchase both lines described above from you for \$1,766.00; this total price being made up of the sum of \$1,172.00 which Mrs. Roosevelt paid us for the original line supplying the Val-Kill Shop on January 27, 1926; \$138.00 which we estimate to be the cost of the new extension supplying Mr. Lawson; and \$456.00 which we estimate to be the cost of the line supplying Mr. Moses Smith and Mrs. Nellie Johanesen.

The President

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July 12, 1935

If our offer is acceptable to you, we will repair and operate these lines at our expense from the date of their purchase by us and will assume that you will permit us to maintain the lines in their present location as long as they are required to supply electric service to the Val-Kill Shops and other customers located on your property.

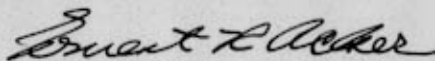
If this proposal meets with your approval, we would appreciate your indicating your acceptance below and returning this letter to us, whereupon we will send you our check or checks for the total amount of \$1,766.00 made payable to your order or to Mrs. Roosevelt as you direct.

We are attaching a second copy of this letter for your records.

Yours very truly,

CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION

By



President.

E.R.Acker/F
Enc.

Accepted , 1935

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August 23, 1935.

Dear Henry:-

I am glad that the deed to the Newbold property has been signed. Please let me know, as soon as you can, when I should make the check out to and the amount. When I send you the check to the Newbold estate, will you have the deed recorded?

I was sorry not to see you on Sunday but will be home again next week. Do run in and see me then.

Always sincerely,

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

Site
Hyde Park

August 13, 1935.

Dear Henry:-

Thank you much for letting me know about the assessment. I had forgotten the road-stand and think it is all right.

I hope to be home this coming Saturday and Sunday.

Has Jeff Newbold ever signed the deed to the seventy-two acres?

As ever yours,

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

HENRY T. HACKETT
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POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Aug. 10th, 1935.

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

Dear Franklin:

In reference to the increase of your assessment of \$500. by the Board of Assessors of the Town of Hyde Park, I was informed by George C. Tillou and John Vandewater, two of the members of the Board, that it was made because of the erection of the roadstand on the Tompkins farm.

Tompkins farm, 183 acres, now assessed at \$2800.

Fred Wright " 88 " " " 2950.

Dumphy farm 184 " " " 7200.
(Newbold)

From the above assessments I do not think that a \$500. increase on the Tompkins farm is out of proportion with the assessments of the neighboring properties. If you think so, kindly let me know.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

HENRY T. HACKETT
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POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Aug. 19th, 1935.

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

Dear Franklin:

In reply to yours of the 13th instant,
Thomas Jefferson Newbold signed and acknowledged the deed
on June 10th, 1935 before Augustus P. Loring, Jr., a Notary
Public. There is attached to it the certificate of the
Clerk of the Superior Court showing the authority of Mr.
Loring to take the acknowledgement.

I am holding the deed subject to your
order.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

October 2, 1935

In reply refer to
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My dear Miss LeHand:

I am returning for the files of the White House the original of a letter from Mr. Henry T. Hackett to the President, concerning certain difficulties which have arisen in connection with the taking of testimony in Geneva, Switzerland, of the witnesses to the will of the late Augusta K. vanBenschoten, who died at Menton, France, on April 3, 1935.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Department's reply to Mr. Hackett's letter, and feel sure that the information contained therein will enable him to decide upon the course of action which he will wish to adopt in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Enclosures:

From Mr. Hackett,
with Department's
reply thereto.

R. Southgate
Richard Southgate,
Chief, Division of Protocol
and Conferences.

Miss Marguerite A. LeHand,
Private Secretary to the President,
The White House.

Department of State

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DIVISION

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ENCLOSURE

TO

Letter drafted 10-1-35

ADDRESSED TO

Miss LeHand, Private
Secretary to the President

September 27 1935

My dear Mr. Hackett:

Your letter of September 24, 1935, reached the President just as he was preparing to leave Washington. He instructed me to tell you that he is extremely sorry not to have the time to answer you personally and he requested that I furnish you with all available information regarding the points raised in your letter.

I have taken the matter up with the appropriate officer in the Department of State and have been informed by him that the Swiss law forbids the taking of depositions of persons voluntarily appearing before consular officers. I am pleased to send on to you copies of two notes on this subject dated April 27, 1925 and January 8, 1927, received by the American Legation at Bern from the Swiss Federal Department of Justice and Police.

In the circumstances, since American consular officers in Switzerland are not competent to take testimony

under

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

under a commission issued by an American court, it is suggested that you may wish to consider the advisability of requesting a competent court in the United States to issue letters rogatory. Such letters rogatory may be directed "To the appropriate judicial authority in Switzerland" and may be forwarded to the Department of State for transmission to their destination through the diplomatic channel. The letters rogatory should be accompanied by a money order or by a certified check in the amount of sixty dollars (\$60.00), drawn in favor of the Secretary of State of the United States, to cover the costs incident to the execution thereof. Any unexpended balance, I am informed, after the deduction of actual costs, will be returned to you.

I trust that with this information you will be able to reach a decision as to the course you will wish to take in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Southgate,
Chief, Division of Protocol
and Conferences.

Enclosures:

Letters of April 27,
1925, and January 8,
1927, from Swiss Federal
Department of Justice
and Police.

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POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Sept. 24th, 1935

September 27 1935



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

Dear Franklin:

My brother and I are the Executors of the Will of Augusta K. vanBenschoten, an American citizen and resident of Poughkeepsie, who died at Menton, France on April 3, 1935 leaving a Will which had been executed by her at the American Consulate at Geneva, Switzerland on June 6th, 1933 and was witnessed by Gilson G. Blake and John Wirth, who I am informed were and still are attached to the American Consulate at Geneva.

The Surrogate of Dutchess County made an order appointing Prentiss Gilbert, the American Consul at Geneva, Switzerland, commissioner to take the testimony of these witnesses. Mr. Gilbert claims that the testimony must be taken by some Swiss Judge. I do not know why the Swiss law should interfere unless the witnesses are Swiss subjects.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know with whom I can communicate in the State Department in order to straighten this matter out.

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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November 11, 1935.

Dear Henry:-

I am delighted that the contract for the Rohan farm has gone through and I am returning it to you, duly signed, together with check for \$2,450, payable to Rohan.

Will you also ask Peter if he will be good enough to have the corn ground plowed and limed this fall?

As ever yours,

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

HENRY T. HACKETT
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226 UNION STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Nov. 7th, 1935.

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

Dear Franklin:

I am enclosing herewith the contract for the purchase of the Gregg farm executed in duplicate by Peter C. Rohan and wife for \$24,500., \$2,450. to be paid upon the execution of the contract and the balance of \$22,050 in cash upon delivery of the deed on April 1st, 1936. Peter C. Rohan is to pay one-fourth of the taxes due and payable in January, 1936.

If this is satisfactory, please sign each and return them to me with a check for \$2,450. payable to Peter C. Rohan.

He tells me that the corn ground should be plowed and limed this Fall and is willing to do it for you if you want it done.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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Hackett

At Warm Springs, Ga.,
November 22, 1935.

Dear Henry:-

Will you tell Peter Rohan to go ahead with the plowing of the fifty acres and the manuring between now and next spring? I do not know whether his estimates are right or not but must assume that they are.

I enclose check to the order of "Estate of Anne C. Rogers" for \$5,000. Will you record the deed and deliver the check to Eddie, and send me a line when all this is accomplished so that I can have some signs put up on the property near the river?

As ever yours,

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

(Enclosure)

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

Nov. 15th, 1935.

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

Dear Franklin:

I acknowledge receipt of yours of the 11th instant containing contracts and check for \$2,450. to the order of Peter C. Rohan, which I have just delivered to him.

He tells me that there are about fifty acres of corn stubble on the farm which should be plowed this Fall, and says that he will have it plowed at \$4. an acre, and that a man and a team cannot plow much more than an acre a day.

He says that he will have the manure hauled out and spread on the plowed ground at \$2.00 a load a day and that there are about 150 days from now to April 1, 1936. He thinks that it will be better not to put the lime on the ground until next Spring.

I have received the deed executed by the three Executors of Mrs. Rogers' estate ready to be recorded. If you will kindly send me a check to the order of the "Estate of Anne C. Rogers" for \$5,000. I will record the deed and deliver the check to Mr. Edmund P. Rogers.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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personal financial*

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

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Nov. 25th, 1935.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Warm Springs
Georgia.

Dear Franklin:

I acknowledge receipt of yours of the
22nd instant containing check to the order of the Estate of
Anne C. Rogers for \$5,000., which I expect to deliver to
Mr. Edmund P. Rogers tomorrow morning.

I am filing the deed to be recorded
this morning.

As soon as I can get in touch with Peter
Rohan, I will tell him to proceed with the plowing. I inquired
of Benjamin Haviland and he told me that one man can plow on
an average of about an acre a day and that \$4.00 an acre for
a man and team is a reasonable amount.

There seems to be some complications in
the Wyatt Jones title and I will write you about this matter
in a day or so.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

HENRY T. HACKETT
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226 UNION STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

BF
Hackett

Nov. 27th, 1935.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Warm Springs, Georgia.

Dear Franklin:

Upon plotting out Wyatt Jones' land it appears that Schaffer, the owner of the main part of the farm to the east, owns a wood lot of about six acres between parcels 1, 2 and 3 owned by Jones.

I told Jones that you probably would not care to buy his land with someone else's wood lot in the center of it.

Schaffer has been in to see me and at first was not inclined to sell the wood lot separate from the farm as he claimed it was the only wood land on his farm, but finally said that if you made him an offer he might sell it.

Jones owns parcels 1, 2 and 3 subject to a \$600. mortgage and the present unpaid taxes.

There is some question about the correct boundary of parcel 3. In 1921 Fred Adams, the predecessor in title to Schaffer, sold a lot 312 feet in width on the north and south lines and 912 feet in length on the east and west lines to Lester Griffin Gossage. In 1929 Gossage sold this parcel to Jones and his wife by a description in metes and bounds as plotted out on the enclosed map, which appears to contain more land than he actually bought from Adams.

I think a quit-claim deed from Schaffer and a release from the Federal Land Bank would correct this matter.

If you should decide to purchase the Jones property and the Schaffer wood lot, I would suggest that the offer for the wood lot include the fee to the thirty foot right of way owned by Schaffer extending westerly from Cream Street along the south line of his farm to Jones' property.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

*File
Personal Finance*

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

*BF
Hackett*

Nov. 27th, 1935.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Warm Springs, Georgia.

Dear Franklin:

Yesterday morning I delivered your check
for \$5,000. payable to the Estate of Anne C. Rogers to Mr.
Edmund P. Rogers at the Fulton Trust Company in New York City.

The deed has been recorded and I have put
it away in my safe with your other papers.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

(2) PSF
Hackett

At Warm Springs, Ga.,
December 2, 1935.

Dear Henry:-

As I wited you the other day, I think it is all right to go ahead with:

- (a) The purchase of the Jones land.
- (b) The purchase of the wood lot for \$800 and unpaid taxes.
- (c) The fee of the right of way out to Cream Street.

I think you should tell Jones that he must remove his dance hall within three or four months, and it might be well to have someone check up on the house and barn on the premises so as to be sure he does not try to remove anything that is part of the realty!

Gus Gannerich has a friend in New York who probably would be willing to go up there in April to live as a rent-free tenant until such time as I get someone else. This may be a good idea, as the man and his wife are respectable, hard working people.

Inoidentially, I take it Jones will remove the pigs even if part of the smell remains behind!

As ever yours,

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

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

Dec. 31st, 1935.

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

Dear Franklin:

Schaeffer wants \$1000. for his wood lot and the fee of the road out to Cream Street on the east and he wants to reserve the right to use the road as far west as his land extends from Cream Street and also to reserve the wood on the wood lot.

He wants too much, more than twice what the land is worth.

I have been told that about half of his wood lot has already been cut off. Schaeffer claims that he was born in Connecticut and later moved into Dutchess County and worked for a number of years for Morgan and Henry Wilber. He is now running his farm and peddling ice around the City of Poughkeepsie. I think he is making more out of the ice business than out of the farm.

The hog business on Jones' property is owned and operated by a white man named Nash and Elmer Smith, a nephew of Uriah Smith, who you used to know over on Quaker Lane. Smith told me that they have from fifteen to twenty old hogs and one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty pigs of different ages and sizes on the property. This business depends upon obtaining garbage from the City of Poughkeepsie and will come to an end as soon as the City of Poughkeepsie builds an incenerator.

I had been thinking that you might purchase the thirty-two acre parcel of Jones on the west, but, as the west line of the wood lot runs very closely to the house, it would be impossible for Gus Gannerich's friends to stay in the house if the pigs were moved into the wood lot. Jones has said at different times that he thought that Elmer Smith would buy his property, and I think it will be just as well if he does. We can probably do business with Smith better than we can with Jones.

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

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

File - (5) Drawer 1-36 . BF

Hackett

January 15, 1936.

Dear Henry:-

What would you think of offering Schaeffer \$500 for his wood lot and the lane, allowing him to use the lane as far back as his land would then go? The reason I am rather keen to get the Jones land and the wood lot is that if anyone lived on top of the hill on the easterly end of the Newbold land, that Jones property could be made a very definite nuisance.

I expect to be home February twenty-third for three or four days and count on seeing you then.

As ever yours,

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

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226 UNION STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

BF
Hackett

Jan. 15th, 1936.

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

Dear Franklin:

I am enclosing herewith a statement for the year 1935 of the rents received and payments made by my brother, John M. Hackett for the Bennett and Tompkins farms, from which it appears there is a balance of \$271.74 on hand and that Moses is in arrears to the extent of \$210. for the year 1935. He has promised to pay \$175. on Jan. 25th.

The taxes on the two farms this year, including collector's fee, amount to

\$ 484.47
271.74
<u>\$ 212.73</u>

Please send me a check for \$212.73 so that we may save the penalty in case Moses fails. If Moses does not fail, we will probably need the \$212.73 to pay your proportionate share of the taxes on land purchased from the Newbolds and Rogers. These properties will not be assessed separately in your name until the new tax roll is made up in July 1936.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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Hackett

1935

Statement of rent received and payments made by John M. Hackett for
F. D. Roosevelt during the year 1935 - Bennett and Tompkins farms

<u>Received</u>		<u>Moses Smith</u>	<u>Mrs. Johannessen</u>	
<u>1935</u>				
Jan. 1st	Balance on hand			
" 12th	Rent for Nov. & Dec. 1934 and Jan. 1935			\$ 274.65
" 23rd	On account of 1934 rent	\$ 125.00	\$ 75.00	
Apr. 8th	Rent for Feb., March & Apr. Cash \$61.35			
	Receipted bills 13.65			
July 8th	Rent for May, June & July		61.35	
Sept. 20th	Rent for Aug. & Sept.		75.00	
Nov. 18th	On account of rent (\$50. of this amount pays up the balance of 1934 rent and \$90. is on account of 1935 rent)	140.00	50.00	
Dec. 5th	Rent for Oct., Nov. & Dec.		75.00	
	By cash.....	265.00	336.35	274.65
	By receipted bills		13.65	
			350.00	265.00
				336.35
				\$ 876.05

Payments

<u>1935</u>				
Jan. 23rd	James A. Wigg, Collector, general taxes on Tompkins & Bennett farms	\$ 378.36		
Mar. 13th	Frederick W. Lovelace, taxes on wood lot at Pleasant Valley	6.71		
Oct. 3rd	Harry Franz, school taxes on wood lot at Pleasant Valley	2.44		
Nov. 14th	School taxes on Bennett & Tompkins farms	216.75		
	Balance.....		604.26	\$ 271.74

File (1) Drawer 1 - 36

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Jan. 18th, 1936.

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

Dear Franklin:

I acknowledge receipt of yours of the
17th with check for \$212.73 to my order to cover the
taxes on the Tompkins and Bennet farms. We are now
in a position to pay the taxes even if Moses does not
keep his promise.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

File - Hackett (s) Drawer 1 - 36

PSF

January 31, 1936.

Dear Gerald:-

I take it that Henry Hackett's higher mathematics are in accordance with the usual method of figuring. I take it also that he is sending you a check for my share. I am dropping him a line.

I hope to get to Hyde Park the morning of February twenty-third and stay there three or four days. I do hope that you and Mary will be there then.

As ever yours,

Gerald Morgan, Esq.,
54 East 79th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Jan 16, 1936

GERALD MORGAN
54 EAST 79TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Dear Franklin,

Farm Property — Hyde Park, N.Y.

Please let me know if
you agree with Henry Stackett's
abstract calculations, herewith
enclosed.

I do hope to see you
at Hyde Park in February.
There's a mutual friend
I'd like to talk to you
about. I think you'd be
amused.

Yours

G.M.

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

Jan. 15th, 1936.

Gerald Morgan, Esq.,
54 East 79th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The town tax roll is made up each year by the assessors of the town as of July 1st so that the land sold to the President will not be assessed in his name until the new roll is made up in July, 1936.

I think that the following is a fair apportionment of the taxes on the Dumphy farm between the President and the Trustees of Mr. Newbold's estate, viz:

<u>Dumphy farm</u>	<u>Value of land</u>	<u>Value of land & buildings</u>	<u>Tax</u>
184 A	\$ 5,500.	\$ 7,200.	\$ 195.12 plus 1%

The assessed value of the land alone is \$5,500. divided
by 184 equals \$ 29.89 per acre

The assessed value of 74.2 A sold to F. D. R. at 29.89
an acre is \$ 2,217.93

The tax on the 74.2 A sold to F. D. R. at 27.10
per thousand - \$2,217.93 x 27.10 equals \$ 60.11

Very truly yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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D. P. Hackett*

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

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Jan. 25th, 1936.

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

Dear Franklin:

In reply to yours of the 15th instant,
about the 1st of December I offered Schaeffer \$600. for his wood
lot and the fee of the road out to Cream Street. He would not
accept this offer. He wanted \$1,000. for the wood lot and fee
of the road and also insisted on reserving the wood on the wood
lot and the right to use the road as far as the west line of his
property. I have not seen him since, but, as soon as the snow
melts some I will send for him and see if I can do anything with
him.

Moses paid \$150. today on account of his
back rent, so that I have enough to pay the Newbold Trustees.

Hoping that I may be able to see you when
you are here in February, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

HENRY T. HACKETT
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Feb. 12th, 1936.

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

Dear Franklin:

Schaffer has been in again to see me about selling his wood lot and the fee of the road running easterly to Cream Street and still insists on \$1,000. If you really want the property I think it would be cheaper to buy the whole farm, for which he asks \$10,000. but would probably take less.

I understand from the local papers that the City of Poughkeepsie is about to install an incinerator. When this is done there will be no more hog raising on the city garbage and the atmosphere in the vicinity of your Violet Avenue properties will be much better.

The Rogers executors would like to receive a contribution from you for the payment of the taxes on the 52.374 acres purchased by you from them. Enclosed herewith is a computation of the same, which shows a tax of \$69.52 due from you to them. If this is satisfactory to you, I will pay it as we still have money enough to cover it.

Hoping to see you when you are here, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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Rogers, E. P., H. L. and Wm. C.

<u>Residence</u>	<u>Value of land</u>	<u>Value of land & buildings</u>	<u>Tax</u>
782 A	\$ 38,300.	\$ 137,800.	\$ 3,734.38

The assessed value of the land alone, which includes the 52.374 acres sold to President Roosevelt, is \$38,300. - divided by 782 acres equals \$ 48.98 per acre

The assessed value of the 52.374 acres sold to the President at \$48.98 an acre is \$ 2,565.27

The tax on the 52.374 acres sold to the President at \$27.10 per thousand is \$2,565.27 x 27.10 equals \$ 69.52

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February 14, 1936.

Dear Henry:-

Thank you much for yours of the twelfth. I am delighted you have enough money to pay the proportionate share of the taxes on the land bought from the Rogers.

In regard to buying the whole of Schaffer's place, it is, as I remember it, not very good land, and, incidentally, is separated from the Peter Rohan place by another farm. What would you think of offering him \$750 for his wood lot and the right of way and stopping there?

I get home the twenty-third.

As ever yours,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,
238 Union Street,
Poughkeepsie.

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Feb. 17th, 1936.

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

Dear Franklin:

I acknowledge receipt of yours of the
14th instant and will attend to the refund to the Rogers
estate at once.

I will send for Schaffer and make him
an offer of \$750. for the wood lot and right of way.

Peter C. Rohan was here this morning
and said that he understood that the man on his farm had
been writing to you and that he would like to see you and
talk to you before you see the man.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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Hackett

March 19, 1936.

Dear Henry:-

I have duly signed the two copies of the lease to Peter G. Rohan of the Campion Farm and am returning them herewith. I enclose my checks, one for \$13,000 and the other for \$9,133.50, to complete the payment for the farm, title to be closed April first.

Will you also be good enough to see that the insurance on the buildings is in proper shape?

Will you tell Peter Rohan that I am delighted that he is running the farm for another year and that I will see him (and you also) when I get back - I hope the end of April - for a few days! At that time if the snow is really out of the woods, I hope to lay out the road to Green Street from the Val-Kill cottage.

As ever yours,

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

(Enclosures)

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

March 12th, 1936.

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

Dear Franklin:

On April 1st I shall need \$22,133.15 to
complete the purchase of the Peter C. Rohan farm, viz:

Purchase price	\$ 24,500.00
Paid on execution of contract	<u>2,450.00</u>
Balance on delivery of deed.....	\$ 22,050.00

The taxes amount to	\$ 110.86
Rohan agreed to pay 1/4	<u>27.71</u>

	<u>83.15</u>
\$	<u>22,133.15</u>

Rohan has agreed to pay \$500. a year rent
for this farm and wants me to tell you that he has hired Schiller,
the man on the farm, for another year.

Enclosed herewith is proposed lease of the
farm to Rohan for one year. If satisfactory to you, please sign
each on the first line and return to me. Also, do not forget to
send me the money so I can close this transaction on April 1st.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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226 UNION STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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April 4th, 1936.

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

Dear Franklin:

The deed to Peter C. Rohan's farm
to you was executed by him and his wife and recorded in the
Dutchess County Clerk's Office on Thursday, April 2nd, 1936.
The fire insurance on the buildings is covered by binders until
we can ascertain the sound value of them in order to place the
proper amount of insurance thereon. Peter C. Rohan also
signed the leases to the farm.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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"Hyd Park"
July 21st, 1936.
Dinner 1-36

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Campobelle Island
New Brunswick, Canada.

Dear Franklin:

Frank Jacobs would like to sell his farm to you for \$14,000. He owns the old Winne farm next north of the one you purchased from Peter C. Rohan on Cream Street. I think his price is a little high. There are about 92 acres in this property, and the Lent wood lot lies between it and the part of the Dumphy farm which you purchased from the Trustees of Mr. Newbold's estate.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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August 11, 1938.

Dear Henry:-

Thank you for yours of August fifth. I do not think I can kick on the assessments on the real estate I purchased last year.

As ever yours,

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

Henry T. Hackett

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

August 5th, 1936.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Hyde Park,
New York.

Dear Franklin:

I have just examined this year's tax roll of the Town of Hyde Park and find that the real estate you purchased last year assessed as follows:

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Land and Improvements</u>
"Wood lot, 10 acres	\$ 200.	\$200.
This is the Briggs wood lot for which you paid \$500.00		
"Vacant land, 74 acres	2,000.	2,000.
This is the rear of the Dumphy farm for which you paid \$1,000. The assessors realize you got a bargain.		
"Farm, 133 acres	7,000.	10,000.
This is the Peter C. Rohan farm for which you paid \$24,500. In view of the price you paid I do not think the assessment out of the way.		
"Vacant land, 52 acres	800	800.
This is the land you purchased from the Rogers Estate for \$5,000. In view of the price you paid it seems to be a very fair assessment.		

Grievance Day is the third Tuesday of August (the 18th). Kindly let me know if you want to file any objections or not.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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

Sent
\$ 77.23
Oct. 9-36
File

Oct. 1st, 1936.

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

Dear Franklin:

In reply to yours containing school tax bill from Mrs. Coapman, collector, Mrs. Johannessen has paid up her rent to Sept. 1st, 1936. Moses Smith has not paid any rent during 1936 and owes \$60. on last year's. We have written him several times but have been unable to collect anything from him.

Therefore, there is only \$169.21 in our Treasury. Please send me \$77.23 to pay this school tax.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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October 26, 1936.

Dear Henry:-

I am enclosing herewith my check for \$223.86 covering the school tax on the Bennett and Tompkins farms, the wood lot in Pleasant Valley and the land on the Rogers estate.

My best wishes to you.

Always sincerely,

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

(Enclosure)

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

Oct. 13th, 1936.

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

Dear Franklin:

Since writing you on October 10th I have found that the school tax on the lands bought from the Rogers estate by you has not been paid. The amount is \$10.79. Please send me a check for that amount to pay it.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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

Oct. 10th, 1936.

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

Dear Franklin:

I acknowledge receipt of your check for \$77.23 to my order to help pay the school taxes on the Briggs wood lot, Rohan farm and the rear of the Dumphy farm.

I now have the tax bills for the school tax on the Bennett & Tompkins farms which amount to \$210.63, and the school tax bill on the wood lot in Pleasant Valley which amounts to \$2.44, making in all \$213.07. Kindly send me a check for \$213.07 to pay these school taxes.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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HENRY T. HACKETT
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226 UNION STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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Oct. 29th, 1936.

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

Dear Franklin:

Yours of the 26th instant containing
check for \$223.86 to pay the school taxes on the Bennett
and Tompkins farms, the wood lot in Pleasant Valley and
the land purchased from the Rogers estate received. I
will see that the taxes are paid at once.

With best wishes for your victory on
next Tuesday, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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Hackett

January 26, 1937.

Dear Mr. Hackett:-

The President has asked
me to send you the enclosed check in the
amount of \$232.76 to cover taxes.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Le Hand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

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

(Enclosure)

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

Jan. 23rd, 1937.

Miss M. A. LeHand
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss LeHand:

Please tell the President that I
greatly appreciate his kindness in sending me the medal
cast for the Inauguration.

Will you also remind him that the 1%
period for the collection of taxes in the Town of Hyde
Park expires on Feb. 5th and that we would like to have
a check from him for \$232.76 in order to pay them.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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February 1, 1937.

My dear Mr. Schneikraut:-

Thank you for your letter of January twentieth; I am only familiar with the general facts with regard to this property on Long Island but do not know any of the details. I shall be glad to make the same arrangements made by Mr. Hackett and the Bankers Trust Company. The same approval in regard to the award to myself and my Mother will, of course, be used as in the award to my brother's estate.

Therefore, I do not think it will be necessary for you to come to Washington, and I think it had best be handled through Mr. Hackett and the Bankers Trust Company.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles Schneikraut, Esq.,
16 Court Street,
Brooklyn,
New York

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

Jan. 25th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

In reference to the letter of Mr. Schneikraut of the 20th instant which you sent me, my brother and Mr. Martin of the Bankers Trust Company have been in correspondence with him for some time, and they have authorized Mr. Schneikraut to collect whatever may be due your brother's estate on a 40% basis.

About twenty years ago a similar situation occurred when my father and your brother were alive. At that time, they paid someone in Brooklyn a certain percentage to recover some money which they were informed belonged to your father's estate.

I do not think it necessary for Mr. Schneikraut to go to Washington to bother you.

I do not know anything about any Long Island property owned by your father.

You may notify Mr. Schneikraut, if you care to, that I will furnish him whatever facts I have about the family history and records of Wills, etc. here.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the correspondence had herein.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

COPY

Jan. 18th, 1937.

Charles Schneikraut, Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
16 Court Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Schneikraut:

The Bankers Trust Company and I are the
Executors of the estate of James R. Roosevelt.

You are hereby authorized to proceed on
the terms outlined in your letter of Dec. 17, 1936 and collect
the award due the estate of James R. Roosevelt.

Very truly yours,

(signed) J. M. Hackett

COPY

Jan. 18th, 1937.

Harry H. Martin, Esq.,
Bankers Trust Company,
529 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Martin:

Re: Estate of J. R. Roosevelt

This will acknowledge receipt
of your letter of January 16th.

I have notified Mr. Schneikraut
to proceed with the collection of the award due the J. R.
Roosevelt estate on the terms outlined in his letter of
December 17th.

Very truly yours,

(signed) J. M. Hackett

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BANKERS TRUST
COMPANY

529 Fifth Avenue
New York

January 16th, 1937.

Re Estate of James R. Roosevelt

Hon. John M. Hackett,
226 Union Street,
Poughkeepsie,
New York.

Dear Mr. Hackett:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 15th, in connection with the collection of the award by the City of New York for certain property originally belonging to James Roosevelt. We feel that in view of the relatively small amount involved as far as our estate is concerned, the proposal outlined by Mr. Schneikraut in his letter to you of December 17th will be satisfactory. In other words, we think that if he is able to collect this amount for the estate, a fee of around \$200.00 would not be out of line.

Very truly yours,

(signed) H.H. Martin

Vice President.

HHM:FD
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COPY

CHARLES SCHNEIKRAUT
Attorney at Law
16 Court Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

December 17th, 1936.

John M. Hackett, Esq.
226 Union Street
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Mr. Hackett:

The Bankers Trust Company were in touch with me with reference to the James R. Roosevelt Estate after receiving my letter which was forwarded by you to them.

I saw Mr. o'Fritz, an officer of the Bankers Trust Company connected with the Mortgage and Real Estate Department, and went into the entire matter with him and he suggested that I set forth my proposition by letter to you, of which I am to send him a copy.

In 1912, the City of New York, made an award of \$15,200.00 to an "unknown owner" for the purpose of a public park. About 30% of the property taken for this public park was owned by James Roosevelt. James Roosevelt acquired this property in 1877.

In the chain of title it appears that the property was conveyed to a skating park association to be used for a skating park and upon its non-use as a skating park, to revert to the owners thereof. James Roosevelt, in 1877, acquired the reversionary interest. I have proof that the property was used as a skating rink in about 1864 for a year or two and was then found to be impractical and unusable as a skating park and was abandoned by the skating association so that the property actually reverted to James Roosevelt.

It is, therefore, my opinion that I can prove that the James Roosevelt Estate is entitled to about 30% of the award. Out of this award, the City has taken taxes which were a lien at the date of vesting of title in the City of New York so that there is a balance due of about \$2800.00 with interest at the rate of 6% per annum from 1913 to date. This brings the amount of the award to about \$6500.00. The James Roosevelt Estate would, therefore, be entitled to approximately \$1800.00 of the award.

James Roosevelt, as you no doubt are aware, by his Will gave a life estate in all of his property to his widow, Sarah Delano Roosevelt and the remainder, one-half to the Hon. Franklin Delano Roosevelt and one-half to James R. Roosevelt, of whose Estate you and the Bankers Trust Company are executors.

In 1931, our President, then Governor of New York, and the other heirs at law of James Roosevelt gave a deed to part of the property involved in the grant to James Roosevelt

John M. Hackett, Esq.

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December 17th, 1936

just outside of the park limits. I just called this incident to your attention to possibly refresh your recollection as to where the property involved is situated.

There is quite a bit of work involved in the collection of this award and I, of course, want my retainer to be purely contingent, with no responsibility on the part of the Estate or any one connected with the ownership of the award for any liability for any costs or disbursements in any event. I feel that if I were to receive 40% of the amount collected for the James R. Roosevelt Estate, that the retainer would be fair for the Estate and myself.

I would appreciate your taking this matter up further with the Bankers Trust Company and letting me hear from you.

I would also appreciate your taking this matter up further, if you so deem it advisable, with the President as to his interest and his mother's interest in this award.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Charles Schneikraut

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Copy to
Mr. O'Fritz
Bankers Trust Company.

COPY

CHARLES SCHNEIKRAUT
Attorney at Law
16 Court Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

December 12th, 1936.

John M. Hackett, Esq.
226 Union Street
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Mr. Hackett:

I am interested on behalf of some clients in the collection of an award from the City of New York.

Part of this award is owned by James Roosevelt's Estate. One of the heirs at law is James R. Roosevelt whose Estate I understand you represent.

The owners of the other one-half interest is the President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Both halves are subject to a life estate in the President's mother, Mrs. Sarah Delano Roosevelt.

At the time of collection of this award on behalf of my clients, who are the owners of a part interest in the same, it occurred to me that possibly James R. Roosevelt's Estate would be interested in collecting their interest.

If you are interested, I would be glad to go into this further with you.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Charles Schneikraut

CHARLES SCHNEIKRAUT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
15 COURT STREET
BROOKLYN, N.Y.
TEL. TRIANGLE 8-4740-4741

January 20th, 1937.

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

Dear President Roosevelt:

I am interested on behalf of a client in the collection of an award from the City of New York. This award was made by the City of New York and is awaiting collection by the owners thereof.

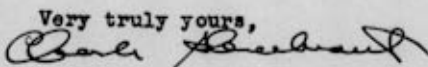
My clients are entitled to approximately 70% of this award. The balance remaining is property formerly owned by your father, James Roosevelt. Under the Will of your father, this coming under the residuary part thereof, one-third thereof is due to yourself, one-third to your half-brother, James R. Roosevelt's Estate and one-third to your mother, Sarah Delano Roosevelt for life with the remainder to yourself and your brother's Estate.

I took up with Mr. Hackett and Bankers Trust Company, Executors of your brother's Estate, the matter of the collection of this award and they have consented to give me a retainer to collect their interest in the award on a basis of a 40% retainer to me, my share to bear all costs and disbursements, and the retainer to be purely contingent.

In the collection of this award on behalf of my clients, I will necessarily have to prove the title to the award of yourself and your mother. The title to this property is very involved and I would be glad to come to Washington to see you or one of your representatives to explain this matter.

I will await a reply with your suggestion in this matter.

Very truly yours,



CS:RDK

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

PST

February 8, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR

S. D. R.

Will you be good enough to sign the enclosed above my name and send it back to me as soon as you can? It relates to a Brooklyn title on which the Estate may get a few hundred dollars if it is lucky.

F. D. R.

PSF
Henry T. Hackett

CHARLES SCHNEIKRAUT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
16 COURT STREET
BROOKLYN, N. Y.
TEL. TRIANGLE 5-4740-4741

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February 4th, 1937.

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

Dear President Roosevelt:

I thank you very much for your letter of February 1st.

I enclose herein a copy of petition which I have this day sent to Mr. John M. Hackett to be executed by him as one of the Executors of your brother's Estate.

I also enclose herein a consent wherein your mother and yourself join in the prayer for relief contained in the petition, which consent is to be signed by yourself and one of the Trustees of the Trust created for your mother, under the Will of your father. It will be sufficient for you to verify this consent.

It is my understanding that under your father's Will, one-third of the residue was devised to your brother, one-third to yourself when you attain the age of 21 years and one-third to the Trustees for the benefit of your mother.

Upon receipt of the petition from Mr. Hackett and the consent from you, I will move for the collection of the award.

Respectfully yours,

Charles Schneikraut

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Encs.

SUPREME COURT : QUEENS COUNTY

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In the Matter of acquiring title to
Public Park bounded by Congress and
Myrtle Avenues and Leavitt Street in
the Third Ward, Borough of Queens,
City of New York.

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TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

The undersigned hereby join in the prayer
for relief as contained in the petition of JOHN M. HACKETT
and BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Executors of the Estate of
James R. Roosevelt, deceased, for payment of the awards made
for Damage Parcels Nos. 1, 2 and 3 herein.

Dated: February , 1937.

One of the Trustees of the Trust
created for the benefit of Sarah
D. Roosevelt, under the Will of
James Roosevelt, deceased.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)SS:

On this day of February, 1937, before
me personally came FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, to me known to
be one of the individuals described in and who executed the
foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the
same.

Sir:-

Please take notice that the within is a true copy of _____
this day duly made, entered and filed in the within
entitled action, in the office of the clerk of the within
named Court.

Dated, N. Y. _____, 193_____

Yours, &c.,



CHARLES SCHNEIKRAUT

Attorney for

(Office and Post Office Address)

16 COURT STREET

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

NEW YORK CITY

To _____, Esq.

Attorney _____ for _____

Sir:-

Please take notice that the within _____

will be presented for settlement and signature herein
to the Hon. _____

one of the Judges of the within named Court, at

in the Borough of _____

City of New York, on the _____ day of _____

_____, 193_____, at _____ M.

Dated, N. Y. _____, 193_____

Yours, &c.,

CHARLES SCHNEIKRAUT

Attorney for

(Office and Post Office Address)

16 COURT STREET

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

NEW YORK CITY

To _____, Esq.

Attorney _____ for _____

Index No. 36917

Year 193_____

SUPREME COURT : QUEENS COUNTY

In the Matter of acquiring
title to Public Park bounded
by Congress and Myrtle
Avenues and Leavitt Street,
in the Third Ward, Borough of
Queens, City of New York.

CONSENT

CHARLES SCHNEIKRAUT

Attorney for Petitioners,

(Office and Post Office Address)

16 COURT STREET

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

NEW YORK CITY

To _____, Esq.

Attorney _____ for _____

Due and timely service of a copy of the within

_____ is hereby admitted.

Dated, N. Y. _____, 193_____

Attorney _____ for _____

SUPREME COURT : QUEENS COUNTY

-----X

In the Matter of acquiring title to
Public Park bounded by Congress and
Myrtle Avenues and Leavitt Street in
the Third Ward, Borough of Queens,
City of New York.

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TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

The petition of JOHN M. HACKETT and BANKERS
TRUST COMPANY, Executors of the Estate of James R. Roosevelt,
deceased, by JOHN M. HACKETT, as one of the Executors of the
Estate of James R. Roosevelt, deceased, respectfully shows
to this Court and alleges upon information and belief:

FIRST: That the Commissioners of Estimate
in the above mentioned proceeding were appointed by an order
of this Court duly filed in the office of the Clerk of the
County of Queens on the 7th day of November, 1907.

SECOND: Thereafter the Final Report of said
Commissioners as to Damage and Benefit was duly confirmed by
an order of this Court duly filed in the office of the Clerk
of the County of Queens on the 26th day of June, 1912.

THIRD: Title to all lands acquired in said
proceeding vested in the City of New York on the 26th day of
June, 1912.

FOURTH: That in the said Final Report an
award in the sum of Fifteen thousand and two hundred
(\$15,200.00) Dollars was made to an "Unknown Owner" for land
and improvements taken by the City of New York in the above
mentioned proceeding described on the Damage Map and in the
said Final Report as Damage Parcels Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

FIFTH: That on the 9th day of December,
1932, the Comptroller of the City of New York paid to the

STATE OF NEW YORK
THE JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE
ALFRED T. BROWN, JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE
IN SENATE CHAMBERS AT ALBANY, N.Y.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES R. ROOSEVELT

ROBERTSON COURT : ROBERTSON COURT

City Collector out of the awards made for the above numbered Damage Parcels all of the taxes and penalties thereon which total the sum of \$12,153.57, leaving a balance due to the credit of Damage Parcels Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in the sum of \$3,046.43.

SIXTH: That your petitioners, John M. Hackett and Bankers Trust Company, as Executors of the Estate of James R. Roosevelt, deceased, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the Trustees of the Trust created for the benefit of Sarah D. Roosevelt under the Last Will and Testament of James Roosevelt, are entitled to 26 2/3% of the awards made for Damage Parcels Nos. 1, 2 and 3 herein, together with lawful interest thereon by virtue of the following facts:

a. Deed made by Eliza M. Leavitt to James Roosevelt, dated the 26th day of November, 1877 and recorded in the office of the Register of Queens County on the 1st day of December, 1877 in Liber 516 of Conveyances, at Page 21.

b. James Roosevelt died and his Will was duly admitted to probate in the Surrogate's Court of Dutchess County on the 22nd day of December, 1900 and is recorded in Liber 15 of Wills, at Page 303 and by the sixth clause thereof, 1/3 of all of the property of said James Roosevelt was devised to his son, James R. Roosevelt, 1/3 to Franklin D. Roosevelt, upon his attaining 21 years of age and 1/3 to the Executors and Trustees for the benefit of his widow, Sarah D. Roosevelt.

c. James R. Roosevelt died on the 7th day of May, 1927 and his Will was duly admitted to probate in the Surrogate's Court of Dutchess County and Letters Testamentary were issued to John M. Hackett and Bankers Trust Company, your petitioners herein, and they are duly qualified and still acting as such Executors.

SEVENTH: That by reason of all of the above, title of the parties hereto in and to the 26 2/3% of the awards and lawful interest is one-third (1/3) thereof to your petitioners, as Executors of the Estate of James R.

Roosevelt, deceased, one-third (1/3) thereof to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and one-third (1/3) thereof to the Trustees of the Trust created for the benefit of Sarah D. Roosevelt, under the Last Will and Testament of James Roosevelt.

EIGHTH: That your petitioners' predecessors in title were in peaceable, continuous and undisturbed possession of the premises known as Damage Parcels Nos. 1, 2 and 3 for over twenty years prior to the time title vested in the City of New York; that the title to said premises has never been disputed, questioned or rejected; nor have the petitioners sold, assigned, conveyed or contracted to sell, assign or convey or in any way transfer the said premises hereinabove mentioned.

NINTH: That there are no actions pending against the said petitioners affecting the said premises; nor are there any judgments against the decedent or his Estate in any Court of record of this State or in the United States or in any Court of competent jurisdiction, which are unpaid or unsatisfied of record; that the decedent has never made any assignment for the benefit of creditors and that no proceedings in bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, have been commenced by or against said decedent.

WHEREFORE, your petitioners pray that an order be made directing and authorizing the Comptroller of the City of New York, on behalf of the City of New York to pay 26 2/3% of the awards made for Damage Parcels Nos. 1, 2 and 3 by the Commissioners of Estimate in the said Final Report for the taking of the said Damage Parcels Nos. 1, 2 and 3, together with lawful interest, if any, after first deducting any taxes, assessments and other lawful charges unpaid and a lien upon the premises known as Damage Parcels Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in the following manner:- one-third thereof

to JOHN M. HACKETT and BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Executors of the Estate of James R. Roosevelt, deceased, one-third thereof to FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT and one-third thereof to the TRUSTEES of the Trust created for the benefit of SARAH D. ROOSEVELT, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and proper.

Dated: February , 1937

JOHN M. HACKETT and BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Executors of the Estate of James R. Roosevelt, deceased.

By _____
One of the Executors.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
CITY OF :SS:
COUNTY OF)

JOHN M. HACKETT, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is one of the petitioners named in the within proceeding; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof and the same is true to his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Sworn to before me this
day of February, 1937.

STATE OF NEW YORK
CITY OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF

} ss.:

_____, being duly sworn, deposes and says that
_____ he is _____ the _____ in the within action; that _____ he has
_____ read the foregoing _____ and knows the contents thereof; that
the same is true to h_____ own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on infor-
mation and belief, and that as to those matters _____ he _____ believes it to be true.

Sworn to before me, this _____
day of _____, 193_____

STATE OF NEW YORK
CITY OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF

} ss.:

_____, being duly sworn, deposes and says that
_____ he is _____ the _____ of _____
the corporation named in the within entitled action; that _____ he has _____ read the foregoing _____
and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true to h_____ own knowledge, except as to the
matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters _____ he believes
it to be true.

Deponent further says that the reason this verification is made by deponent and not by _____
_____ is because the said _____
is a _____ corporation and deponent is an officer thereof, to-wit, its _____
and the grounds of deponent's belief as to all matters in the said _____ not stated upon
h_____ own knowledge, are investigations which deponent has caused to be made concerning the sub-
ject matter of this _____ and information acquired by deponent in the course of h_____
duties as an officer of the said corporation and from the books and papers of said corporation.

Sworn to before me, this _____
day of _____, 193_____

AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK
CITY OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF

} ss.:

being duly sworn, deposes and says that _____ he is over
the age of _____ years. That on the _____
day of _____, 193_____, at No. _____

in the Borough of _____ City of New York,
_____ he served the foregoing _____
upon _____
the _____

In this action, by delivering to and leaving personally
with said _____

_____ a true copy thereof.
Deponent further says, that _____ he knew the person served
as aforesaid, to be _____
_____ the person mentioned and described in said
_____ as the
_____ therein.

Sworn to before me this _____
day of _____, 193_____

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

STATE OF NEW YORK
CITY OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF

} ss.:

_____ being duly
sworn, deposes and says that _____ he is _____
_____ the attorney _____ for
the above named _____ herein
That on the _____ day of _____
193_____, he served the within _____
upon _____
the attorney _____ for the above named _____
by depositing a true copy of the same securely enclosed
in a post-paid wrapper in the Post-Office—a Branch
Post-Office—a Post-Office Box regularly maintained by
the United States Government at _____
in said County of _____
directed to said attorney _____ for the _____
at No. _____
N. Y., that being the address within the State designated
by _____ for that purpose upon the preceding papers
in this action, or the place where _____ then kept an
office between which places there then was and now is
a regular communication by mail.

Deponent is over the age of _____ years

Sworn to before me this _____
day of _____, 193_____

Index No. 36917

Year 193

SUPREME COURT : QUEENS COUNTY

In the Matter of acquiring
title to Public Park bounded
by Congress and Myrtle
Avenues and Leavitt Street,
in the Third Ward, Borough of
Queens, City of New York.

PETITION

CHARLES SCHNEIKRAUT

Attorney for **Petitioners,**

(Office and Post Office Address)

16 COURT STREET

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN NEW YORK CITY

To _____, Esq.

Attorney for _____

Due and timely service of a copy of the within
_____ is hereby admitted.

Dated, N. Y. _____, 193

Attorney for _____

Sir:-

Please take notice that the within is a true copy
of _____
this day duly made, entered and filed in the within
entitled action, in the office of the clerk of the within
named Court.

Dated, N. Y. _____, 193

Yours, &c.,

CHARLES SCHNEIKRAUT

Attorney for

(Office and Post Office Address)

16 COURT STREET

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN NEW YORK CITY

To _____, Esq.

Attorney for _____

Sir:-

Please take notice that the within _____

will be presented for settlement and signature herein
to the Hon. _____

one of the Judges of the within named Court, at

in the Borough of _____

City of New York, on the _____ day of

_____, 193, at _____ M.

Dated, N. Y. _____, 193

Yours, &c.,

CHARLES SCHNEIKRAUT

Attorney for

(Office and Post Office Address)

16 COURT STREET

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN NEW YORK CITY

To _____, Esq.

Attorney for _____

I have viewed the property.

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

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Aug. 6th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

Arthur S. Halpin told me that he holds
a bond and mortgage on property at New Hamburg owned by the
Millard Lumber Company, which he considers suitable for the
investment of the funds of St. James Church. He also told
me that you had written him that if I approved of it, it would
be all right.

I think that a committee from the
Vestry should view the property and pass upon the sufficiency
of the security and that the responsibility should not be placed
upon one person alone.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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

RSF
Hackett

Sept. 24th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

I have just been informed by the Trustees of the Thomas Newbold estate that they are willing to consider an offer for the Hughson farm. This farm consists of about 90 acres of land and is assessed at \$1900. and was appraised at \$3500. in the tax proceeding in the Thomas Newbold estate. I think the property is worth about \$5,000.

Kindly let me know if you would care to make an offer and, if so, I will take it up with the Trustees and see how I make out with them.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

TELEGRAM

HENRY T. HACKETT, ESQ.,
226 UNION STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

SUGGEST OFFER OF SIX THOUSAND FOR HUGHSON FARM HOW ABOUT
THE OTHER FARM

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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

*PSF
Hackett*

Oct. 1st, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

Your telegram received. I have offered the Trustees of the Thomas Newbold estate \$5,000. cash for the Hugheon farm through Gerald Morgan. As soon as I hear from them, I will let you know.

I wrote Miss Cook about making an offer for Dumphy farm but have heard nothing from her.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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

*Paula
to file*

Sept. 20th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

I have seen Mr. Gerald Morgan about
selling the Dumphy and Hughson farms and he told me that I
had better write directly to Mr. Cross, as it appears that
Mr. Cross is the dominant figure on the Board of Trustees of
the Thomas Newbold estate.

Mr. Cross' secretary informs me
that he is expected back at his office this week. I will
let you know what he says as soon as I hear from him.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

PST Hackett

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

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Oct. 29th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:-

This morning Gerald Morgan told me that he had received word from T. Jefferson Newbold consenting to the sale of the Hughson and Dumphy farms to you for \$21,000. I have prepared a deed and am sending it to Jefferson at Boston and as soon as he returns it to me, I will have the other Trustees execute it.

Meanwhile, I will see Fred E. Wright, the owner of the old Whitwell farm next north of the Dumphy farm.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett



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944 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I can't tell you how thrilled George
and I are about the farm at Hyde Park and how
very much we appreciate all the trouble you are
taking. We are breathlessly awaiting the arri-
val of the deed, and I hope we will be able to
move in next summer.

Very sincerely yours,

Faithful Phillips Backe.

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November 12, 1937.

Dear Dorothy:-

Henry Hackett writes me that in a few days the final deeds for the property will be ready. The present lane on the north end should, I think, be provided for to conform with the town law -- in other words, be reserved with a width of fifty feet so that in case, in the dim distant future, the town decides to make it a public highway leading in to people who live north of it, or on the road a mile and a half back, it would not run through buildings, lines of trees, etc. There is, of course, no probability of this until you and I are both dead.

As you know, Mr. Hicks has a lease on the place until April thirtieth next and I think you should, in fairness to him, tell him between now and Christmas whether you will want him to move out of the house or not when his lease is up. You may want to put your own people in and the house is, from what I hear, structurally sound but would need repairs to the roof, siding, etc. It is one of the oldest houses anywhere in the town of Hyde Park -- dating back I imagine to 1790, and I think it is, therefore, worth repairing, especially as its lines are good and could be made very attractive at comparatively small cost.

If your plans are far enough advanced by April for you to consider tree planting, either along the lane or near the house site east of the creek, I think it would be a good thing for you

to put in a certain number of trees and gain the advantage of the April planting season. If you want any small evergreens, such as Norway Spruce, White Spruce, Larches, Red Pine or two or three other varieties, I will be glad to give them to you out of my plantations. They are not very big but you might easily start some clumps of them and watch them grow. If you will let me know, I will speak to Mr. Plog, our gardener, about them and he would have them picked out and ready for you to transplant in April.

It is grand to think that you are going to be a neighbor, and I am thrilled to think of the new cottage.

By the way, if you want fieldstone, your architect might get in touch with the contractor who is building the Poughkeepsie Post Office. I insisted on fieldstone for that and he has information about where to buy it from farmers in the County who want to get rid of stone walls. Incidentally, the Poughkeepsie Post Office contractor might be one of those whom you could ask to bid on the house, as he has the work in Poughkeepsie, and for a comparatively small job could move his people up the road. I do not even know what his name is but your architect could find out.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. George Backer,
895 Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

November 6, 1937.

Dear Henry:

Here is Mrs. George Backer, Jr.'s address. You might communicate with her and ask her how she wishes the deed made out. I imagine her full name is Dorothy Schiff Backer.

Also you could, at the same time, ask her to send her check drawn to your order for \$9,000.

I am enclosing my check for \$12,000 so that when you get hers you can close the title to the Newbold Farm.

Before leaving, I went out on Wednesday afternoon to the Hughson farm and saw the old man and had the Engleharts meet me there. I feel very strongly that Gerald Morgan ought to make some provision for the old man and I told him that we are thinking about his future and we would find some place for him to live.

Charles Englehart will talk to you about the suggestion I made him and his wife, as follows:

He and his wife are to stay on Gus' farm until the Hughson farmhouse is ready for them to occupy. In the meantime, he and his wife will clean it up and do such minor repairing as does not come under the heading of skilled labor. I would pay him \$75.00 a month while doing such work. After he has made a survey and talked to the Central Hudson people, he will give me an estimate for putting electricity into the house. The Central Hudson people would estimate on the necessary poles — probably two or three of

VAL-KILL COTTAGE
1935

them -- the transmitter and the wires from the Van Wagner road line to the house. Englehart would submit a contract to me for the actual wiring of the house, he to do the work personally. Miss Cook will go over the house to choose the places for electric light outlets. He has a regular card for this work and what he has done along this line already has been approved by the insurance people. This work, therefore, would be done by him by contract with me. A little later, he would make a similar bid for putting in a heater and would be paid for this by contract also. Finally, because it is advisable to put running water in the house, he would make a bid for installing a pump and pipes.

It is my thought that this would tide Englehart over the Winter, he and his wife to live on the farm until the Spring. If the skilled work runs out, I am willing to keep him on at \$75.00 a month, living in the house until such time as he can either get steady skilled work in Poughkeepsie or neighborhood, or find some other arrangement to make.

It seems to me that this plan solves the Engleharts staying at Gus' farm for perhaps a month or six weeks longer, thus allowing the Gennerich trustees to make further arrangements for Gus' farm; it takes care of the Engleharts and the Hughson Farm problem until late in the Spring, thus giving everybody a chance to turn around.

Before leaving, I talked with Mr. Welch at the Trust Company and explained the above to him and he seemed entirely satisfied.

I hope the cold is better and that you are feeling all right again.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosure.

FDR/dj

Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
Miss MARION DICKERMAN
Miss NANCY COOK

VAL-KILL COTTAGE

HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

Telephone:
POUGHKEEPSIE 428

November 4, 1937.

Dear Missy:

The President wanted me to send you Dorothy Backer's address. I guess he wants it for something about his farm.

Mrs. George Backer, Jr.
944-5th Avenue
New York City
Telephone: Regent 7-2997

I am sorry you and Harry didn't find anyone home the day you wanted to come for lunch, but after this if you cannot find me around when you feel like running away, just get hold of Joan and tell her and she will give you all a good time.

I hope for

Affectionately,

Nancy

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Henry Hechitt
(s) Drawer 1-37

November 11, 1937.

Dear Henry:-

Many thanks for yours of the tenth. I take it you are all over your cold.

You are right that Moses Smith should not disturb Hicks' lease until April 30, 1938 except with his consent.

Also, I am writing to Mrs. Backer to explain that she must decide soon, in fairness to Hicks, as to whether she wants him to continue in the Dumphy house after April 30th.

In regard to the road along the north line of the land to be conveyed to Mrs. Backer, I am inclined to the thought that we should reserve a fifty foot strip because of the town law. A generation from now it might be very important to have this made a town highway. This would also take care of the question of the gateway leading into the east field. I am sure Mrs. Backer would not object, as the road can be kept twelve or fifteen feet wide as an entrance to her place and lined with a row of trees on both sides -- and, of course, there is no intention of making it a public highway at this time.

I do not think we need bother about backing up water on any of the land to be conveyed to her, for the very simple reason

that if the level is raised below her land it would flood many acres of Moses Smith's fields. The water level as maintained by the low dam at the Val-Kill cottage bridge is about right and additional depth of water for any pond or lake should come from dredging and not from raising the water level.

As ever yours,

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

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

Nov. 10th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

I now have the deed to the Dumphy and Hughson farms executed by all of the Newbold Trustees ready to be recorded.

I acknowledge receipt of yours of the 9th instant containing check to my order as attorney for \$1,960.50 to purchase land from Wright. I shall proceed as rapidly as possible with this matter. Most of the land owned by Devens is high enough so that any ordinary rise of water will not affect it. Later it may be necessary to exchange land with him.

Englehardt told Mr. Welch of the Trust Company yesterday that he was leaving Gus' place Friday, November 12th, for Purdy, Westchester County. Welch is going to have the furniture moved to Poughkeepsie and stored so that it will not be stolen during the winter.

I will arrange for an extension of Rohan's lease for another year.

Hicks has a lease covering the Dumphy farm until April 30th, 1938 so that I do not think that Moses should disturb him until his lease expires unless he consents.

I also acknowledge receipt of yours of the 6th instant containing your check to my order as attorney for \$12,000. toward the purchase of the Dumphy and Hughson farms. I have just written to Mrs. Backer to ascertain the name or names in which she desires to take title to that part of the Dumphy farm lying east of Violet Avenue.

There are two questions to be settled in reference to the land to be conveyed to Mrs. Backer. First, the width of the road along the north line, and second, whether or not you intend to reserve the right to back up and flood any of the land to be conveyed to her, and if so, to what depth.

The present road is about twelve feet wide. The gateway on Violet Avenue is twelve feet in width from the south face of the stone wall on the north line to the north face of the stone wall running along the road. The bridge is twelve feet three inches in width over all and the roadway eleven feet four inches between the rails fastened on each side. The north face of the stone wall at the gateway leading into the land you already own

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Nov. 10th, 1937

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
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is thirty-eight feet eight inches south from the south line
of the Hughson farm.

It would seem to me that a road twenty-five
feet in width would be sufficient unless you intend to make it
a public highway, and if so, it should be fifty feet wide to
be accepted by the town. If you decide on a twenty-five foot
road you might have to move the east gateway about thirteen
feet to the north. Kindly let me know which you think should
be reserved.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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

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Nov. 12th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

Engelhardt stopped here this afternoon on his way to Purdy, Westchester Co., N. Y. to tell me that he would send me some figures for me to forward to you for electrical work to be done in the Hughson house.

The closing of the title to the Hughson and Dumphy farms is being held up until I can ascertain in what name Mrs. Backer desires to take title to the part of the Dumphy farm she is going to purchase.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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

PST
Hackett

November 22, 1937.

Dear Henry:-

I am delighted the Wright transfer
is closed, and I am sending my check for \$30.50
to the order of George M. Briggs for the survey-
ing.

Tooth still giving trouble!

As ever yours,

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

(Enclosure)

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

Nov. 19th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

Yesterday afternoon I closed the transfer from Fred E. Wright and wife to you of the 13.07 acre parcel of land and filed the releases of mortgage and deed to be recorded in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office.

Will you please send me a check for \$30.50 to the order of George M. Briggs to pay him for surveying this tract of land.

I hope that you are recovering from your tooth troubles.

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

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HENRY T. HACKETT
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW
226 UNION STREET
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Nov. 23rd, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

I am enclosing herewith two copies of
the description by metes and bounds of the west line of
the land you purchased from the Newbold Trustees in 1935,
which could be used as a description of Mrs. Backer's
east line.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

The description by metes and bounds of the west line of the land purchased by President Roosevelt from the Trustees of the estate of Thomas Newbold in the year 1935, which said line is to be the east line or rear line of the land Mrs. Backer is purchasing, is as follows:

Beginning at a corner of walls, said corner being in the north line of land now owned by President Roosevelt purchased by him from Bennett and being also the southwest corner of said land purchased by the President from the Trustees of the Newbold estate in 1935 and said corner being also the southeast corner of the land to be conveyed by the President to Mrs. Backer; thence north $15^{\circ} 54'$ east 50 feet to ledge; thence north $14^{\circ} 30'$ west 22.0 feet; thence along a wall north $43^{\circ} 53'$ west 24.5 feet; thence north $15^{\circ} 36'$ west 29.5 feet; thence along a wall north $25^{\circ} 05'$ west 112.66 feet; thence north $9^{\circ} 20'$ west 51.25 feet to a cairn; thence north $12^{\circ} 40'$ west 129.4 feet to an angle in a wall; thence north $17^{\circ} 06'$ west 120.67 feet; thence north $23^{\circ} 21'$ west 40.16 feet to an angle in a wall; thence north $16^{\circ} 04'$ west along a wall 172.56 feet to an angle in a wall; thence north $6^{\circ} 49'$ west 221.55 feet to a tree; thence north $0^{\circ} 06'$ east 130.22 feet to a corner of walls, said corner being the northwest corner of land purchased by President Roosevelt from the Trustees of the Newbold estate in 1935, and said corner being also the northeast corner of land to be conveyed by the President to Mrs. Backer, said corner being also in the south line of the Hughson farm and being also 1885.8 feet easterly from the easterly line of Violet Avenue as measured along a wall and range thereof.

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

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Hackett*

Nov. 24th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

I acknowledge receipt of yours of the 22nd instant
enclosing check to my order as attorney for \$30.50 to pay George M.
Briggs, surveyor, which I have endorsed and sent to him.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

PSF
En Route to Florida
November 28, 1937

file
Henry Hackett

Dear Dorothy:

Henry Hackett has sent me the enclosed description of the rear line of your new property.

Translating the various distances and directions into plain english, it means that the line runs through the narrow strip of hills and follows, part of the way, the old stone wall in the woods.

Always sincerely yours,

Mrs. George Backer, Jr.,
c/o Miss Nancy Cook,
Hyde Park,
New York.

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PSF
file
Hackett
Mailed 12/1/37

En route to Florida
November 28, 1937

Dear Henry:

I enclose copy of letter to Charlie Engelhardt in reference to the electrical work on the Hughson farm. It seems to me much better not to try to move the Engelhardt's in for this winter and Engelhardt can go to the place and do the wiring at any time at his convenience.

In view of this, I suppose also it is better to let old man Birch stay there through the winter and there should be someone there on account of insurance, etc.

I am returning the proposed deed and copy from me to Mrs. Barker and I think it is OK in every way.

My tooth still bothers me and I am off for a week of sunshine.

As ever yours,

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

P. S. I am wondering what the supposed rights of the telephone company and Central Hudson Gas and Electric Company are in this property.

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11/28/37

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FORSTER

Will you please have Mr. Sanderson
affix his notarial seal to the deed
and then mail this out.

F. D. R.

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

Nov. 13th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

I am enclosing herewith a proposed deed and a copy of the same from you to Mrs. Backer of that part of the Dumphy farm lying between Violet Avenue and the part of it on the east which you now own. There is reserved in the deed a strip of land fifty feet in width along the north line for a road and it is conveyed subject to the lease of Hicks and the rights, if any, of the Telephone Company and the Central Hudson Gas & Elec. Corp. therein.

If the deed is satisfactory to you, it might be well to send the copy to Mrs. Backer for her inspection as she might insist upon a surveyed description.

If Mrs. Backer is also satisfied with the deed you may sign and acknowledge the original before a Notary Public and have the proper officer attach his certificate showing the authority of the Notary to take the acknowledgment and return the deed to me with a check for \$9,000. and I will record the deed from the Newbold Trustees to you and the deed from you to Mrs. Backer.

I hope to be able to close the title with Wright on Monday or Tuesday.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

This Indenture,

Made the *twenty seventh* day of *November*, nineteen
hundred and *Thirty-seven*.

Between *FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT*, of the Town of Hyde Park, Dutchess County,
N. Y.

----- part *7* of the first part, and
DOROTHY SCHIFF BACKER, of 944 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

----- part *7* of the second part:
Witnesseth, that the part *7* of the first part, in consideration of
----- One Hundred (\$100.) ----- Dollars,

lawful money of the United States, and other good and valuable considerations

----- paid by the part *7* of the second part,
do^{es} hereby grant and release unto the part *7* of the second part,
her heirs ----- and assigns forever,

All that certain tract of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Hyde
Park, Dutchess County, N. Y. which is generally bounded and described as follows:
On the north by the south line of the Arnold Whitwell farm now owned by Fred E.
Wright; on the west by Violet Avenue formerly known as the Creek Road; on the south
by the north line of the farm formerly owned by Willet E. Bennett, now owned by
Franklin D. Roosevelt, and on the east by the west line of the land conveyed by
T. Jefferson Newbold and others to Franklin D. Roosevelt by deed dated June 5th,
1935 and recorded Sept. 3rd, 1935 in Liber 547 of Deeds at page 101 in the Dutchess
County Clerk's Office.

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING therefrom a strip of land along the north line of
said premises 50 feet in width at every point extending from Violet Avenue on the
west to the land on the east heretofore conveyed to said Franklin D. Roosevelt by
T. Jefferson Newbold and others for the purpose of a road and right of way affording
means of ingress and egress to and from the properties of the parties hereto for
the use of all kinds of vehicles, domestic animals and foot passengers for the
benefit of the parties hereto, their heirs, distributees, personal representatives

COPY

and assigns forever.

The parties hereto mutually covenant and agree that either party hereto and any subsequent owner of the respective lands hereby affected may at any time repair or improve the aforesaid road and bridge when desired by any such party, provided that the cost of such repair or improvement be borne wholly by the party causing the same to be made.

Subject to the lease of Robert Hicks which expires on April 30, 1938 and also subject to the rights of the Telephone Company and Central Hudson Gas & Elec. Corporation, if any, therein.

Together with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the part 7 of the first part, in and to the said premises.

To have and to hold the premises herein granted unto the part 7 of the second part. her heirs - - - - - and assigns forever.

And said FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT - - - - -
- - - - - covenant as follows:

First. That said FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT is - - - - -
- - - - - seized of the said premises in fee simple, and
has a good right to convey the same;

Second. That the part 7 of the second part shall quietly enjoy the said premises;

Third. That the said premises are free from incumbrances; except as herein mentioned or referred to.

Fourth. That the part 7 of the first part will execute or procure any further necessary assurance of the title to said premises;

Fifth. That said FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT - - - - -
- - - - - will forever warrant the title to said premises.

Sixth. The grantor, in compliance with Section 13 of the Lien Law, covenant as follows: That he will receive the consideration for this conveyance as a trust fund to be applied first for the purpose of paying the cost of improvement, and that he will apply the same first to the payment of the cost of improvement before using any part of the total of the same for any other purpose.

In Witness Whereof, the part 7 of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written

In the Presence of

M. A. L. Hane

Franklin D. Roosevelt (L.S.)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
~~State of New York~~ } ss.
CITY OF WASHINGTON
~~County of~~

On the 27th day of November, nineteen hundred and
thirty-seven before me personally came FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

, to me known
to be the individual described in, and who executed, the foregoing instrument,
and acknowledged that he executed the same.

Frank S. Anderson
Notary Public. By commission expires
May 3, 1938

RESERVE THIS SPACE FOR USE OF RECORDING OFFICE

COPY Deed.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

TO

DOROTHY SCHIFF BACKER

Dated, November , 1937

County, ss.

Recorded on the
day of

A. D., 19

at o'clock M., in Liber of

DEEDS, at page and examined

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

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Harry Hachette
(1)*
En Route to Florida
November 28, 1937

Dear Charlie:

It is all right for you to go ahead with the installing of the electrical work in the Hughson farm house on Van Wagner Road in accordance with your estimate of seventy-five dollars and additional outlets of two dollars and seventy-five cents.

I take it that you and Mrs. Engelhardt are installed at Purdy and wouldn't want to make any change this winter, especially in view of the fact that the house would have to be cleaned, repaired, etc., and therefore that you would do the work by going up there from Purdy for a few days.

This perhaps is better because until I get back in the Spring, it will be difficult for me to decide on what it is necessary to do about the house and barn.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles Engelhardt, Esq.,
Purdy,
New York.

fdr/tab

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

Nov. 20th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

I enclose herewith letter just received from Charles
Engelhardt in reference to electrical work on the Hugheon farm.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

Nov. 17 1937

Dear Mr. President

Dear Sir:-

I hereby agree to furnish and install the electrical work in your farm house on Van Wagner Road, East Park N.Y. for the sum of ~~(75.00)~~ twenty five Dollars.

4 ceiling outlets + 4 base plugs on 2 floor

6 " " " " 3 " " " 1 floor

3 " " in basement

also provide and cut out box. All additional outlets 2.75 a piece

I could not get into house as Mr. Birch would not let me in so I had to guess the rooms. This estimate does not include the poles and wire to house.

I have moved to Purdy N.Y. as the Gutris have put the furniture in storage. I will take care of your job when it is ready

Very truly yours
Charles Engelhardt. Purdy N.Y.

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

PSF Hackett

December 2nd, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

Yours of November 28th containing deed executed by you to Mrs. Backer received. Mrs. Backer as yet has not sent me any check. Until the title is closed I do not think we should disturb William Birch. As soon as it is closed I will see him and arrange so that Engelhardt can wire the house.

I inserted the clause relating to the rights of the Telephone and the Central Hudson Gas & Elec. Companies in order to protect you if they have any pole right agreements. I am writing to the American Tel. & Tel. Company to obtain a copy of any agreement which they may have as there are none on record here. The Cen. Hud. Gas & Elec. Corp. has a power line across the Dumphy farm west of Violet Avenue and I am writing them to obtain a copy of any agreement they may have in reference to the power line or pole rights.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

TELEGRAM

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7:53 p.m.

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personal*
The White House
Washington

*PSF
Hackett
Gen
Dawson
1.*

New York, N.Y., Dec. 24, 1937.

THE PRESIDENT.

Terribly sorry I was waiting for Henry Hackett to send a bill. Check was forwarded today. Best wishes for a happy Christmas and New Year.

Dorothy Backer.

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

PSF
Hackett

Dec. 24th, 1937.

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

Dear Franklin:

Yours of the 23rd instant containing
copy of letter to Mrs. Backer received.

Mrs. Backer called me up this morning
and said she would send me a check for \$9,000. to my
order as attorney and as soon as I receive it, I will
record the Newbold deed to you and the deed from you to
Mrs. Backer.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and
New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,



BF
Hackett

letter from Henry T. Hackett

In re- Electrical work to be done on
the Hughson Farm by C. Englehardt
Attached letter of Pres. to Engelhardt

SEE--Henry T. Hackett Folder-Drawer 1--1937

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file Hackett
1937

In re-Gus Gennerich estate

SEE--Gus Gennerich folder-Drawer 1--1937