

PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL FILE

PPF 9  
Gifts C  
Jan. - Feb. 1936

PPF900137

January 8, 1936

gem

Birthday greetings to the President from the following are filed - Jan.  
1936 P.P.F. 310 and initial of writer.

GILES, G. T., (sends Sheffield, Ala. candy)	BOLIN, Carol Jean, Waterloo, Ia.	JOY, Leslie Wells, Mountain Lakes, N.J.
MOSER, Myra, Kansas City, Mo.	NORRIS, Gerald, Newark, Ohio.	WELLS, Ruth, Mariba, Ky.
CERONE, Joseph, New York, N.Y.	MACALUSO, Pearl Blanche, Gary, Ind.	GAULDIN, Louis, Leaksville, N.C.
LEWIS, Lemoine, Carlsbad, N.M.	DREWE, Freddie, Lewisville, Tex.	OSWALD, Anne F., Brooklyn, N.Y.
WILKINS, Bobby Glenn, Wichita Falls, Tex.	DESECKI, Eleanor, Chicago, Ill.	MURRAY, Herbert, Waddington, N.Y.
KIRKSEY, Leah Mae, Dallas, N.C.	CROWLEY, John, Islip, N.Y.	WOOD, Eleanore Jean, Clifton Forge, Va.
STORY, Virginia, Lake City, Ark.	WELCHERT, Kathleen, Dubuque, Ia.	RUSSELL, Mary Jane, Eastport, Md.
SALLEE, Jimmie, Morton, Minn.	RAY, Bonnie Jean, Clinton, Ohio.	WILSON, Joan, Evansville, Ind.
SHERIDAN, Sue Alys, Carteret, N.J.	McDOUGALD, Mike, Clito, Ga.	BRICHETTO, Kathleen, Chicago, Ill.
SPENCER, Mary Jean, Ajlune, Wn.	BREWIN, Anita, Cambridge, Mass.	MARTIN, Hugh J., (asks for Martinsburg, West Va. stamps)
WIMMERS, Richard J., Point Pleasant, West Va.	PETERSEN, Miriam, Phila., Pa.	RATTERMAN, Leo A., Louisville, Ky.
SARACO, Rose, Phila., Pa.	LEYEDELERN, Lawrence, Kelley's Island, Ohio.	REEVES, Gertrude, Washington, D.C.
ARMSTRONG, Katherine, Saltillo, Miss.	WARDEN, Doris, Detroit, Mich.	LOUCKS, Ralph, Tuscan School, Maplewood, N.J.
WALLACE, Robert, Bradgate, Ia.	REEVES, Frank, Narberth, Pa.	GOUZE, Ethel Mae, Detroit, Mich.
PIESTER, Everett L., Lexington, Neb.	KOSPI, Dolly, Jersey City, N.J.	BULISK, Mildred, Oneonta, N.Y.
SHEEHAN, Helen, Newport, R.I.	FREEMAN, Forest, Blackwater, Mo.	POOLE, Sonny Boy, North, S.C.
OLIVER, Irvin C., Gloversville, N.Y.	OWENS, Edna, Paducah, Ky.	VELDT, Tina, Kalamazoo, Mich.
DeANGELO, Dominick, Wamesit, Mass.	WILLIAMS, Thelma, Manchester, Ala.	BOWERSOCK, Betty, Parkersburg, West Va.
KLEIN, Gertrude, Hastings, Neb.	BROWN, Portia Kate, Sumter, S.C.	HERMAN, Franklin Edwin, Lebanon, Pa.
KORNMAN, Milton A. (req. West Haven, Conn. photo)	TERRY, Imogean, St. Louis, Mo.	De VAULT, Lila Lee, Sparks, Kans.
IRWIN, Robert, Pittsburgh, Pa.	BAER, Frederick, Jr., Callicoon, N.Y.	ATWELL, Helen, Topeka, Kans.
BARNES, Karleta Fae, Wanette, Okla.	RICHARDI, Mary, Brockton, Mass.	SAKELSON, Arthur D. (Requests Chicago, Ill. auto. or photo)

SEE P.P.F. 310-initial of writer or organization.

January 8, 1936

CLARK, Hilda  
Goldson, Oregon,  
January 6, 1936.

Writes President enclosing newspaper clipping re the death of Col. Fay W. Stevens, in whose home she lives. States that Col. Stevens, before his death, was trying to locate a horse for the President to ride, as he thought the President would be much benefitted by this. Further states that the horse that the Colonel had in mind was to have been pure white with silver mane and tail. Also speaks of a cane the Colonel had for the President which was to have been silver mounted.--Miss LeHand, on Jan. 17, wrote Miss Clark expressing President's condolence re the death of Col. Stevens and his appreciation for the clipping and her letter.

P.P.F.

SEE P.P.F. 3148

9-c

January 8, 1936

P.P.F  
9-C

January 6, 1936

My dear Mrs. Courtney:

It was mighty nice of you to send  
the President that delicious pudding and he  
wants you to know that he greatly appreciates  
your kind thought of him. He sends you his  
very best wishes for the New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

To House

M. A. Leland  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mrs James Courtney,  
P. O. Box 494,  
Spokane,  
Washington.

es

Intab

January 8, 1936

January 7, 1936.

pp. 7.  
9-c

Dear Howard:

Please forgive me for dictating this letter but I want to tell you how much I enjoyed those very special cigars. You were more than kind to think of me.

My best wishes to you for the New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Howard S. Cullman,  
161 Front Street,  
New York, N. Y.

dj

P.P. 894

Noted

January 8, 1936

Kley

X

pp. 7.  
9-c

January 7, 1936.

Dear Marian and Nancy:

Just a note to thank you for the  
box of cream peppermints. They are very bad  
for my figure but I love them!

The foot scraper is a beauty and  
will go to Warm Springs with me where it will  
be really useful.

Very sincerely yours,

Misses Nancy Cook and Marian Dickerman,  
531 Madison Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

X#  
PPF  
1256

X#  
PLF  
1409

dj

Noted

January 8, 1936

*Kley*

*PPF  
9-C*

January 8, 1936

*Buchler*

My dear Mr. Cassaro:

The President thanks you very much  
for that beautifully framed calendar and he  
wants you to know how much he appreciates  
your kind thought in sending it to him.

Very sincerely yours,

*Stan Rum*

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

C. Cassaro, Esq.,  
760 - 9th Street,  
Oakland,  
California.

es

*Wolfe*

PP7  
9-C

January 8, 1936

My dear Governor:

Thank you ever so much for that fine gift you and Lieutenant Governor Hurley sent to me. I am delighted to have it and more than appreciate your holiday greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

21 House

x PP7  
9-H

x PP7  
9-B (plaster  
sent to  
the Gov)

His Excellency,  
James M. Curley,  
Governor of Massachusetts,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

es

Winters

↓

January 8, 1936

My dear Lieutenant Governor:

It was mighty nice of you and Governor  
Curley to send me that fine gift. I appreciate  
it very much and thank you sincerely for your  
holiday greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Joseph L. Hurley,  
Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

es



w. Buckley  
P.P. 7  
q.c.

es

**Christmas Greetings**  
and good wishes  
for the **New-Year.**

James M. Buckley  
Gov of Mass  
Joseph L. Hurley  
Lt. Governor

Mr. Buckley

P.P.S  
q.c

January 8, 1936

My dear Dr. Cadman:

The President thanks you cordially for your courtesy in sending him a copy of your book "Adventure for Happiness", and he more than appreciates your words of commendation.

He asks me to convey to you his very best wishes for the coming year.

Very sincerely yours,

*W. H. C.*

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Dr. S. Parkes Cedman,  
105 East 22nd Street,  
Suite 504,  
New York. N.Y.

*Mr. Buckley*  
*P.P.F.*  
*g.c.*

*Noted*

*S. Parkes Cedman*

DR. S. PARKES CADMAN  
"NATIONAL RADIO PULPIT"

SUITE 504  
105 EAST 22ND STREET  
NEW YORK CITY  
GRAMERCY 5-3475

*ahgd*  
*1/8/38*  
*Thank*  
*m.l.*

December 26, 1935

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

Dear President Roosevelt:

It has given me very great pleasure to send you a copy of my latest book, "Adventure for Happiness," as a slight token of my grateful appreciation of your loyal support of the radio ministry which I have been permitted to exercise for the past twelve years.

May I add that, in my judgment, the transmission over the air of those basic principles which are absolutely essential to the safety and welfare of our dear land and of the world was never more necessary than it is today.

Faithfully yours,

*S. Parkes Cadman*

P.P.7

P.P.7.  
9-C

January 10, 1936

My dear Miss Cotner:

The President has asked me to thank you ever so much for that deck of cards and to tell you that he greatly appreciates your kind thought in sending them to him.

He sends you his very best wishes for the coming year.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Miss Pearl Cotner,  
436 Day St.,  
Logansport,  
Indiana.

es

20/Jan

noted

January 10, 1936

P.P.7

Buckley

P.P.7.  
g-c

My dear Mrs. <sup>c</sup>Crans:

It was mighty nice of you to send that beautiful wreath to the President and he wants you to know that he more than appreciates your thinkly thought.

He asks me to convey his very best wishes to you for the coming year.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Reeves

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mrs. Claude Crans,  
Alpine,  
New York.

San Francisco, California.

es

Noted

We are wreath  
pending a year  
again this year  
to our President  
Kindly let us  
know if you  
receive this wreath  
Mrs Claude Orens  
Alpine  
N.Y.

1-10-05

and best wishes  
for a  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year

X

order to preserve  
wreath sprinkle  
occasionally  
wishes for your welfare and happiness.

Very sincerely yours,

Z. Howell

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Miss Mayris Chaney,  
Alexander Hamilton Hotel,  
San Francisco,  
California.

es

Noted

ally

PPT

January 14 1936

Buchley

January 10, 1936

PPT  
9.C

My dear Miss Chaney:

The President thanks you cordially for the delicious preserges you sent to him and he wants you to know how much he appreciates your kind thought.

He asks me to convey his very best wishes for your welfare and happiness.

Very sincerely yours,

Z. Howell

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Miss Mayris Chaney,  
Alexander Hamilton Hotel,  
San Francisco,  
California.

es

Noted

14 1936

PPF

1 for  
1 for  
1 for

Agnes C. Haney  
Alexander Hamilton  
Hotel  
San Francisco  
Cal.

... box of cigars you sent to him and he wants  
you to know that he greatly appreciates this  
evidence of your good will.

He sends his very best wishes to you  
for the coming year.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

F. Carbajal, Esq.,  
1610 1/2 - 9th Avenue,  
Tampa,  
Florida.

es

Inter

aley

PP7

PP7  
9-C

Buckley

January 10, 1936

My dear Mr. Carbajal:

The President thanks you cordially for that box of cigars you sent to him and he wants you to know that he greatly appreciates this evidence of your good will.

He sends his very best wishes to you for the coming year.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

F. Carbajal, Esq.,  
1610 1/2 - 9th Avenue,  
Tampa,  
Florida.

es

Inter

*No return*

*also  
1-10-53  
Sent Home*

F. CARBAJAL  
IMPORTER OF  
CUBAN TOBACCO FILLERS AND  
WRAPPERS

*1610 1/2 - 9th ave*

806 7TH AVENUE

TAMPA, FLA.

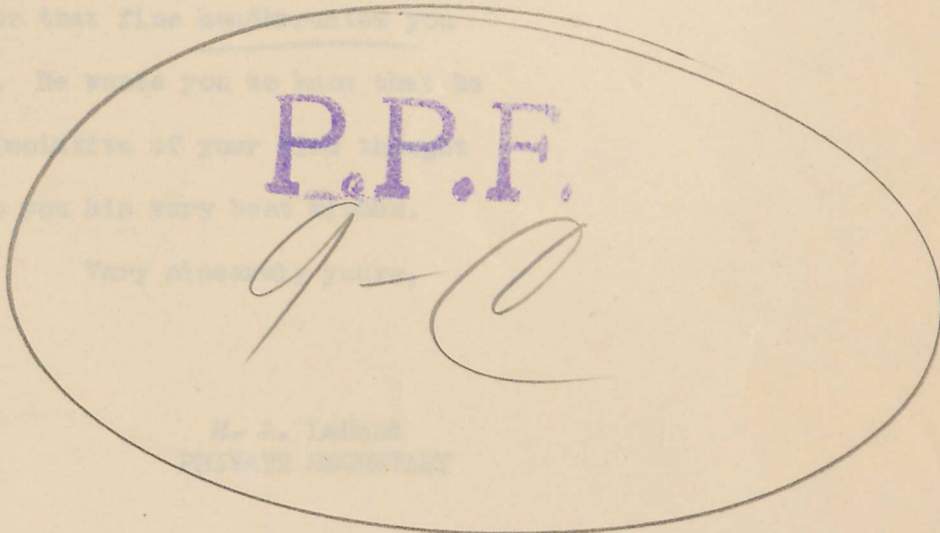
he was the one who presented him with  
Swift on the first anniversary of the  
has known four generations, descendants  
he has a genealogical outline of the  
President's personal request, he will  
aph of General Swift, the outline of the

Delano name, and also a beautiful dining room chair of 1805 belonging to  
the Swift family, distant cousins of the President. Says he will send the  
chair to the President's mother, if she requests it. - The President replied  
on Jan. 15 thanking for his nice letter and for the additional data re the  
case. Thinks the reference to the Delano genealogy is interesting and  
appreciates with thanks his kind offer.

The President says he will thank you

personally for that fine work.

SEE - PPF 3147



1200 East Washington St.,  
Tampa 2,  
Fla.

Hon. F. D. Roosevelt

accept With this compliment  
my best Wishes for Health  
and prosperity in this  
coming year for you and  
your respectable family  
yours truly  
& carvofal

ally

PPF

HAWLEY, George M.B.  
Geneva, N.Y.  
Jan. 11, 1936

Writes the President that he was the one who presented him with the cane of General Joseph Gardner Swift on the first anniversary of the President's administration. Says he has known four generations, descendants of General Swift, personally. Says he has a genealogical outline of the name "Delano" from 1310. Upon the President's personal request, he will send a remarkable copy of a photograph of General Swift, the outline of the Delano name, and also a beautiful dining room chair of 1805 belonging to the Swift family, distant cousins of the President. Says he will send the chair to the President's mother, if she requests it. - The President replied on Jan. 15 thanking for his nice letter and for the additional data re the cane. Thinks the reference to the Delano genealogy is interesting and appreciates with thanks his kind offer.

SEE - PPF 3147

P.P.F.  
J-C

Casey

pp7

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1936

pp. 7.  
9-c

Mrs. Mary Margaret Casey

Rt. 2

Fort Madison, Iowa

My dear Miss Casey:

The President asks me to thank you cordially for that fine handkerchief you sent to him. He wants you to know that he is most appreciative of your kind thought and he sends you his very best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Miss Mary Margaret Casey,  
Route 2,  
Fort Madison,  
Iowa.

es

nted

John Smith

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

asked abx  
1-13

PPT  
QC

Mary Margaret Casey  
R.R. # 2  
Fort Madison, Iowa

Handkerchief.

es

H. John Smith

Buckley

January 14, 1936

PPT  
9C

My dear Mrs. Chetwynd:

The President was much pleased to receive the books which you sent to him through the courtesy of Mr. St. John Smith. He has asked me to convey to you his sincere appreciation of your thought of him.

Very sincerely yours,

*M. A. LeHand*

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mrs. Wentworth Chetwynd,  
c/o R. H. Douglass,  
5 Copthall Court,  
London, E.C.,  
England.

es

*Noted*

*St. John Smith*

January 14, 1936

My dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter of January thirteenth has been received by the President and a note of thanks has been forwarded to Mrs. Chetwynd for the books you mention.

Please let me assure you that your courtesy in the matter is appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

St. John Smith, Esq.,  
129 East 70th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

es

*St. John Smith*

129 EAST SEVENTIETH STREET

*Thank Mrs. Chetwynd  
M.L.  
archd  
1936*

January 13, 1936.

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

Dear Franklin:

Our mutual friend, the Hon. Mrs. Wentworth Chetwynd, left with me, before she sailed for England, two books which she asked me to send to you and to be sure that they reached you.

The books are *La Corporation Dans Le Monde* and *La Réponse du Seigneur*, which I am sending under separate cover. Knowing you to be a good French scholar, I think you will be interested in *La Corporation Dans Le Monde*, if you have time to read it.

Mrs. Chetwynd was very much pleased with the signed photograph, which you sent her through your mother, and was sorry that your time was so occupied that you could not see her when she was in Washington. Her address is Care of R. H. Douglass, Esq., 5 Copthall Court, London, E. C., England.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*H. John Smith*



*Beachley*

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Havana, January 4, 1936.

January 15, 1936

*PP7.  
9-c*

My dear Mr. Minister:

Just a note to tell you how pleased I am to have the hat which you were good enough to send me. It was very thoughtful of you and I do appreciate it indeed. Ever so many thanks.

Very sincerely yours,

*Miss de la Cruz*

Honorable Jefferson Caffery, X# 884  
United States Minister,  
Habana,  
Cuba.

elb

*Wald*

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



EMBASSY OF THE  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 Habana, January 6, 1936.

*Help for  
 Prof. [unclear] -  
 Packid  
 1/15  
 ell*

My dear Mr. President:

When I was in Colombia I found out that some particularly good hats of the so-called Panama variety were made, on order, in a village near the Ecuadoran frontier. I have recently ordered some of them and venture to send you one which I trust that you will honor me by accepting as if sent at Christmas time.

With all good wishes,

Yours respectfully,

*Jefferson Caffery*  
 Jefferson Caffery

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

6/12-1

gem

Argones, H. R.,  
Manila, Philippine Islands,  
Jan. 15, 1936, Ack'd.

Holiday greetings. Sends the President and Mrs. Roosevelt a bill fold,  
pocket book, belt and cane.

SEE P.P.F. 1000-A

P.P.F.  
9-C

h'd. 1

*Buchler*

January 16, 1936

*P.P. 7.  
9-c*

My dear Mr. Cook:

The President has requested me to express his thanks for your kind thought in presenting to him a copy of the revised edition of Pharmacopoeia of the United States. He is also most appreciative of the accompanying inscription and good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

*Miss LeHand*

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

E. Fullerton Cook, Esq.,  
43rd and Woodland Avenue,  
Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania.

ngm

*nted*

8011  
1-16-36  
799m

E. FULLERTON COOK  
4329 Woodland Ave.  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
CHAIRMAN OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF REVISION  
OF THE PHARMACOPOEIA OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

January 16, 1936

My dear Mr. Curlett:

Your note of January fourteenth has been received by the President and he asks me to thank you for your kind thought in sending him a photograph of your family. He wishes me to convey his very best wishes to you and to your family for your welfare and happiness.

Very sincerely yours,

*Str. Room*

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Henry F. Curlett, Esq.,  
Delaware City,  
Delaware.

es

*Noted*

*your own signature*

P.P.S.  
9-2

January 16, 1936

My dear Mr. Curlett:

Your note of January fourteenth has been received by the President and he asks me to thank you for your kind thought in sending him a photograph of your family. He wishes me to convey his very best wishes to you and to your family for your welfare and happiness.

Very sincerely yours,

Stu Damm

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Henry F. Curlett, Esq.,  
Delaware City,  
Delaware.

es

noted

your own signature

HENRY CURLETT

DELAWARE CITY, DELAWARE

Jan. 14 1936

Thank <sup>m</sup> Washington D.C. <sup>Buckley</sup>  
Dear President Roosevelt

I am a Farmer & a Democrat  
I have a Family of 15 Children

5 Boys & 10 Girls I am  
Sending you a Picture

of my Intire Family  
we think your Plans  
are abright

our Farm Borders the Chesapeake  
and Del. Canal

Yours Truly, Henry F. Curlett  
Delaware City  
Delaware

George Creel, Esq.,  
The Racquet Club,  
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure

es

(Handwritten mark)

(Faint handwritten text)

Colliers

Buckley

January 16, 1936

P.P. 7.  
9-c

My dear Mr. Creel:

The President thanks you cordially for those fine Ivory holders. He has been delighted to sign a copy of "On Our Way" for you and asks me to convey his very best regards.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

George Creel, Esq.,  
The Racquet Club,  
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure

es

200

George Creel

Collier's *Paula*

THE NATIONAL WEEKLY

THE CROWELL PUBLISHING COMPANY

250 PARK AVENUE

New York

*Buchley*

*ahyd  
1-16 22*

OFFICE OF  
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT  
734 Fifteenth Street, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 14, 1936.

Dear Mr. President:

This is not a gift but a trade:  
three Ivory ( maybe ) cigarette holders  
for an autographed copy of your book.

Devotedly,

*George Creel*

*For* → GEORGE CREEL

*Racquet Club  
Wash DC*

es

*0 2918-75 11 ave  
Oakland California*

P.P. 7  
P. 9. C

January 17, 1936

Buchley

My dear Mr. Coffee:

The President has received your letter of January seventh and has noted with interest all that you say. He is pleased to accept the carved chain and is grateful for the good will which your act conveys.

I am very sorry indeed that it is not possible to comply with your request for one of the President's photographs, but we have none on hand at this time.

Very sincerely yours,

Stone Kamm

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Joseph S. Coffee, Esq.,  
2718 - 75th Avenue,  
Oakland,  
California.

es

noted

2718 - 75th Ave  
Oakland California

about 1-17-36 Paid

Oakland Calif

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1936

The Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

My Dear Mr Pres.

I am enclosing you this wooden chain carved from the limb of a California red wood. I ask you to accept it not for its intrinsic value, but in the consideration of the sentiment that Springfield, and required many tedious hours of carving with a pocket knife to produce. In this hope, Mr President that it might act, as a silent messenger to convey to you the respect, admiration and esteem, that I have always entertained for you, and in your ability to conduct the affairs of our nation. And in return will you kindly send me an autograph picture of your self and may a divine providence ever guide and direct in this fearless discharge of your high office.

Very Sincerely Yours

Joseph B. Coffey

2718 - 75 Ave

Oakland California

P.P.7.  
9-c

January 21, 1936.

Dear Russell Cowherd:

I have received the Roto-gage and I want you to know how very much I appreciate that kind of thoughtfulness which moved you to send me this gift. It is extremely useful and answers a long-felt want for such an instrument. I am very grateful to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Russell Cowherd,  
2025 Eye Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

X  
PP7  
37  
=

dj

*Russell*  
Russell Cowherd

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1936

MEMO FOR MISS LAMOND

Dear Missy:

*Added  
1-21  
Rg*

2025 Eye Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
January 20, 1936

Hon. Stephen T. Early  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Steve:

The accompanying box contains a little gadget picked up at one of the little shops here that I felt may be of some aid and pleasure to the President while indulging in his hobby of stamp collecting.

It may be that the President already has such a gadget. I am advised, however, that it is something new, having been on the market just a few weeks.

I am sending it direct to you so that you may decide whether it will afford the President any pleasure. If you do not feel that it will, you may consign it to the waste basket and no harm will have been done.

Sincerely,

*Russell*  
Russell Cowherd

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1936

MEMO FOR MISS LEHAND:

Dear Missy:

The sender of this "gadget" is a personal friend of mine. The President does not know him. His name, as the letter to me reveals, is Russell Cowherd. He is from Florida and is now working in the HOLC. His wife is a victim of infantile paralysis. She was for some time a patient at Warm Springs.

Because of financial difficulties - Russell being among the unemployed at the time - he had to take his wife away from Warm Springs. He is able to support her now because he has found work. The giving of this "gadget" obviously is ~~his~~ way of thanking the President for the job he has. He is grateful because he is able once again to care for and support his wife. He gives entire credit to the President for making this possible.

Will you take care of the acknowledgment?

STEPHEN EARLY

32-36 Pater-  
Vienna,  
rout the

32-36 Pater-

+ PPT  
1/B

with

7  
C  
Bushley

gen

vsh.

January 21, 1936.

P.P. 7  
9-C

Bushley

Respectfully referred to the  
State Department for appropriate ac-  
knowledgegment.

Miss Le Hand

M. A. LeHAND  
Private Secretary

STATE - Card from Count RICHARD COUDENHOVE-KALERGI, Vienna,  
presenting copy of his book "Anti-Semitism Throughout the  
Ages" to the President.  
Cover shows book mailed from Hutchinson, 32-36 Pater-  
noster Row, London.

x 96-C

x P.P. 7  
9-B

with

gen

vsh.

CONNFELT, Mrs. Charles M.,  
New York, N.Y.  
January 21, 1936 (Date Acknowledged)

Writes the President that she is sending some little books for him.  
On January 21, 1936 the President wrote to Mrs. Connfelt expressing his  
appreciation for the books, which he states are "already in my special glass case."

See P.P.F. 146

P.P.F.  
9-C

gen

Love, Thomas B.,  
Dallas, Tex.  
Jan. 23, 1936.

Sends the President an original cartoon on the subject: "Back to the Horse and Buggy Days" by Jack Patton of the Dallas Journal, and it is one of his many impressive and effective blows in defense of the New Deal.

SEE 144-A

PP. 7.  
9-C

W. A. Ladd  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Director, New Deal Agency,  
200 West Wall Street,  
Washington,  
D.C.

Buckley

P.P.F.  
9-C

P.P.F.  
9-C

January 24, 1936

My dear Loretta Mae:

The President has received your letter of January twentieth and has asked me to thank you for your kind thought in sending the handkerchief and the card of birthday greetings to him.

He is indeed glad to know that you also celebrate your birthday on January thirtieth and sends you his very best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Stove Room

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Loretta Mae Cunningham,  
223 South Mason Street,  
Carrollton,  
Missouri.

hm

Witt

Carrollton Mo.  
Jan. 20, -36  
223 - So. Mason St.

P.P. 7.  
9-C

Mr. Roosevelt

Dear President  
As your birthday is  
the same day as mine  
I think of you.

I will be eleven yrs.  
old Jan. 30

I weigh 101 lbs. and am  
55 inches tall.

So you see I'm quite  
large for my age.

I also am a democrat  
will close.

Wishing you many  
many Happy  
Birthdays

Your little Friend  
Loretta Mae Cunningham

(Loretta)

(Loretta)

January 27, 1936

P.P.F.  
9-C

Buckley

My dear Mr. Cullen:

The President thanks you ever so much for that fine calendar you sent to him, and he asks me to tell you that he more than appreciates your friendly good wishes.

I shall be glad to see that Vice President Garner receives the calendar you sent to him. <sup>X12</sup>

Very sincerely yours,

gone away

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Pat Cullen, Esq.,  
Sonora,  
California.

es

Noted

Noted

allotments

asked  
1-27  
Calendar sent  
to Vice Pres  
28  
Source  
Calif  
Jan - 19-36

Dear Hon President Roosevelt:-

Its better late than never

Please sir give one to Vice President Gardner  
Happy days and good luck  
to you and yours God bless you

Yours  
Ever  
Pat Cullen

asks me to tell you how much he appreciates  
your kindly thought of him. He sends his  
very best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

+ P.P.F.  
9-15

To Hand

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Charles R. Crane, Esq.,  
Indio, X  
California.

es

initialed

*Buckley*

January 27, 1936

*Buckley*

January 27, 1936

*P.O.F.  
9-C*

My dear Mr. Crane:

It was mighty nice of you to send the President those delicious dates and he asks me to tell you how much he appreciates your kindly thought of him. He sends his very best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

*+ P.O.F.  
9-D*

*To Hand*

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Charles R. Crane, Esq.,  
Indio, *x*  
California.

es

*init*

Bushley

January 27. 1936

Compliments of  
Charles B. Crane

Indio - Calif.

alys  
1-27-36

Rec'd 2 boxes of Dates

Indio - Calif

es

Bushley

P.P.F.  
9-C

January 27, 1956

My dear Mrs. Cooper:

The President was pleased to receive your friendly letter of January twenty-second and he thanks you most cordially for that fine cake you sent to him. He more than appreciates your birthday greetings and he asks me to convey his very best wishes to you on the occasion of your own birthday.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mrs. H. S. Cooper,  
Lewisburg Hotel,  
Lewisburg,  
West Virginia.

es

To Howard

H. S. Cooper

With

1.00 AND UP

MEALS 50c



## LEWISBURG HOTEL

H. S. COOPER, PROP.  
MODERN WITH HOME COMFORT  
LEWISBURG, W. VA.

January 22, 1936

*Recd  
also  
1-27-36*

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

My dear Mr. President:

On January 30th the whole of our country will celebrate your 54th birthday with a great and worthy charitable program.

As a coincidence, this will also be my 54th birthday which makes this day a happier one for me.

This year, in deepest appreciation of the leadership in which I devoutly believe and have always followed, I am sending you a birthday cake -- a small gift in itself, but accompanied with the best wishes for your good health, happiness and success in the election this year.

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs H. S. Cooper*

P.P.7  
9-c

January 27, 1936.

My dear Mr. Cullman:

I have your letter and thank you very much for your friendly message.

It was good of you to send me the carton of Webster Fancy Tales.

Very sincerely yours,

To Wausel

Joseph F. Cullman, Jr., Esq.,  
161 Front Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Respectfully yours,  
*Joseph F. Cullman, Jr.*

Wausel

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Executive Mansion,  
Washington, D. C.

JOSEPH F. CULLMAN, JR.  
161 FRONT STREET  
NEW YORK

THE WHITE HOUSE  
JAN 10 1936  
RECEIVED

9 January 1936

*Cull*  
*1-27*

My dear President Roosevelt:

Howard tells me that you enjoyed the special cigars he sent you for Christmas. In view of the fact that I am the guilty manufacturer of same, naturally I was more than happy to learn the good news.

I am taking the liberty of sending you, with my compliments and best wishes, one hundred Webster Fancy Tales - not that you need any assistance from either Daniel or Noah Webster - but I do hope they may add a bit to your enjoyment.

With all good wishes and warmest personal regards, believe me

Cordially yours,

*Joseph F. Cullman, Jr.*

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



JOSEPH F. GULLMAN JR.  
181 FRONT STREET  
NEW YORK

*Mr. Roosevelt*  
*John Gullman*

9 JANUARY 1938

My dear President Roosevelt:

Howard tells me that you enjoyed the special cigars he sent you for Christmas. In view of the fact that I am the guilty manufacturer of same, naturally I was more than happy to learn the good news.

I am taking the liberty of sending you, with my compliments and best wishes, one hundred Webster Fanny Tales - not that you need any assistance from either Daniel or Noah Webster - but I do hope they may add a bit to your enjoyment.

With all good wishes and warmest personal regards, believe me

Cordially yours,

*Joseph F. Gullman Jr.*

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

P.P.F.  
T. 9-C

Bentley

January 30, 1936

My dear Billie:

The President has received your letter of recent date and has asked me to thank you for your kind thought in sending the handkerchief to him. He has much pleasure in sending his best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

gave away

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Billie Joe Case,  
Bentley,  
Oklahoma.

hm

Noted

Sendley Okla.  
Jan. 1 1936.

ack  
11/30/36  
Dear Mr. Roosevelt,  
My birthday is the same day  
yours is. I am sending you a  
handkerchief I know you have got  
plenty of them but that is all  
I got to send you. I never had  
a Birthday present in my life.  
I will be 12 years old Jan. 30.  
I am selling papers and I sure  
would like to have a bicycle  
please.

Billie Joe Case

*Buchley*

January 31, 1936

*PP. 7.  
9-c*

My dear Rose:

The President has received your card  
and he has asked me to thank you for your  
birthday greetings and for the beautiful hand-  
kerchief which you were good enough to send him.  
He appreciates your kind thought.

*PP. 7.  
310-c*

Very sincerely yours,

*Stove Room*

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Rose Cancelliere,  
1819 Kinsey Street,  
Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania.

es

*Hand*

x

BEST WISHES FOR YOUR  
BIRTHDAY

*Ans  
1/8/63*



36

*[Faint, mostly illegible text]*

nty- his...  
dent...  
tings...  
3. ...  
rt to  
rey his

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

James W. Cory, Esq.,  
Educational Adviser, Co. 514, CCC,  
Henryville,  
Indiana.

*x 268 - misc*

es

*inter*

x



May this Birthday  
 be the best  
 Of all you've had  
 and may the rest  
 Bring some new joy  
 as each appears —  
 To keep you happy  
 through the years /

Rose Cancelliere  
 1819 Winney St.  
 Phila., Pa.

36

... of your ...  
 ... of ...  
 ... great ...

enty- ...  
 ident ...  
 etings ...  
 CC. ...  
 ift to ...  
 ively his ...

M. A. LeHand  
 PRIVATE SECRETARY

James W. Cory, Esq.,  
 Educational Adviser, Co. 514, CCC,  
 Henryville,  
 Indiana.

x 268 - *misc*

es

*Notes*

x

PPA  
1-9-C

February 1, 1936

My dear Mr. Cory:

Your nice letter of January twenty-seventh has been received and the President more than appreciates the birthday greetings you extend on behalf of Company 514, CCC.

He thanks everyone concerned for the gift to which you refer and has asked me to convey his very best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

*Steve LeHand*

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

James W. Cory, Esq.,  
Educational Adviser, Co. 514, CCC,  
Henryville,  
Indiana.

x 268-mixed

es

*note*

x

President, Franklin D. Roosevelt

My Esteemed Sir:-

Company 514, C.C.C. is sending to you, in a separate package, a small gift on this another anniversary of your birth. It is not to be considered for any intrinsic worth or value, but because it is a simple heartfelt expression of the great regard the 'Average Man' has for your sincere efforts in his behalf. In my frank judgement, the great mass of 'Common Folk' are solidly behind you in this almost super-human task of giving every man a fair-deal.

Accept this as a token of our friendship, and as an expression of Best Wishes for many more Happy Birthdays.

Sincerely yours,

*James W. Cory*  
James W. Cory  
Edu. Adviser, Co. 514

Henryville, Indiana.  
January, 27th. 1936

*ack it's*

*Wood Frame  
Picture of the Sun*

X

X

~~WAR DEPARTMENT~~

*James M. Cory  
Edo. Advisor. C.C.C.  
Henryville, Ind.*

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

President, Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Washington, D. C.



August 6, 1936.

Edge the receipt of  
second.  
For request, the etch-  
ing of President last  
year.  
Yours,

H. McINTYRE  
Secretary to the  
President

*em*  
em

Sketch of Pres; frame design  
collees etched on back.

August 6, 1936.

My dear Mr. Cory:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July twenty-second.

In response to your request, the etching that you forwarded to the President last January is being returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. McINTYRE  
Assistant Secretary to the  
President

*McIntyre*  
em

James W. Cory, Esq.,  
Company 514, C. C. C.,  
Clark County State Forest,  
Henryville,  
Indiana.

large burned etching, with sketch of Pres; frame design of CCC figures; names of enrollees etched on back.

Clark County State Forest  
Henryville, Indiana  
CCC Co. 514

July 22, 1936

*Handwritten:* Handwritten  
Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Washington, D.C.

Esteemed Sir:

Company 514, CCC through me, their Educational Adviser, presented to you on your Birthday; Jan. 30, 1936; a large burned-etching of yourself, with other designs on border and back. I have been requested to ask if this could be loaned to me for use as a center-piece of an exhibit being prepared for the Indiana State Fair, Aug. 29th to Sept. 4th.

Much comment was made in the press of the State about this piece of work on the occasion of its presentation to you. Many recently have expressed a desire to see it.

If this could be loaned for use as indicated, I would take every precaution to see that it is not injured, and that it is promptly returned.

I am sure this will not only be an attractive exhibit of work done in the Civilian Conservation Corps, but will be a definite reminder to many vacillating folk of the great work you started in ordering the organization of the CCC.

A Southern Indiana Fair is scheduled Aug. 25th at Salem Indiana. Would be pleased to include the picture among other exhibits planned for that place.

May I assure you, Our President, the common folk will not soon forget the new chance you are giving them.

Please inform me, if loan can be made, and when shipment could be expected.

Sincerely yours,

*James W. Cory*  
James W. Cory  
Camp Edu. Adviser

JWC/ac

The World Needs.

This old world needs a lot of frankness,  
More sincere thought, less mental blankness,  
Some unselfish people with no moral-dankness,  
To keep it on the track.  
It's weary of doing things so diplomatic;  
These times demand leaders who are emphatic,  
Whose words are full of good sense, not static,  
Who run not in the pack.

Government is not something hidden, mystic,  
For those to solve who are merely legalistic;  
Sometimes it needs statesmen who are bi-fistic,  
To lead it from a slump.  
Might be well to drive pettifoggers hence,  
Throw a few lego-technocrats over the fence,  
And administer a big dose of just common-sense,  
To reduce that ego-bump.

Yes, vain man is like the proverbial crow,  
A cawing and strutting as if the whole show;  
Giving him acute-myopicism and a swelled-ego:  
Be hard to find a cure.  
These plain facts are well worth stating;  
Folk have grown tired of diplomatic blating,  
It's not dollars, but real-worth needs inflating,  
That nations may endure.

Too many sure-cures have been suggested,  
Bitter nostrums given, only a few digested,  
Leaving the works clogged, systems congested;  
May need and operation.  
So it is time to face the issue squarely,  
Realize that the game must be played fairly;  
If we expect to escape oblivion, and just barely  
Save this civilization.

Written as a comment during the campaign of 1932.

J.W.C.

SAMUEL WILDER KING  
DELEGATE FROM HAWAII

DEAN H. LAKE  
SECRETARY

M. NORMAN OLDS  
CLERK

THOMAS WADDOUPS  
CLERK

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

February 3, 1936

MEMBER OF COMMITTEES:  
AGRICULTURE  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION  
MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES  
MILITARY AFFAIRS  
NAVAL AFFAIRS  
POST OFFICE AND POST ROADS  
PUBLIC LANDS  
TERRITORIES

Mr. Marvin H. McIntyre,  
Assistant Secretary to the President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

When I was at home this summer Mr. Frank Crawford of Lihue, Hawaii, asked me if I could take charge of a Hawaiian Sword Fish Reel which he wished to present to President Roosevelt, in compliance with a promise made when the President visited Hawaii in 1934. The reel has now been sent me by the maker, Mr. C. H. Guptail of Elgin, Illinois, and I will be very happy to have an opportunity to present it to the President in person, together with a letter from Mr. Crawford; or carry out the commission in any other way convenient to the President.

Quite recently, at my instigation, the Territory of Hawaii has installed a stone in the Washington Monument, inscribed with its name and its motto. The stone has not yet been dedicated, and I expect to have the Hawaii Society carry out a simple program of dedication in the near future. If the press of other duties do not prohibit, the people of Hawaii, and those in charge of the program, here, would consider it a great honor if the President could participate in this program.

I would appreciate your comment on both of the above matters. Awaiting your reply, I am, with warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Samuel Wilder King* x

SWK:lm

P.P. 7.  
9-C

Cong. King  
presented in  
person Reel.  
noted by  
Buckley.

108

P.P.F.  
P. 9 L

February 3, 1936

Buckley

My dear Mr. Clemson:

The President thanks you for your letter of January twenty-eighth and for the token which you were good enough to send him. He wants you to know that he greatly appreciates this evidence of your good will.

Mounted Horse shoe. Very sincerely yours,

P.P.F.  
P. 9 L

Stre Room

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Andrew Clemson, Sr., Esq.,  
Manchester, 108 No. Elm St.  
Connecticut.

es

Went

Manchester, Conn.

whp  
2/3 rd Recd  
Jan 28 1936

Dear Friend President Roosevelt.

I am here sending you a little token which I hope you will like.

I am a Dane by birth but now I am an American Citizen.

This token I am sending you is a pen wiper and I have made it by hand.

I have been in America since 1882, I was born in 1861 in Denmark. I have always been a good Democrat and wish you lots of luck in your next reelection without doubt. Andrew Clemens Sr.

P.P. 7  
9-C

xpp  
9-B

hm

inted

Andrew Clemson

108 No. Elm Street

Manchester, Conn.

*Beecher*

February 4, 1936

*P.P. 7  
9-C*

Gentlemen:

The copy of the book, "Andrew Carnegie Centenary, 1835 - 1935", which you were good enough to send to the President, has been received and he has asked me to thank you for your kind thought.

Very sincerely yours,

*To Ham*

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

*xpp 7  
9-B*

Carnegie Corporation of New York,  
522 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

hm

*noted*

*Buechler*

February 4, 1936

*P.P. 7  
9-C*

Gentlemen:

The copy of the book, "Andrew Carnegie Centenary, 1835 - 1935", which you were good enough to send to the President, has been received and he has asked me to thank you for your kind thought.

Very sincerely yours,

*To Ham*

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

*XPP 3  
9-B*

Carnegie Corporation of New York,  
522 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

hm

*Noted*

KENNEDY, Hon. Alfred J.  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief,  
United Spanish War Veterans,  
Whitestone, New York,  
February 5th, 1936.

Writes President enclosing a coin that was used, with a photograph of the ship, at the time the President served in the Navy.--President replied, Feb. 15th, expressing appreciation for Mr. Kennedy's letter.

SEE P.P.F. 280

P.P.F.

9-c

YATES, Vernon,  
Wash., D.C.

veh.

COSTIKYAN, Mihren N., Esq.,  
Costikyan Oriental Looms, Inc.,  
New York, N.Y.

February 5, 1936

Writes the President commending him for his "courageous attacks upon the many enemies of the public", etc. Sends a print which he recent discovered of a photograph taken in 1904 showing together Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson, two great Democratic Presidents.

See P.P.F. 450

P.P.F.  
9-C

YATES, Vernon,  
Wash., D.C.  
Filed Feb. 6, 1936.

Boy, 10 years old, sends birthday greeting card and letter to the President, enclosing some stamps. Also sends him a gift of cigars for his birthday. Would love to have the President's autograph. Personally acknowledged by President.

See P.P.F.37-Y

br

P.P.F.  
9-c

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
PRIVATE MAIL

Walter A. Curry,  
1201 Pilgrim Street,  
Columbus,  
Ohio.

By  
Cecilia Curry  
1936

Fill  
the drawing

1561 Pilgrim St  
Akron, Ohio  
January 25, 1936

P.P. 7.  
9-C

February 6, 1936

Dear Mr. President  
Enclosed you will find a  
drawing of you by me. I know  
the drawing is not rightfully

My dear Edward:

The President has asked me to thank  
you for your nice letter of January twenty-  
eighth. He wants you to know how much he appre-  
ciates your kind thought in sending him the  
drawing which accompanied your communication.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Edward A. Curry,  
1561 Pilgrim Street,  
Akron,  
Ohio.

mwd

By  
Edward A. Curry  
1936

1561 Pilgrim St.  
Akron, Ohio  
January 25, 1936

Recd  
2-6-36  
mwp

FILE

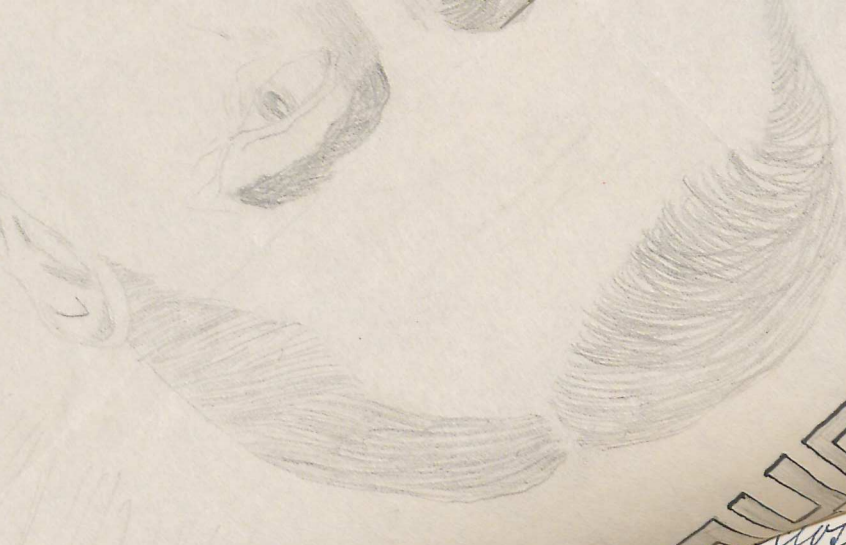
Dear Mr. President,

Enclosed you will find a drawing of you by me. I know the drawing does not rightfully portray you for the fact that I'm only a 14 yr. old beginner but I have done my best to portray you as you look to me. I have just finished my first semester at high school but I don't take art as a subject. As a hobby I like to sketch. Since I have never seen you in person I had to get my ideas of your features from photographs but I didn't trace this picture. I don't want to take any

(over)



By  
Cecilia Curry  
1936



MY

your valuable time so I  
close hoping you will like my  
sketch of you.

Your most ardent follower,  
Edward A. (Eddie) Curry

Edward A. (Eddie) Curry  
your most ardent follower,  
a photo of you.

EDDIE CURRY



By  
Eddie Curry  
1936

x

February 7, 1936

PP7  
9-C

My dear Mr. Chancey:

The President has noted your letter of February third with much interest and he thanks you for writing. He is very glad to have the lure and greatly appreciates your kind thought in sending it to him.

He has asked me to convey his very best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Steve Brown

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

K. F. Chancey, Esq.,  
1226 Cook Avenue,  
Lakewood,  
Ohio.

es

Noted

NE: LAKEWOOD 7739-R

K. F. CHANEY

THE  
'Fin-Back' LURE  
PATENTED

1226 COOK AVENUE,

LAKEWOOD, OHIO

Feb. 3, 1936.

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President, U.S.A.,  
Washington, D.C.  
Honorable Sir:

Knowing you are a disciple of Sir Isaac Walton, and that all fishermen are interested in seeing something new in a fish lure, I take pleasure in sending you under separate cover today a sample "FIN-BACK", and trust you may have good success with it.

While it is designed particularly for Black Bass, I find that all of the fresh water game fishes take it readily, and I understand it is being used in the Southwest in the Gulf for Salt Water Speckled Trout. It should be good for other salt water species if it is not necessary to troll so fast as to make it spin, but as I have had no actual experience in salt water fishing, I cannot advise you fully in that respect.

Use small snap swivel or other free connection between lure and line or leader.

Yours very respectfully,

*K. F. Chaney*

*Rec'd. +*

*ack'd  
2/7/36*

*+*

1007.  
9-c

February 10, 1936

Buckley

My dear Warren:

Your nice letter of January twenty-ninth has been received and the President is very grateful indeed for your birthday greetings and for the handkerchief which you were good enough to send him.

He has much pleasure in sending you his best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Steele

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Warren Charles Cameron,  
1400 Augusta Street,  
Sault Ste. Marie,  
Michigan.

hm

noted

Sault Ste Marie

Jan. 29, 1936.

ackd  
1/30/36  
Dear President Roosevelt:

I was so pleased to find my Birthday is the same as yours that I am writing and sending you a handkerchief my mother wrote a Happy Birthday on it I do hope you like it Its isn't much for a real nice man like you but it's just to let you know I am a little boy eight old on your birthday and that I think a whole lot of you and Wish you a happy happy Birthday

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Miss Elsie Cory,  
Rockdale,  
New York.

noted

es

Buchler

I hear you over the Radio and see your pictures in the Soo Evening news and can sure tell you swell. I hope to grow up like you some day and go to the Lincoln School in the Second grade and I am being find as my folks and teacher tell me we are poor and we boys can't afford news clothes so my mother who was 25 her last birthday) makes me over clothes out of pants & shirts

that are gave to us she sure makes them nice all the children in school like them I have a brother Donald Nelson Cameron and a dear little sister Aline Mae Cameron. Donald is 4 years old and is going to school next year he was 4. December 29 1935. Aline Mae will be a year old on April 15, 1936. I like my Bro. & Sister real well and glad I can write to you about them my Dad works hard at the ~~North~~ North Western Leather Company Its a tannery here in

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Miss Elsie Cory,  
Rockdale,  
New York.

es

noted

the Soo. we don't <sup>live</sup> live ~~part~~ ~~from~~  
from the Soo locks and they sure  
are wonderful we go there a lot and  
enjoyed watching the boats go through  
and its so pretty + clean. The Soo  
is a very nice place to live my  
Dadie is just building us a new home  
but its isnt finish but we have  
to live in it for a while still my  
Dadie can get more material to fixed it  
we live in a new part just building  
up its called Roselawn Valley  
its nice in the summer I guess  
your a pretty busy man so I better  
close hoping you will read my letter  
and like the handchief with Best  
Wishes a regards yours sincerely  
a Little Friend. Warren Charles Cameron  
1400 Augusta St.  
Sault Ste Marie Mich

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Miss Elsie Cory,  
Rockdale,  
New York.

Noted

es

Buehler

pp. 7.  
9-c

Buechler

February 10, 1936

My dear Miss Cory:

The President was very glad to receive that fine cake you sent him and he asks me to thank you for it. He wants you to know that he greatly appreciates your thought of him.

Very sincerely yours,

Thru away

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Miss Elsie Cory,  
Rockdale,  
New York.

es

noted

gem

Filed Feb. 11, 1936.

adults

*Burdley*

February 11, 1936

*PP. 7.  
9-C*

Dear Senator:

It was mighty nice of you to send me  
that inscribed copy of your book. I am glad to  
have it and thank you ever so much.

Best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

*Miss Le Hand*

Honorable Royal S. Copeland, X# 9.P.7651  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

*noted*

es

gem

Filed Feb. 11, 1936.

adults

Birthday greetings to the President from the following are filed - J an.  
1936 P.P.F. 310 and initial of writer.

CHAPPELL, Mrs. Robert J.,  
Omaha, Neb.  
HERBERT, Hugh,  
North Hollywood, Cal.  
ALESHIRE, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar R.,  
Lorain, Ohio.  
FOSTER, Mahlon B. (enc. poem)  
Wilmington, Dela.  
KIRCHNER, Mr. & Mrs. X.,  
Lancaster, Pa.  
CALDER, Franklin S.,  
Eastport, Me.  
LEE, Richard M.,  
New York, N.Y.  
BRYER, Mrs. Catherine,  
Fort Lee, N.J.  
STRAIN, Lucille (Req. Sig.)  
Stewartville, Minn.  
MEYER, Emil G.,  
North Newark Kiwanis,  
Newark, N.J.  
COLEMAN, Edward L.,  
Glassboro Democratic Club,  
Glassboro, N.J.  
PIZITZ, Isadore,  
Birmingham, Ala.  
LOUNSBURY, Mrs. William A.,  
Highland Park, N.J.  
LONG, Charles W.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
DAVIES, Mr. & Mrs. Orlando,  
Dillsboro, Ind. (snapshot enc.)  
STIGLMEIER, J. R.,  
Supervisors of Erie County,  
Buffalo, N.Y.  
GEBHART, Mrs. Bertha S.,  
Hopewell, N.J. (Snapshot enc.)  
CORNWALL, Mrs. H. B.,  
Aurora, Ill.  
SCHWINGER, William,  
Venice, Fla.  
DURST, Mrs. Frances (asks for  
Beavercreek, Ore. gift.)  
BARNASKEY, Mrs. Florence J.,  
Tuckahoe, N.Y. (enc. clipping)

LEMBACH, Mrs. Ella B., (enc.  
Chicago, Ill. booklet)  
NICHOLS, Mr. & Mrs. J. S.,  
Wichita Falls, Tex.  
HIGGINS, James G.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.  
CUNC, George H.,  
Wilkinsburg, Pa.  
SARGENT, Mrs. Myra,  
Antigo, Wis.  
ROSS, Sylvia F.,  
Providence, R.I.  
COUTLEE, Douglas W., Jr.,  
Yellow Springs, Ohio.  
HUGHES, Mrs. Edward (enc. music)  
Scranton, Pa.  
BURKE, Mr. & Mrs. A.  
Norwood, Ohio.  
FOLEY, Mr. & Mrs. John H.,  
Port Washington, L.I., N.Y.  
Scandinavian Civic League,  
Norwegian Club & Swedish Club,  
San Francisco, Cal.  
HINTON, William (Enc. poem)  
Los Angeles, Cal.  
BLISS, Sylvia T.,  
Baltimore, Md.  
FALLIS, Mr. & Mrs. William,  
North Caldwell, N.J.  
LYONS, Helen H.,  
Clayton, Mo.  
CARON, Mr. & Mrs. A.  
Glenview, Ill.  
KESZLER, Mrs. C. H.,  
Clearfield, S.D.  
MADDEN, Mr. & Mrs. R. W.,  
Buffalo, N.Y.  
RAYNIS, Mrs. Mary M.,  
Bay City, Mich.  
BUHRO, Henry, Sr.,  
Huntley, Ill.  
LYNCH, John J. (enc. clovers)  
~~Oscawana, N.Y.~~  
FLYNN, John F.,  
New York, N.Y.

SEE P.P.F. 310-initial of writer or organization.

P.P.F.  
9-c

PP7  
9.C

February 11, 1936

My dear David:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of February sixth, with the accompanying sketch. He wants you to know that he appreciates your thought of him.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

David E. Casey,  
21 Grant Street,  
Milford,  
Massachusetts.

avv

X

noted

Milford Mass.

Feb. 6, 1936

(3)

His Exc. the Pres. of the U.S.

"Sir," I am enclosing this sketch I drew of your picture which I saw in the Daily Record. I showed it to my uncle, Sen. P. Eugene Casey. Knowing that he has met you before, I thought he would be able to tell me if there was any resemblance of you in the picture. He said it looked so much like you, that it would be nice for me to send it to you. I would be very pleased to know your opinion about it, if you please?

Respectfully Yours

David Casey

31 Grant St.

Milford Mass.

age 14 years.



X Noted

RECORD Wednes

# CH CALLE

He Was Defended



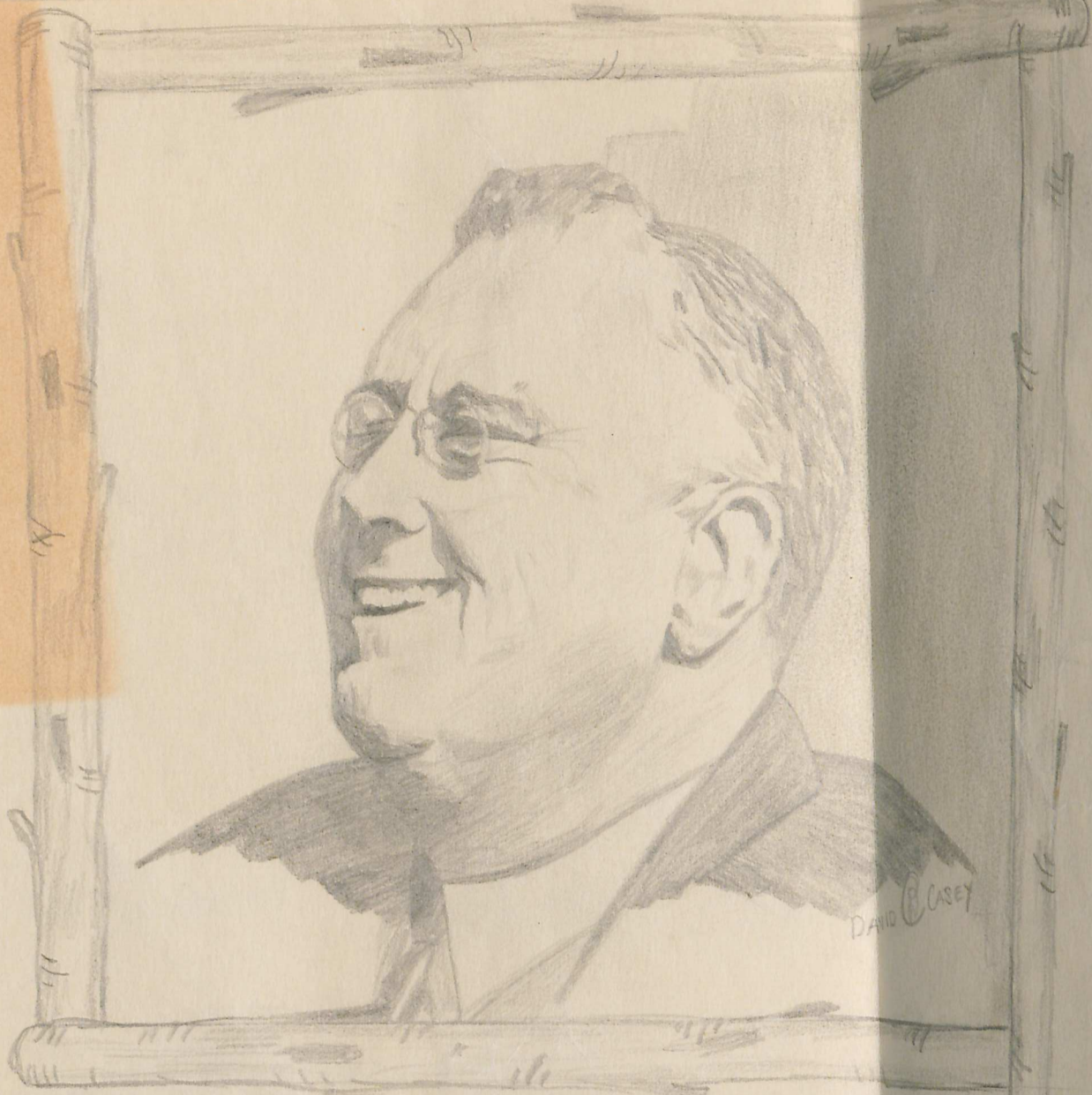
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT  
"If you condemn the President  
you condemn yourself . . .!"



X

X

noted



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

X

Noted

February 14, 1936

P.P. 7.  
9-C

X

My dear Mr. Carr:

Your letter of February seventh has been received and the President has noted with interest all that you say. He is delighted to have that diamond willow walking stick and asks if you will not be good enough to convey to Mr. Lafe Carr and to everyone concerned his sincere appreciation of this evidence of good will.

Very sincerely yours,

Steve Roon

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Andrew L. Carr, Esq.,  
Adams County WPA Recreational Class,  
Hettinger,  
North Dakota.

noted

X noted

Bucally

ackd  
2/14/36

Rec'd  
Carr

+

Hettinger, N. D.  
Feb. 7, 1936

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

Dear President Roosevelt,

We are sending you, under separate cover, a diamond willow walking stick, carved in an Adams county WPA recreational class. The diamond willows are found along the Missouri river in North Dakota.

As we know you are keenly interested in the work being accomplished under the WPA program, we are sending you this walking stick as an example of a useful and worth-while project undertaken in our WPA handicraft class. The walking stick was carved by Lafe Carr, who is a resident of Hettinger, N. D., and a jackknife was the only tool used in carving the cane. Here in Adams county we are deeply appreciative of the many and diverse projects which we have been able to undertake through the WPA program.

Kindest regards from the entire WPA personnel and residents of Hettinger, Adams county, N. D.

Sincerely yours,

*Andrew L Carr*

Andrew L. Carr  
Adams County Recreation Director  
Hettinger, N. D.

X noted

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



*Burchley*

February 20, 1936

*pp. 7  
92*

My dear Mr. Kelley:

The copy of the book which you were good enough to send to the President has been received and he has asked me to thank you and everyone concerned for your kind thought.

Very sincerely yours,

*Miss LeHand*

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Stanley Kelley, Esq.,  
The Cape Cod Associates,  
Post Office Box 523,  
Harwich,  
Massachusetts.

hm

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



gem

Connelly, James A.,  
Hamilton, Ohio.  
Feb. 21, 1936.

Letter addressed to Mr. Howe inquiring as to his health. Sends Mr. Howe a deck of cards for himself and his wife and a deck for the President and one for Mrs. Roosevelt.

SEE L.M.H. "C"

PP. 7  
9-C

Sincerely yours,

*Handwritten signature: Margaret A. Leland*

Enclosure:  
None

Mrs. Margaret A. Leland,  
Private Secretary to the President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

X

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to  
PC 111.324  
51

February 25, 1936

PPF.  
g-c

My dear Miss LeHand:

The enclosed book, entitled "Le Déséquilibre Constructif", has been addressed to the President by Señor Mariano H. Cornéjo, former Peruvian Minister to France, and is transmitted herewith with the request that it be placed before the President.

The appropriate American diplomatic officer has been instructed to convey a suitable expression of thanks to the sender.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure:  
Book.

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

Buckley

P.P.F  
9-C

February 25, 1936

My dear Dr. Cromwell:

The copy of "Roumania" which you were good enough to send the President has been received and I want to thank you in his behalf for your kind thought.

Very sincerely yours,

\* P.P.F. B  
9

Sent to House

M. H. McINTYRE  
Assistant Secretary  
to the President

Dr. William Nelson Cromwell,  
Society of Friends of Roumania, Inc.,  
36 West 44th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

avv

L

X

Compliments of  
Mr. William Nelson Cromwell  
President, Society of Friends of Roumania, Inc.

ack'd. / 36  
2/25/36  
D.D.

to express his thanks for your kindness in send-  
ing him the framed picture. He also wants you  
to know that he is grateful for your expression  
of confidence and for your friendly interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Store Room

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

R. D. Crow, Esq.,  
306 Mildred Street,  
Montgomery,  
Alabama.

ngm

M President Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House

Washington, D.C.

February 25, 1936

The President has requested me to acknowledge your letter of February fourth, and to express his thanks for your kindness in sending him the framed picture. He also wants you to know that he is grateful for your expression of confidence and for your friendly interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Store Room

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

R. D. Crow, Esq.,  
506 Mildred Street,  
Montgomery,  
Alabama.

ngm

None  
Previous papers please.  
Miss Alderman

February 25, 1936

My dear Mr. Crow:

The President has requested me to acknowledge your letter of February fourth, and to express his thanks for your kindness in sending him the framed picture. He also wants you to know that he is grateful for your expression of confidence and for your friendly interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Store Room

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

R. D. Crow, Esq.,  
306 Mildred Street,  
Montgomery,  
Alabama.

ngm

[Redacted area]

x

P-7  
9-C

February 25, 1936

My dear Mr. Crow:

The President has requested me to acknowledge your letter of February fourth, and to express his thanks for your kindness in sending him the framed picture. He also wants you to know that he is grateful for your expression of confidence and for your friendly interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Store Room

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

R. D. Crow, Esq.,  
306 Mildred Street,  
Montgomery,  
Alabama.

ngm

[Redacted area]

X

James Britton  
of the letter

306 Mildred Street  
February, 4, 1936.  
Montgomery, ALABAMA.

The President of The United States,  
White House,  
Washington, D.C.

acked  
2-25-36  
JSM

DEAR Mr. President, —

I GUESS AS YOU OPEN THIS  
LETTER YOU WILL THINK THIS AS JUST AN-  
OTHER fan LETTER, but in my opinion it  
is not.

If time will permit you to  
READ it, I would like to TAKE this  
opportunity to TELL you from the  
bottom of my HEART THAT I AM  
BACK of you with EVERYTHING that you  
do, ALTHOUGH I AM ONLY twenty-two, and  
HAVE NOT SEEN how MANY of THE  
PRESIDENTS before you HAVE done,  
but in my opinion I BELIEVE you  
HAVE done MORE THAN ANY of THE  
REST put together.

Mr. President I would APPRECIATE  
it if you would TAKE THE PICTURE  
I HAVE framed. And words CAN NEVER  
EXPRESS my gratitude toward you if  
you would LET ME know if you GET  
it, that is if your BUSINESS will  
allow you to ANSWER ME, yourself.

X

-2-

hope you enjoy RECEIVING the gift  
as I did SENDING it.

Hoping to HEAR from you soon,  
I REMAIN your most loyal friend and  
am BEHIND you for RE-ELECTION.

Yours truly  
R. D. Crow.

Buckley

February 28, 1936  
~~1938~~

pp. 7.  
9-c

My dear Mr. Cook:

Your letter of February twenty-fifth, with the enclosed pamphlet, has been received and I have called it to the President's attention. He is very glad to have the walking stick and wants you to know that he more than appreciates the friendly thought which prompted you to send it to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Stone Room

M. H. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

J. Herbert Cook, Esq.,  
34 Franklin Street,  
Petersburg,  
Virginia.

es

*[Faint signature]*

X

ahyd  
2/28  
92 X

34 Franklin Street  
Petersburg, Virginia  
February 25, 1936

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am taking the privilege of forwarding to you a souvenir from the heart of Colonial Virginia.

The wood in this walking stick is made from hickory cut by me personally on Westover, one of the oldest estates in Virginia. The inclosed pamphlet gives a brief history of this estate.

I send it with all good wishes and trust you will like it.

Yours very truly,

J. Herbert Cook

X



Cook, Richmond, Va.

WESTOVER

*Home of William Byrd, built in the early part of the eighteenth century  
Here lived and died the beautiful Evelyn Byrd, fairest flower of old Virginia*

## WESTOVER

By KIRKLAND RUFEN SAUNDERS

What pictures, what thrills are conjured up by the very name of Westover, that manor-house which holds such a wealth of interest for all lovers of colonial history! One likes to gaze at that stately mansion and think of the manifold changes the old place has undergone, of the eminent people it has known, and the little tales of whispered affection it has overheard, as lovers strolled through its green fields in the generations that have gone.

These changes and events have been recorded since the year 1619, when Westover first found a place in the annals of history. In that year Captain Francis West selected the site of Westover as the location for the lands of Henry West, fourth Lord Delaware, son and heir of his brother, Thomas West, third Lord Delaware, Governor of Virginia. The three brothers of Thomas West, Captains John, Francis and Nathaniel West, all acted as Governors of Virginia, and it is from these brothers that Westover derived its name. Each had a separate plantation in Virginia, but only Captain John West is known to have left descendants in the State. His son, Colonel John West, of West Point, was the first child of English parents born on York River. At Henry West's plantation, Westover, six persons fell under the tomahawk in 1622.

Shortly afterwards, Captain Thomas Pawlett is spoken of as representing Westover and Flower de Hundred, on the opposite side of the river, but it was not until 1637 that he patented a part of the former plantation. This Pawlett was brother of the first Lord Pawlett, and was born about 1578, and came to Virginia in 1618. He appeared in the first American Assembly at Jamestown as a representative from "Argall's Gift." Upon the death of Thomas Pawlett, in 1643, his grant, which embraced two thousand acres in Charles City County, fell to his brother, Lord John Pawlett, who in 1665 sold a part of this property to Otho Southcoat, and the part that is still called Westover to Theodorick Bland, of Berkeley, the adjoining plantation. History, in an account of his career, states that Bland was an Englishman by birth, but became a Spanish merchant before emigrating

[ 2 ]

to the New World in 1654. Here he was made one of the King's Council in Virginia; he settled at Westover, gave ten acres of land, a court house and prison to Charles City County, and built a church for the parish. He was buried under its chancel; and a sunken tombstone, bearing his name, now marks the site of this old church, which formerly occupied a portion of the graveyard on the plantation. From the Blands the estate passed into the hands of the Byrds, under whose *regime* it became famous.

The first American Byrd—William (1653-1704)—came from London to Virginia with his young bride and established his home at the falls of the James River, where Richmond now stands. Here the government gladly gave him a liberal grant of land on the condition that he, with fifty able-bodied men, would defend the station from the Indians. He immediately set up fortifications and substantially installed himself as an Indian trader and planter on a large scale. Fortune favored all of his undertakings and he added acre after acre to his already great estate, so that it was not long before he was considered one of the largest land owners and wealthiest men in the province. He was, moreover, a prominent man in affairs of state, holding many high positions in Virginia. In 1687 these honors were crowned by the King's appointing him "Receiver-general of his Majesty's revenues for the Colony," a most responsible position, which he held with credit and honor until his death, in December, 1701, when the office was transmitted to his son, Colonel Byrd, as he was called, did not, however, confine himself to politics and business matters, but took a lively interest in the social enjoyments of life and in commencing the famous library, which was afterward added to by his son, until the number of books reached nearly four thousand. The year after he received the appointment by the King, he purchased Westover for three hundred pounds sterling and ten thousand pounds of tobacco, after which he immediately chose a suitable situation for his mansion about thirty miles below Richmond, on the north side of the James. He took the keenest interest in his home and its appearance, though the carpenter's work was more substantial than ornamental in those early days. Among his orders from England about this time are a "bedstead, bed and curtains, a looking glass, one small and one middling oval table, and a dozen Russian leather chairs," evidently for the new house. Owing to the carelessness of a servant, this original frame building was partly destroyed by fire, and the first description of the manor is after it was rebuilt by the second Colonel William Byrd. This second house the records speak of as being a substantial, three-storied brick mansion, modeled in many respects after Drayton Court in Northamptonshire, England, then the home of the Earl of Peter-

[ 3 ]

borough and now the property of Stockville-Sackville, M. P., a cousin of Lord Sackville-West.

The general outline of the house is still much the same as it was originally. Under the entire building are spacious cellars, connected with one of which is a hidden room. This eight-foot square hiding place, at a depth of fifteen feet, has many weird and curious traditions connected with it. Not far away from the house are two other underground rooms, which are reached through a dry well at a little distance. These rooms had subterranean passages, which have since caved in, but which formerly led to the river, and served as hiding places in the bygone days when the treacherous Indian roved about at random. On the ground floor, the hall, with its elaborate carving and paneling, is about eighteen feet wide and runs straight through the house, the depth of two large rooms. Besides one other room that has been put to various uses, on the right of the hall is the parlor, which is heavily wainscoted and has ornamental cornices of great beauty. The most striking features of the room is, however, the exquisite black marble chimney-piece, imported from Italy for a sum equivalent to \$2,500. Above the mantel is a long mirror framed in wrought white marble, which contrasts grandly with its massive black-veined background. On the opposite side of the hall, Colonel Byrd had his library and the dining-room, the former being especially noteworthy, as it harbored a very rare private collection of books, covering almost every field of learning. To the rear of the hall is the staircase, having twisted balustrades of hand-carved solid mahogany brought from the Mother Country. These stairs lead to the sleeping apartments, where, until recently, some rare old pieces of furniture were found. The third-story rooms also have been used as bed chambers, but formerly served for billiards and other popular games.

In coming down again, one passes through the wide hall doors and over the worn stone steps to the closely trimmed lawn, which, after a certain distance, slopes steeply to the river. Its base is protected from the wash of waves by a stout river-wall running the whole length of the lawn. The top of the terrace commands a fine view of a two-and-a-half-mile stretch of water, and one cannot help thinking of the variety of craft that have been watched from this advantageous standpoint. Perhaps, first of all, the canoe of the dreaded red man was peered at and speculated upon by the old-time mistresses of Westover, who feared the consequences of a treacherous onslaught. From here, too, was noticed the gradual change from the clumsy, slow-sailing vessel of colonial times to the comfortable steamer of the present day. But, during this progress in development, there is one more

[ 4 ]

period, that of the Civil War, when anxious faces watched the river from the hill. It was at this time that a line of Federal gunboats extended up and down the river for fifty miles and their orders were to bombard every house along its banks. Yet, in spite of the various dangers incurred by living upon the James, which was, in olden times, the highway of Virginia, the owners preferred to be there where they might guard their valuable property fronting the river, and where the open position made them feel in closer touch with the world. Now, in this peaceful day, the faces of observers show no trace of the old alarm, as they watch the daily steamers plow their way through the waters and listen to the noisy breaking of the waves upon the shore.

So lovely is the view and so pleasant the sound of the water that it is hard to turn from them to anything else, it matters not how interesting. But the pre-colonial trees, dotting the greensward, invite your attention; and one deserves particular notice. It is a perfectly symmetrical yew, which has been pronounced by Professor Sargent, as American forester and botanist, to be the finest specimen in America. A row of magnificent tulip poplars flank the wide gravel walk, at each end of which the entrance is made through handsome iron gates bearing at the top the family crest of the Byrds. In their ancient setting two young trees stand out in striking contrast and the visitor's brow immediately lifts in interrogation. These trees were planted during presidential visits, a maple by Theodore Roosevelt, and a pecan, hardly yet more than a slender stalk, by Woodrow Wilson. Upon passing around to the rear lawn also one finds points of peculiar interest, for here the main approach is through the well-known "Westover gates." These are of wrought iron and swing from huge stone pillars surmounted by massive balls, upon which perch life-sized leaden eagles with wings half-spread, representing the family crest. The monogram, W. E. B., is skilfully interwoven into the ornamental hammered iron above the gates. Beyond this entrance is an extensive paddock, having on one side the fine old brick stables, and on the other the old-fashioned combination vegetable and flower garden, enclosed by a high brick wall, over which clinging vines creep lazily. Above this wall can be seen the tops of shrubs and bushes laden down with their fragrant blossoms. Box-bushes, too, some of them reaching the unusual height of ten feet, stand as a receiving line just inside of the gate. On entering, one's attention is directly called to the garden walks, which are attractively laid out and flanked by flowers tastefully arranged.

It is pleasant to wander along these paths, drinking in the perfume of the delicate tea roses and of the profusion of other flowers; but by any of these walks one is soon brought

[ 5 ]

to the center of the garden, where stands the much-talked-of tomb of the second Colonel Byrd, towards which everything in the garden seems to point. The story of his life is recorded on his monument in the following inscription:

"Here lyeth

The Honorable William Byrd, Esqr.

Being born to one of the amplest fortunes in this country, he was sent early to England for his education, where, under the care and direction of Sir Robert Southwell, and even with his particular instructions, he made a happy proficiency in polite and various learning; by the means of the same noble friend he was introduced to the acquaintance of many of the first persons of that age for knowledge, wit, virtue, birth, or high station, and particularly attracted a most close and bosom friendship with the learned and illustrious Charles Boyle, Earl of Orrery.

He was admitted to the bar in the Middle Temple, studied for some time in the law countries, visited the court of France, and was chosen Fellow of the Royal Society."

On the opposite side of the tomb the inscription is continued:

"Thus eminently fitted for the service and ornament of his country, he was made receiver-general of his Majesty's revenues here, was thrice appointed publick agent to the court and ministry of England; and being thirty-seven years a member, at last became president of the Council of this Colony. To all this were added a great elegance of taste and life, the well-bred gentleman and polite companion, the splendid economist and prudent father of a family, with the constant enemy of all exorbitant power and hearty friend to the liberties of his country. Nat. March 28, 1674. Mort. Aug. 26, (1744). Aetat 70."

This distinguished gentleman, the most renowned of all the Byrds, was thirty years of age when his father died. He was handsome, well educated, enormously wealthy, and considered the great catch of Virginia. So there is little wonder that many ladies of the land looked with envious eyes upon the fair Lucy Parke when she became mistress of Westover in 1706. For five years the young couple dispensed hospitality and lived in royal style. They indulged in all the extravagancies and luxuries which the rich young planter deemed necessary to existence; but the Colonel was capable of doing things that were really worth while and had no intention of spending his whole life in idleness. His

[ 6 ]

intellectual capacity and public spirit led him into politics, while his literary turn caused him to spend much time in his library, where he afterwards wrote the famous "Westover Manuscripts," which prove him to have been one of the brightest intellects of the age. Fortune smiled upon him in his domestic relations also, and it needed but the birth of the little Evelyn, in 1707, to make his blessings complete. But this state of happiness was not destined to last, for after a few years of home life, he was called abroad to attend to some important and tedious business. Finally his wife and daughter went over to join him in England, and while there the young mother was stricken down with smallpox, from which she never recovered.

Evelyn, then a child of only nine years, became more than ever the comfort and idol of her dotting father. He gave her the education and training of the best instructors England could afford, and watched with pride her development into cultured womanhood. Her beauty had become the subject of much admiration by the time she reached the age of sixteen, when she was presented at Court. The carved ivory fan carried by her on that momentous occasion is prized by one of the Brandon Harrisons, in whose possession it now is. Lord Chatham, when meeting the fair Virginian, remarked that he "no longer wondered why young gentlemen were so fond of going to Virginia to study ornithology, since such beautiful Byrds were there." It was in England that the hopeless attachment between Evelyn and Lord Peterborough originated. He was a Popish peer, wealthy, distinguished, and accomplished, but older perhaps than Colonel Byrd himself. As an old leader of society he had gained all the fascinating charms of manner so fatal to a young girl's heart, and Evelyn, with all the impetuosity of youth, passionately returned his love. Her father bitterly opposed the match and carried his rebellious daughter back to America, where she was never more to see her lover.

Colonel Byrd had in the meantime married Maria, the eldest daughter and one of the co-heiresses of Thomas Taylor, of Kensington, so the three came back together to take up the old manner of living at Westover. Again those stately halls were thronged with the "First Families of Virginia," who enjoyed the cordial hospitality for which the old plantation has always been noted. Among the constant visitors were many suitors for the hand of the fair Evelyn, but her youth had been blighted and she took interest in none of them. Her father's cherished hope that she should become the wife of Daniel Parke Custis was never realized, for, since her love had been crossed, she had determined never to marry. After her return, tradition tells us that the great dark eyes grew wistful and she drooped

[ 7 ]

until 1739, when she died of a broken heart. Thus she, who had been called the fairest flower of the Old Dominion, faded away in the bloom of her youth. In the family burying-ground, situated in a fine old clump of trees about a quarter of a mile west of the house, may be seen her moss-grown tomb, bearing this dismal epitaph:

"Here in the sleep of Peace,  
Reposes the Body:  
of Miss Evelyn Byrd:

Daughter,

of the Honorable William Byrd Esqr:

The various and excellent endowments of Nature: Improved  
and perfected by an accomplished Education:  
Formed her;

For the Happiness of her Friends  
For an Ornament of her Country,

Alas, Reader!

We can detain nothing however valued  
From unrelenting Death:

See here a Proof!

And be reminded by this awful Tomb:  
That every worldly Comfort fleets away:

Excepting what arises,

From imitating the Virtues of our Friends:  
And the contemplation of their happiness.

To which

God was pleased to call this Lady  
on the 13th Day of November, 1737—  
In the 29th Year of her Age."

As every seat of colonial aristocracy must have its ghost, Westover is not without its traditions of Evelyn's returns to the old homestead, when the tap, tap of her high-heeled slippers is heard along the corridors where she was wont to roam. Her death was a terrible blow to her father, who, though other children sought to soothe his grief, refused to be comforted. But it was not long before he, too, passed away, leaving the vast estate to his son and namesake, William Evelyn Byrd.

[ 8 ]

This third heir in the line of Byrds was born at Westover, September 6, 1728. In ability and natural wit, he was much like his father, but he did not have the benefit of a foreign education and never attained the intellectual distinction of his brilliant parent. As a public man and office-holder, however, he reached a prominent and influential place. He and one of his contemporaries, Peter Randolph, were appointed by the governor to make terms with the neighboring Indians, and obtained a treaty of peace from the Cherokee and other Indian tribes in Southern Virginia in 1755. Later, in 1758, he was colonel of one of the two divisions of Virginia militia and won the esteem of Washington, who commanded the other regiment in the expedition led by General Forbes against Fort Duquesne. For a long time Colonel Byrd was a member of the House of Burgesses and held a prominent place in political affairs; but his love of society life, cards and drink meant his ultimate downfall. His dissipation and excessive gambling piled up a heavy debt against him so that, at the time of his death, in January, 1777, his affairs were found to be very much involved.

Much credit is due to the widow, Mrs. Mary Willing Byrd, who, by prudent management, retained Westover through these trying years and did much to repair the effects of her husband's dissipation. But at every turn fresh misfortune awaited her. Three times was Westover ravaged by the English: once under Cornwallis and twice under the traitor, Benedict Arnold, whose wife's relationship to Mrs. Byrd cast suspicion upon the latter as being in connivance with the English army. Once the Continental soldiers, while ransacking her private papers to try to prove their suspicions that she was guilty of treason during the Revolution, kept her locked in a third-story room, which curiously enough connects directly with one of the hidden rooms before mentioned in this article. At one time the government placed its seal upon Mrs. Byrd's letters, and thus she was again subjected to suspicion and humiliation; but she braved it all and defended herself strongly until it was proved that she had done nothing to aid Arnold in his James River campaign. After a life of usefulness and piety, she died in 1814, leaving many to mourn her loss, but none to take her place.

At her death the inevitable breaking up of the family occurred and this caused many of the relics and heirlooms to be scattered among other homes where the Byrd descendants moved. Some of the daughters of the house married into other James River families, and thus it comes about that at Lower Brandon and such manors are found today the old portraits which used to look down from the walls at Westover and the valuable manu-

[ 9 ]

scripts which were written in those days of long ago. In the year of Mrs. Byrd's death, the plantation was bought by Williams Carter, who, owing to financial reverses, soon sold it to a family named Douthat. It was next purchased by one of the Harrisons of Brandon, a cousin of Colonel Byrd, and from that branch it passed into the hands of the Seldens, who did much to better the conditions of the place, so much injured by constant changes.

It was about this time, when Westover began to figure in the Civil War, that General McClellan with the officers of his army occupied the mansion, while thousands of the Federal soldiery pitched their tents on the old plantation. Again, after the bloody Seven Days' Fight, when the Army of the Potomac retired to Harrison's Landing in pursuance of McClellan's famous "change of base," Fitz John Porter's corps encamped in the wheat fields of Westover and converted the old mansion into division headquarters. The east wing was entirely destroyed and the whole building much impaired. But the shame done to old Westover Church far outweighed that done to the house. The sacred edifice, which had years before been moved, brick by brick, to Evelynton, another part of the estate, named for Evelyn Byrd, was used by the Federal cavalry for stabling their horses. These outrages in many respects meant irreparable damage to the place and its surroundings. It is said that the exact location of McClellan's tents is still shown by the grass which grows more luxuriantly on those spots than on the rest of the lawn. As the spring advances, these circles of green, the identical size of the base of the tents, present a strange phenomenon, which has been marveled at by visitors from far and near. Each succeeding spring this reminder of those stormy days repeats itself.

Since the war, Westover has changed hands three times, being bought first by Major A. H. Drewry, the hero of Drewry's Bluff. He married Miss Mary Harrison, a member of a collateral branch of the ancient race, and with the help of his practical, sunny-hearted wife spent many years in bringing his home out of the wreck of war and time. By this date, the plantation had much decreased in size, as strips of land had gradually been cut off and sold to outsiders. The farm perhaps consisted of little more than six hundred acres, but these the Major put under careful cultivation until his crops almost rivaled those of the Colonel himself. A marsh of three hundred acres, over which duck hunters and fishermen used to sail, he reclaimed with stream dredge and pump. Also due to the Major was the restoration of the stone balls and the emblem of hospitality, the pineapples, that used to alternate upon the pillars of the fence dividing the rear lawn from the paddock. After his death the second change occurred, when Westover was purchased by a Marylander,

[ 10 ]

Mrs. Clarise Sears Ramsay, who carried on the work of restoration to a great extent. At the foot of the lawn she rebuilt the river-wall, which during the war was demolished to furnish material for Federal barrack chimneys. The east wing she also restored, so that now, as one enters the gateway, one sees the mansion as it stands complete; the three-storied main building, with its old-time dormer windows peeping inquisitively through the slated roof, situated between the two wings with their connecting corridors. The interior of the house also underwent a transformation, for money was not spared in the many additions of handsome furniture that carried out the colonial style of the grand old manor. But the farm lands, owing to the want of careful management, have somewhat deteriorated in the last few years, so that should Evelyn return she would miss the waving grain she was wont to see in her father's fields. Mrs. Ramsay dismantled the house absolutely before selling it to the present owner, Hon. Richard Crane, Minister to Czecho-Slovakia under President Wilson, whose hospitality is that of the old regime.

It matters not, however, the number of material changes; there are still always the thousand natural beauties of the place; the choice view, the rolling lawn, and the gayly flitting song birds that each morning carol their joyous songs from the green depths of the monarch tulip poplar and other superb trees on the lawn. Then, too, there will ever be the halo of historic interest that surrounds the old place, renowned for its having resisted the ravages of fire, war, and time; for its having given birth to genius, merit, and rare beauty, and for its having harbored the flower of the colonial aristocracy of Virginia.

[ 11 ]

M

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE