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Half Million a Year Visit FDR's Hyde Park Home

HYDE PARK, N. Y.—(AP)—The Roosevelt mansion, which always welcomed visitors during the late President's lifetime, still does—500,000 a year.

The boyhood home of the man who was elected four times President of the United States was dedicated April 12, 1946, the first anniversary of his death, as the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site.

George A. Palmer, Superintendent, says visitors have averaged a half million each year.

"Most of the people coming here remember him still," Palmer said. "We are beginning to get children, sixth graders and below, who have to be told who Roosevelt was."

Downstairs visitors see the dining room, with the President's chair pushed back from the table. The library is roped off, left the way Roosevelt always kept it.

Upstairs you can see the room marked "In this bedroom Franklin D. Roosevelt was born on Monday, Jan. 30, 1882. On that day his father wrote 'At quarter to nine my Sally had a splendid bouncing baby boy. He weighs 10 pounds without his clothes.'"

In a glass case in the library you can read the lines, as he wrote them in long-hand, for his first inaugural address:

"... The only thing we have to fear is fear itself ..."