

Ottawa, July 16, 1957.

Romain Proulx, Esq.,
Box 39,
Oka, Que.

Re: Estate of Norman Bonspille
Indian of Oka.

Norman Bonspille died intestate on May 16th, 1954, leaving him surviving his widow, Mrs. Violet Bonspille, and four children. His assets consisted of Parcels Nos. 18 and 19 in Lot 64 and Parcel No. 13 in Lot 65, the whole having an approximate value of \$1000.00. Further assets were a London Life Insurance Policy for \$2000.00 payable to his wife and one jeep/automobile having a value of \$200.00.

Dominion and Provincial Succession Duty releases were obtained.

The funeral expenses in the amount of \$375.00 were paid by his widow Mrs. Violet Bonspille.

Since the net value of the estate is less than \$2000.00 pursuant to section 48(1) of the present Indian Act the widow, Mrs. Violet Bonspille, is considered the sole beneficiary of the estate.

As all the assets of this estate have been distributed and all debts paid, you may note its conclusion in your Agency records.

GRL/msb

W. C. Bethune,
Superintendent,
Reserves and Trusts.

Ottawa,
July 23, 1957

MEMORANDUM TO FILE:

Re: Estate of Norman Bonspille
No. 20-B Oka Band.

By Ministerial Order dated the 15th day of January, 1957, the estate of Norman Bonspille was recognized as holder of Parcels Nos. 18 and 19 of Departmental Lot No. 64 and Parcel #13 of Departmental Lot No. 65.

We are now requesting ~~from~~ the Officer in charge of the Individual Land Holdings to issue a letter of entitlement in the name of the widow of Norman Bonspille, Mrs. Violet Bonspille, who is considered the sole beneficiary of the estate pursuant to Section 48(1) of the present Indian Act.

C. R. Leger,
Estates Investigator.

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* Notices of Int^{mt} issued to the widow, Mrs Violet Bonspille # 20 for the 3 parcels of land comprising the estate -

* Notices of Int^{mt} received by the Asst. Supt as per knowledge card 5/33-64-6 5/33-65-6

Officer, Accountant's Department

Duties paid

Revenue Officer specially authorized

No duties arigible

Revenue Officer specially authorized

February 14, 1957.

Norman Saylor, Esq., Q.C.,
c/o Messrs. Asselin & Saylor,
Avocats-Barristers,
604 Edifice Aldred Bldg.,
507 Place D'Armes,
MONTREAL 1, Quebec.

Dear Mr. Saylor:- Re: Estates of the late Mr. and Mrs.
Ernest Simon and the late Norman
Bonspille - Oka, Quebec.

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 8th instant enclosing a copy of your letter to Mr. Leger inquiring about the above estates.

Firstly, to give you a picture of the estate of the late Norman Bonspille I would advise that our records indicate that he died intestate on May 16th, 1954, leaving the following heirs at law and next of kin: Mrs. Violet Bonspille, his widow; Mrs. Henri Binette and Mrs. Wilfrid Simon, his daughters, and two sons Emerson and Arthur Bonspille.

The assets of his estate include two parcels of land in Departmental Lot No. 64 and one parcel of land in Departmental Lot No. 65 at Oka. By an Order of the Deputy Minister dated January 15th, 1957, the estate of Norman Bonspille was recognized as holding the individual Indian interest in these parcels of land. However, pursuant to Section 47 of the present Indian Act, this Order will not be final until March 15th of this year.

In addition to the above land interests which were valued at \$1,000.00, we are advised that the deceased also owned a jeep having an approximate value of \$200.00 and personal effects which were valued at \$300.00. Moreover, as a result of the recent expropriation of part of lots 64 and 65 by the Highways Department of the Province of Quebec, the sum of \$601.00 is held in Ottawa for his estate.

The funeral expenses of the deceased amounted to \$375.00

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and were paid in full by the widow. Therefore, since the net value of the estate is less than \$2,000.00 the widow will be considered the sole beneficiary, pursuant to Section 48(1) of the present Indian Act.

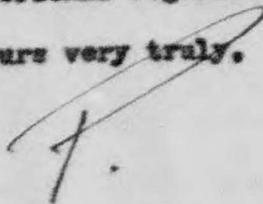
The land assets mentioned above were devised to the deceased under the last will and testament of Ernest Simon which was dated July 9th, 1937. It is noted that you have a copy of a purported will of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Simon which was dated April 20th, 1926. We also have a copy of this will on our file. However, we had determined that the land was obtained by Ernest Simon himself by conveyance from Mrs. Michal Simon and from Jeresiah Sanahatien. Therefore, since Mrs. Ernest Simon had no interest in these properties it was decided to approve the later will of Ernest Simon which, as I stated, was dated January 9th, 1937. As requested I am enclosing a copy of this document.

We have not yet received any advice of friction among the heirs of Norman Bonspille and I cannot say what the dispute, if any, might be. However, Mr. Leger no doubt will be corresponding directly with you in this regard.

I trust the above information will be sufficient for your present purposes. When the basis of the dispute is determined, I shall be happy to assist you in its resolution.

With kindest personal regards.

Yours very truly,


A. C. Pennington,
Administrator of Estates.

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c.c. G.R. Leger

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MONTRÉAL 1

February 8th, 1957.

A.C. Pennington, Esq.,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Citizenship & Immigration,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Pennington:

re: Estates of the late Mr. and Mrs.
Ernest Simon and the late Norman
Bonsville- Oka, P.Q.

Please find enclosed herewith copy of letter dated the 7th instant addressed to George R. Leger which is self-explanatory.

If you have in your file in Ottawa any of the documents mentioned in the enclosed copy of letter it would be greatly appreciated if you would forward a copy or copies of same.

With best wishes and kind personal regards,

Yours very truly,

NORMAN SAYLOR, Q.C.

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Yours very truly,

Norman Saylor

NORMAN SAYLOR, Q.C.

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February 7th, 1957.

George R. Leger, Esq.,
Oka, P.Q.

Dear Sir:

re: Estates of the late Mr. and Mrs.
Ernest Simon and the late Norman
Bonspille.

I have been consulted by Mr. Emerson Bonspille of Oka, Quebec, with reference to his rights in the estate of his late father, the late Norman Bonspille, who died intestate in 1954. My information is that there is some difficulty with regard to the distribution of the assets to the heirs.

Also, I understand that the late Norman Bonspille was named as legatee under the Will of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Simon. In this connection, I have had the benefit of a copy of a purported Will of the late Mr. and Mrs. Simon, which Will is dated April 20th, 1926.

From my conversation with my client, there seems to be some indication that there may exist another Will either of Mr. Ernest Simon or Mrs. Ernest Simon, or both.

If there is a Will other than the one dated April 20th, 1926, would you kindly let me have a copy of same.

Also would you please advise what assets there are in the estate of Norman Bonspille and what the dispute, if any, seems to be among the heirs.

A copy of this letter shall be forwarded to Mr. A.C. Pennington in Ottawa.

Your usual kind attention will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

NS/MS
ASSELIN, CRANKSHAW, GINGRAS, TRUDEL & SAYLOR, Q.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE FILE

Est. Norman Bonspille

H.Q. Est. Norman Bonspille

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

ATT. EST. 11

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Oka, P.Q.
October 30, 1956

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Department of Citizenship and Immigration,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Canada.

RE: Estate of Norman Bonspille,
Indian of Oka, Oka, P.Q.

Please find enclosed copies of Notice to Creditors in the above mentioned estate, which have been posted as required by departmental regulations for a period of six weeks.

No claim has been received at this office against the estate.

This office is awaiting required information from the London Life Insurance Co. regarding the Life Policy held by the deceased, for the purpose of obtaining the Succession Duty Release.

Geo. Romeo Leger
Geo. Romeo Leger

Est 11

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DEPARTMENT OF
CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

REFER TO FILE NUMBER
Est. Norman Bospille

In the Matter of the Estate of **MR. NORMAN BONSPILLE**
late of the **IROQUOIS** Band of Indians
OKA Reserve in the Province of **QUEBEC**
Indian deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 28 of the Indian Act that all Creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of the said **NORMAN BONSPILLE** who died on or about the **16th.** day of **May** **1954**, are required on or before the **22nd.** day of **OCTOBER** **1956**, to send by post prepaid, or to deliver to either **THE OKA INDIAN AGENCY** or the Incumbent of the Office of **INDIAN AGENT, ROMAIN PROULX, P.O. BOX #39, Oka, P.Q.** of the **Oka Indian Agency** their Christian names and surnames, addresses, and descriptions, full particulars of their claims, as statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

And take notice that after such last mentioned date the said **ADMINISTRATOR ROMAIN PROULX** will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said **ADMINISTRATOR, ROMAIN PROULX** will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

ROMAIN PROULX,
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE the late **NORMAN BONSPILLE**

Dated the **10th.** day of **SEPTEMBER** **1956.**

This Notice may be displayed in Post Office Lobby by Authority of the Post Master General.

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MINISTÈRE DE LA
CITOYENNETÉ ET DE L'IMMIGRATION

AVIS AUX CRÉANCIERS

Dans l'affaire de la succession de **M. NORMAN BONSPILLE**
ci-devant de la Bande des Indiens **IROQUOIS**
Réserve **d'OKA** dans la province de **QUEBEC**
Indien décédé.

Avis est donné par les présentes en conformité de l'article
43 de la Loi sur les Indiens que tous les créanciers et autres personnes
ayant des réclamations ou des droits à exercer contre la succession dudit
NORMAN BONSPILLE qui mourut le ou vers le **16 ième**
jour de **mai** **1954**, doivent le ou avant le ~~16 ième~~ **22 ième**
jour de **octobre** **1956**, envoyer par la poste port payé, ou délivrer soit
à **L'AGENCE INDIENNE D'OKA**

ou soit au titulaire du bureau du **POSTE D'AGENT DES INDIENS**
de l'Agence **D'OKA** à **B.P.#39, Oka, P.Q.**

leurs noms et prénoms, adresses, et descriptions, tous les détails de leurs
réclamations, un état de leurs comptes, et la nature des garanties (s'il en
est) qu'ils détiennent.

Et prenez avis qu'après cette dernière date mentionnée
ledit **Agent et Administrateur** procédera à la distribution des biens compris
dans ladite succession aux ayants droit, en tenant compte seulement des ré-
clamations qui lui auront alors été remises, et que ledit **administrateur**
ne sera pas responsable dudit actif ou d'aucune part d'icelui concernant une
ou des personnes dont les réclamations n'auront pas été reçues par lui au
temps d'une telle distribution.

L'Administrateur de la Succession de feu **Norman Bonspille**

Daté le **10 septembre 1956** jour de _____ 19 ____ .

L'affichage de cet avis dans le bureau de poste local est autorisé par le
ministre des Postes.



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PLEASE QUOTE

 FILE
 Estate of
 Norman Bonspille
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 DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
 INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

 Oka, P.Q.
 September 10, 1956

 Department of Citizenship and Immigration,
 Indian Affairs Branch,
 Ottawa, Canada.

 RE: Estate of Norman Bonspille,
Indian of Oka, Oka, P.Q.

Enclosed is the Application for Appointment of Administrator and Approval of Will for the above estate.

Norman Bonspille, Indian of Oka, died intestate on the 16th. of May 1954 at Oka, leaving him surviving his wife and four children as set out in the Application.

The land interests forming part of the assets of the estate are that parcel of land in Departmental Lot No. 64, situate on the south side of the Highway #29, in Portion No. 9 of the Nicholas Farm and the entire Portion No. 10 of the Nicholas Farm, said Farm being composed of departmental Lots Nos. 64 and 65. The ownership of this land can be traced by referring to files of; Estate of Mrs. Michel Simon, Estate of Mrs. Mitchell Sanahatien and Estate of Ernest K. Simon (9020-86).

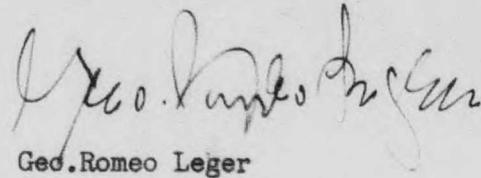
By verbal consent of Mrs. Bonspille and the two daughters, Arthur and Emerson Bonspille have occupied the entire land assets of this estate, except for a small parcel and dwelling occupied by the widow, Mrs. Bonspille. Emerson has his own house built thereon where he lives with a family of four. Arthur has been away from Oka, apparently in the U.S.A. for the last year.

Other assets are a London Life Insurance Policy for \$2000.00 payable to his widow. Mrs. Bonspille tells me that the Policy is in the hands of Mr. J. Gibb Stewart, lawyer, at 507 Place d'Armes, Montreal, P.Q.. The Policy No. is unknown.

Further assets are a Jeep vehicle, year 1948, used by the son Emerson, and personal effects found in the dwelling house occupied by the widow.

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The funearl expences in the amount of \$375.00 were paid to Edmond Proulx, Undertaker of Oka, by Mrs. Norman Bonspille. There are no debts known against this estate. Notices to Creditors have been posted as per regulations and a report will be forwarded to H.Q. on the last date for filing claims, (October 22, 1956).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Geo. Romeo Leger".

Geo. Romeo Leger

That your petitioner claims to be entitled to be appointed administrator as

.....
(Executor named in will-Widow-Son-Daughter-Indian Supt., etc.)

5. That an inventory of the Real and Personal Property and effects of the deceased as presently ascertainable are as herein listed, as follows together with value of same.

Best possible description Location Ticket or certificate of Possession number if any.

Land Interests: AS DEVISED BY ERNEST K.SIMON. Value \$1000.00
That parcel of land in Dept'l Lot No.64, situate on the southern side of the Highway, in Portion No.9, of the Nicholas Farm. *DWELLING HOUSE*
The whole of Portion No.10 of the Nicholas Farm, said Nicholas Farm being composed of Dept'l Lots Nos, 64 and 65.

Parcel 18 & 19 in lot 64

Parcel 13 in lot 65

Chattel Interests: CROSS REFERENCES: Estate Mrs. Michel Simon (submitted 12/7/56)
Est. Mrs. Mitchell Senahatien (" 13/7/56)
If Bank Account please add No. of Account, Name of Bank and also Branch.
**** If Insurance Policy please add Name of Company, No. of Policy, Name of Beneficiary.
**** If Automobile or Truck add make of vehicle, year, model and serial No. Value

CROSS REF. CNT'D : Estate Ernest K. Simon (9020.86)

London Life Insurance Policy for \$2000.00, Mrs. Norman (Violet) Bonspille Beneficiary. The Policy is in the hands of a Montreal Lawyer, J. Gibb Stewart, 507 Place d'Armes, Montreal, P.Q.. Policy No. is unknown.

One Jeep automobile, year 1948 ... \$200.00

Personal Effects:

for an approximate value of \$300.00

6. That I have advertized for creditors in this estate as required by Departmental regulations and that the debts of the deceased chargeable to the estate and including testamentary and funeral expenses, as presently ascertainable, are as listed herein.

viz.: - Notice to Creditors posted the 10th. of September, 1956
If debt already paid by voucher add No., Date, name of Payee and source (Bank Fund or Vote).

Funeral Expenses paid in full by the widow Mrs, Norman Bonspille in the amount of \$375.00 (verified with Ed. Proulx, Undertaker.)
And your Petitioner prays that (a) He be appointed Administrator
(b) That the enclosed will be recommended for approval.

Ernest K. Simon
.....
(Signature of Applicant)

To be completed by any one who has the required information

In the Matter of the Estate of, Norman Bonspille.....deceased
 1 ... E. A. Cree.....of.....Oka.....Indian Reserve
 No.....make oath and say that I knew, Norman Bonspille.....
 late of theOka.....Indian Reserve No....deceased.
 That the said deceased died on or about the, 16th day of, May
 A.D. 1954.....at.....Oka.....and that the said deceased
 at the time of his death had his fixed place of abode at Oka.....
 Sworn before me atOka.....in the)
 Province of.....Quebec.....)
 this 10th. day of, September.....)
 A.D. 1956.....)
[Signature].....)
 Indian Superintendent or Notary, etc.

Chief E. H. Cree
[Signature]

To be signed by one of the witnesses

1of.....in the Province
 of
 (occupation)
 make oath and say:

1. That I knew.....late of.....Indian Reserve, deceased.
2. That on or about theday of.....A.D.....I was personally present and did see the paper writing hereto annexed marked "A" signed by.....as the same now appears and as and for his last Will and Testament and that the same was so signed by the said.....in the presence of me and of.....who were both present at the same time, thereupon the said.....and I did at the request of the said.....and in his presence attest and subscribe to the said Will.

Sworn before me at.....in the)
 Province of.....)
 Thisday of.....)
 A.D. 19.....

 Indian Superintendent or Notary, etc.

I Romain Proulx..... of Oka..... in
the Province of Quebec..... Indian Agent.....
(occupation)

make oath and says:

1. That I am of the full age of Twenty-one years.
2. That I am the applicant for the appointment of administrator
of the said Norman Bonspille, deceased.
3. That I do solemnly promise and swear that I will faithfully
administer the property of the said deceased by paying his just
debts and legacies so far as the same will thereto extend and the
law bind me and by distributing the residue according to law and
the terms of the Will (if any) and that I will exhibit under oath
a true and perfect inventory of all the property of the said
deceased and render a just and true account of its administration
when lawfully required.

Sworn before me at Oka..... in the)

Province of Quebec.....)

this 10th..... day of September.....)

A. D. 1956.....)

[Signature]
.....)
Indian Superintendent or Notary, etc.

[Signature]
Applicant

Omit if the 1..... Indian Superintendent for
applicant is Indian Agency do hereby certify that
the Indian by reason of education, business capacity and personal integrity,
Superintendent, the above applicant is a fit and proper person to fulfil the duties
of an administrator.

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Indian Superintendent:

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DEPARTMENT OF
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REFER TO FILE NUMBER

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Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Citizenship and Immigration,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Attention: R.4

Re: Estate of Norman Bonspille

Reference to Section 262, Indian Agent's
References and Regulations, I have to report that
the late Norman Bonspille No. 20-B
Oka Band, died on the 17th.
day of May 19 54.

I wish to report that the above named
deceased:

- (a) ~~Had assets at the time of his death.~~
- (b) Had assets at the time of his death and an application for Administration of his estate will be forwarded to the Indian Affairs Branch in the near future.
- (c) ~~Had assets at the time of his death and an application for Administration of his estate will be forwarded to the Indian Affairs Branch in the near future.~~

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Superintendent of
Caughnawaga Indian Agency...
Agency

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