

Confusion

Confusion is cover. Please recognize it as a flag to see what is behind it.

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$$1,475.97 - 816.00 = 659.97$$

The accounting trail $1,475.97 - 816.00 = 659.97$ is an accounting entanglement created by Joanne Barnes. It was created by preparing a number for the IRS that was different for the number that was prepared for the Court. The numbers should be the same. \$816.00 was prepared for the IRS and \$1,475.97 was prepared for the Court:

To the Court in the Seventh Account for the Trust u/w of H. A. O'Connell at Bk480p1768:
"Payable to the Estate of Jean M. O'Connell \$ 1,475.97"

To the Court in the First Account for the Estate of Jean O'Connell at Bk467p192:
*Int fm Harold O'Connell Trust 816.00
Debt fm Harold O'Connell Trust 659.97 "

To the IRS and the State in the Estate tax return and it's two amendments:
"4 Interest due Harold O'Connell Trust 816.00
5 Debt due from Harold O'Connell Trust 659.97"

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April 22, 1992

Mrs. Jean M. Nader
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Re: Disbursement

Dear Jean,

Enclosed is an agreement which should satisfy Tony as to the car. It cannot be any clearer.

Also enclosed is a preliminary analysis of the estate tax, which should be close to being accurate. I do need to check with Jo Ann Barnes as to a technical question as to whether or not any of your father's trust comes into this. I do not think it does, but there have been many changes in the law since that trust was established. I will have to ask her to bill us for that advice and any other technical tax matters I am not comfortable with. I can do most of the rest of the tax work and save the estate some money.

The executors' commission shown on the analysis is not figured on the value of the realty; however it does not include the 5% commission on the receipts of the estate in addition to the inventory.

In order to file that return and the subsequent Fiduciary Income tax return we will need an accounting from Tony from the date of his last accounting to the date of death. If he does not want to prepare it, I will not agree to any preliminary disbursement to him at all, and will seek your approval to file suit against him to compel the accounting, plus damages to the estate for his delay. Since that trust terminated on your mother's death, his final accounting is due now and not in October.

There will be no further explanations or written entreaties to him as far as I am concerned. He has the duty and he will perform it under a court order if necessary. Of course he will furnish that receipt.

The preliminary analysis contains three alternatives on Accotink at the bottom for your consideration.

In the event that we do seek a reduction in the assessment Tony will be given written notice that his prompt cooperation is necessary and that if he fails to cooperate that he is aware of the

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adverse consequences to the estate and is responsible for them.

As far as further steps are concerned, we have a lot to do. No gift tax returns were filed for 1989 and 1991 which will have to be done. The results of those gifts are factored in under "Unified Credit used for gifts 9,784".

The paper trail in the court and IRS is as follows:

- File Estate tax by June 15, 1992
- File First Accounting (16 months after qualification but can be sooner)
- Ask for posting of Debts and Demands against the estate.
- File Fiduciary Income tax returns for period 9/15/91-9/15/92, due January 1, 1993.
- File Motion for a Show Cause why distribution should not be made. Submit Show Cause Order.
- Request Executor's exoneration letter from IRS and Virginia.
- Obtain closing letter from IRS and Virginia as to estate tax returns.
- File 1993 Fiduciary tax returns (Sept. 1992-distribution)
- File for Order allowing distribution.
- Distribute estate.
- File Final Accounting.

Normally distribution is withheld until the Order of Distribution is entered. As I indicated the creditors have one year to press claims against the estate. No prudent executor will distribute before that period, the entry of the Order of Distribution and the receipt of the tax closing letters.

Sincerely



Edward J. White

EJW/e
Encl.

SH. NOTES. STOCKS & BONDS

ck Wash Gas Light Co. 8/1/91	105.00
ck Signet 8/5/91	39.60
ck A. G. Edwards 8/15/91	2,346.63
ck Kemper Mun Bond Fund 4/30/91	162.86
ck Kemper Mun Bond Fund 5/31/91	162.86
ck Kemper Mun Bond Fund 7/31/91	162.86
ck Kemper Mun Bond Fund 8/30/91	162.86
Ck Nuveen Fund 3/1/91	63.00
Ck Nuveen Fund 5/1/91	63.00
ck Nuveen Fund 6/3/91	63.00
ck Nuveen Fund 8/1/91	66.50
ck Nuveen Fund 9/3/91	66.50
ck American Funds 9/9/91	424.76
Sovran Bank #4536-2785	3,310.46
First Virginia Bank #4076-1509	22,812.52
Fx Co. Ind Dev Bond	109,587.00
Franklin Va. Fund 4556.001 sh	50,507.84
Investment Co. of America 3861.447 sh	65,663.91
Kemper Mun Bond Fund 2961.152 sh	30,396.23
Nuveen Premium Inc Mun Fund 700 sh	6,450.50
Washington Gas Light Co. 200 sh	6,375.00
Signet Banking Corp 198 sh	4,331.25
Lynch Properties note	518,903.26
Travelers Check	20.00
1988 Plymouth Van	8,000.00
Am Funds 5/10/91	326.60
USAA Subscriber savings acct	25.10
SUB TOTAL	830,599.10

OTHER ASSETS

1990 Virginia Tax refund	1,605.58
Debt from Harold O'Connell Trust	659.97
Blue Cross refund	88.78
SUB TOTAL	2,354.33

JOINT ASSETS

Hallmark Bank #1107849600	40,796.81
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REAL ESTATE

15 acres Fairfax Co. Va. 53.9006% interest	323,403.60
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TOTAL ASSETS	1,197,153.84
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DEBTS

Colonial Emerg Phys (med bill)	10.40
Fairfax Circ Ct. letters	14.00
Jean M. Nader probate tax reimb	1,269.00
Sovran Bank Car loan payoff	1,364.97
Checks	15.89
Commissioner of accounts Inventory	61.00
IRS 1991 1040 return	15,332.00
Va. Dept Tax 1991 return	2,856.00
Jean M. Nader, bills pd	8,559.00
Sheila Ann O'Connell-Shevenell, cem bill	475.00
Co-Executors' Commission	41,529.96
Commissioner of Accounts fee for Accounting	1,048.25

TOTAL DEBTS AND EXPENSES	72,535.46
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May 19, 1992

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#900
McLean, Va. 22102

Re: Estate of Jean M. O'Connell

Dear Mr. O'Connell,

In your letter of May 6 to Jean you asked that I communicate with you with regard to the Harold O'Connell Trust.

I am trying to prepare the estate tax, and as usual in these cases, there are problems trying to understand the flow of debts and income.

I do have a few questions which are put forward simply so that the figures on the Trust's tax returns and accounting will agree with the estate's.

1. The K-1 filed by the Trust for 1991 showed income to your mother of \$41,446.00. The Seventh Accounting appears to show a disbursement to her of \$40,000.00 plus first half realty taxes paid by the trust for her and thus a disbursal to her of \$1794.89. If these two disbursals are added the sum is \$41,794.89. This leaves \$348.89 which I cannot figure out. It could well be a disbursal of principal and not taxable.

2. The K-1 filed by the Trust showed a payment of \$816.00 in interest to the estate. You sent a check in the amount of \$1475.97 to the estate. What was the remaining \$659.97? Do I have this confused with the tax debt/credit situation which ran from the Third Accounting?

3. On the Seventh Accounting "Income per 7th Account" is shown as \$5181.71, but I cannot figure that one out either.

I am of the opinion that the estate owes the trust for the second half real estate taxes from September 15, 1991 through December 31, 1991 in the amount of \$1052.35. This is shown on your accounting a disbursed to the heirs. Should this be paid back to the heirs or to the Trust?

I believe that the income received from the savings accounts

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from September 15 to the date the various banks made their next payment to the Trust (9/30 and 9/21) should be split on a per diem basis, since the Trust terminated on her death. This will be a small amount of course.

Are there any other debts which your Mother owed the Trust?

I realize that Jo Ann Barnes prepared this and if you authorize it I can ask her to help me out.

Please understand that I have no problem with the Accounting, I m just trying to match things up. In the long run, since the beneficiaries are the same, the matter is academic.

Please send the bill for the appraisal whenever you receive it. Jean is filing the Fairfax form for re-assessment in her capacity as a co-owner in order to give us a better basis to get this assessment changed and to meet the county's deadline. It will state that the appraisal you have ordered will follow. I think this will be to all of your benefit in the long run.

Sincerely,



Edward J. White

EJW/e
Copy to: Jean M. Nader

Receipts During Period

First Virginia Bank int	399.58
ck Nuveen 11/1/91	66.50
ck WGL 11/1/91	105.00
ck Kemper 10/31/91	162.86
ck Nuveen 10/1/91	66.50
ck Kemper 9/30/91	162.86
Va. 1990 refund	1,605.58
Nuveen 12/31/91	66.50
Kemper 12/31/91	384.95
Kemper 11/29/91	162.86
Signet 11/27/91	39.60
Nuveen 12/2/91	66.50
Blue Cross 10/10/91	88.78
Int B&H earned 2/11	111.22
Nuveen 2/3/92	66.50
WGL div 2/1/92	105.00
Sovran int DOD-3/2/92	71.52
ck Signet 2/26/92	39.60
ck A. G. Edwards (Fx bond) 2/18/92	3,520.00
ck Kemper 2/28/92	171.75
ck Nuveen 3/2/92	66.50
Int B&H 3/10	246.12
ck Kemper 1/31/92	171.75
Int B&H 4/10	210.76
Int Lynch Prop Note DOD-4/21/92	26,917.17
Int fm Harold 'Connell Trust	816.00
Debt fm Harold O'Connell Trust	659.97
Nuveen 4/1/92	66.50
USAA refund	34.37
Int B&H 5/11	1,144.70
A. G. Edwards 5/27-Signet \$107 div	
WGL div 39.60	146.60
Int earned B&H	1,037.93
Nuveen 6/1/92	66.50
Int earned B&H	666.39
Nuveen 7/1/92	66.50
Int earned B&H	451.50
Nuveen 8/3/92	66.50
Nuveen 9/1/92	67.90
Nuveen 9/1/92	24.50
Int earned B&H	406.86
Inc Invest Co. of America DOD-9/15/92	5,403.87
A. G. Edwards acct Fx bond int	3,520.00
A. G. Edwards acct Signet div	39.60
A. G. Edwards acct WGL div	107.00
Kemper Mun Bond Fund DOD-9/15/92	1,468.42
Franklin Va. Fund DOD-9/15/92	5,590.85
Sub Total Receipts during period	56,928.42 ✓
TOTAL RECEIPTS	893,165.52 ✓

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IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS
CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**IN RE: Estate of Harold A. O'Connell,
Trust
Fiduciary No. 21840**


**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
APPROVING FINAL ACCOUNT**

To the Honorable Judges of Said Court:


1. By a Tenth Account duly filed herein and approved by the undersigned on August 25, 1995, the trustee herein, Anthony M. O'Connell, properly accounted for all of the remaining assets reported as being assets of the trust created by the will of Harold O'Connell and reported a zero balance on hand. A copy of said account is filed herewith as Exhibit 1.


2. By an Eleventh Account, Anthony M. O'Connell, trustee, again reported zero assets on hand and no receipts or disbursements. A copy of said account is filed herewith as Exhibit 2.

3. Both the Tenth and Eleventh accounts carried the notation "This is not a final account".

4. In the ordinary case, an account which shows the distribution of all remaining assets is filed as a Final Account, and its approval terminates the fiduciary's responsibility to the Court and permits the Commissioner of Accounts to close the file. 

5. The said trustee has also filed a Twelfth Account in which he reports as an asset \$659.97 "due from the Estate of Jean M. O'Connell". A copy of that "account" is enclosed herewith as Exhibit 3.

6. The Estate of Jean M. O'Connell, deceased, Fiduciary No. 49160, was closed in the Commissioner of Accounts office after approval of a Final Account on May 31, 1994. 

7. The said \$659.97 was the subject of correspondence between the said trustee and Edward J. White, attorney and co-executor of the estate of Jean M. O'Connell, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits 4 and 5. In his letter, Exhibit 5, the trustee explains that the \$659.97 is part of a net income payment of \$1,475.97 which the trust owed the estate of Jean M. O'Connell. In that same letter, the trustee states that "At this point in time, I believe Mr. Balderson and I are of one mind that the estate does not owe the trust and the trust does not owe the estate".  Mr. Balderson was a CPA for the estate. Both of these letters were provided to the Commissioner of Accounts by the trustee in support of his "Twelfth Account".

8. The trustee also provided the Commissioner with a copy of a page from a "Jean M. O'Connell estate tax analysis" which shows \$659.97 under "Assets" of that estate as "Debt from Harold O'Connell Trust". A copy of that page is attached as Exhibits 6.

From a review of this information the Commissioner finds that there is no evidence to support an assertion by the trustee that the \$659.97 is an asset of the trust. To the contrary, it appears that either it is not a debt at all, or, from the estate's point of view, it was money owed by the trust to the estate, i.e. an asset of the estate of Jean M. O'Connell. That estate has been closed for more than six years.

Accordingly, the foregoing Eleventh Account of Anthony M. O'Connell, Trustee has been marked a "Final Account" by the undersigned and is hereby approved as a Final Account in the trust under the will of Harold A. O'Connell and is filed herewith.

In the event that the trustee is successful in recovering \$659.97 or any other funds which are proper trust assets to be accounted for, such may be reported to the Commissioner of Accounts by an Amended Inventory and, thereafter, accounted for by proper accounts.

GIVEN under my hand this 8th day of August, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



Jesse B. Wilson, III
Commissioner of Accounts
Fairfax County, Virginia

JBW:jcs

Enc.: Exhibits, 1 - 6

cc: Anthony M. O'Connell, Trustee



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Deputy Commissioner of Accounts

August 8, 2000

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**RE: Harold A. O'Connell Trust;
Fiduciary No. 21840**

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

Enclosed please find a copy of my report approving your 11th account as trustee in the above matter as your Final Account. As you will see from the report, it appears to me from the information you have provided that the \$659.97 debt you report is not a trust asset. Even if the debt existed as you suggest, it's collectability would be so problematic and uncertain, and the effort so costly, as to render it worthless and make reasonable a decision for it to be abandoned as an asset. It certainly should not be the basis for keeping this trust estate open and requiring the filing of annual accounts indefinitely.

In the event that the trustee is successful in recovering \$659.97 or any other funds which are proper trust assets to be accounted for, such may be reported to the Commissioner of Accounts by an Amended Inventory and, thereafter, accounted for by proper accounts.

If you disagree with this action by me, you may file exceptions with the Court within fifteen (15) days of the filing of my report and take the matter up directly with the Court.



Very truly yours,

Jesse B. Wilson, III
Commissioner of Accounts



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August 8, 2000

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**RE: Estate of Jean M. O'Connell
Fiduciary No. 49160**

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

This will acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter of July 24, 2000 to Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Virginia.

While I do not presume to speak for the Court or any of the Judges, I think that it is safe to say:

(1) the Court is not organized or constituted for the purpose of conducting the sort of investigation required to establish the facts that you allege in your letter. The Court can only decide cases based on evidence produced by others;

(2) the officials who are responsible for conducting investigations of alleged crimes in Virginia are the Commonwealth Attorneys (the prosecutors) in each jurisdiction and the police departments and their detectives. If the available facts are sufficient to convince the Commonwealth's Attorney that it can be proved that a crime has been committed, and that a prosecution is not barred by the statute of limitations, his/her job is to bring the matter before the Court.

I hope this will be helpful.

Very truly yours,

Jesse B. Wilson, III
Commissioner of Accounts

JBW:jcs

cc: Honorable F. Bruce Bach, Chief Judge