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# The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S.

HENRY B. HYDE, FOUNDER.

O.C.

120 Broadway, New York, September 29, 1903.

Honorable Albion W. Tourgée,  
United States Consul,  
Bordeaux, France.

Honorable and Dear Sir:-

Confirming Society's letter of the 28th inst. over the signature of Mr. S.S. McCurdy, Assistant Registrar, and addressed to Honorable Charles E. Kilmer, of this city, relative to policy No. 264,580, on your life, we beg to advise that, according to Society's records, this policy was issued as of September 13, 1883 payable absolutely to yourself and, under date of September 25, 1883, was absolutely assigned by yourself to Joseph E. Temple, of Philadelphia. On June 16, 1899 the executors of the estate of Joseph E. Temple, deceased, absolutely assigned the policy to William B. Bratten, Charles T. Bratten and James Henry Bratten, of Philadelphia. On the 13th inst. the policy matured as a Tontine and the legal owners of the policy by reason of the aforesaid assignments then, pursuant to the option contained in the policy, withdrew the surplus of \$6,080.70 and elected to pay the premium due the 13th inst. thereby continuing the policy as a Life contract on the Annual Dividend plan. The policy, therefore, now stands assigned as above indicated and its present cash value, we are informed, is \$6,193.65.

In view of the foregoing, you will readily observe that you have no interest in the policy susceptible of assignment as long as the interest of the Messrs. Bratten shall remain outstanding. We accordingly return herewith the document executed by yourself on the 14th inst. and left at this office by your representative, Honorable Charles E. Kilmer, for you to dispose of the same as you may see fit.

If it is your intention to have the interest of the Messrs. Bratten cancelled and the title to the policy transferred to your wife, the best procedure to observe will, in our opinion, be for you to obtain an assignment of the policy, as per the enclosed form, executed by the Messrs. Bratten in favor of your wife, Emma A. Tourgée, if living at the death of said Albion W. Tourgée; otherwise to said Albion W. Tourgée.

Very truly,

*W. E. Johnson*  
Mortuary Registrar.

(Enclosures 2)