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**FORM A for use by
surviving victims of
Nazi persecution**

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A BRITISH
VICTIM OF NAZI PERSECUTION**

- N.B.*—1. Before completing this form it is important to read carefully the attached Notes for Guidance and then to answer all questions fully.
2. Please attach all documentary evidence to the form. All documents sent will be returned.
3. All applications must be received before the 31st of July, 1965.
4. Acceptance of an application for registration does not constitute a right to participate in the distribution.

SECTION ONE—IDENTITY

Surname SYMES,

Other names RACHEL.

Address La Providence, Ruettes Brayes, St. Peter Port,
GUERNSEY, G.I.

SECTION TWO—NATIONALITY

1. How did you acquire British nationality?
(Please write YES opposite the method that applies and delete the others)
- (a) By birth? Yes (If so, please attach birth certificate)
- (b) By marriage? - (If so, please attach marriage certificate and birth or naturalisation certificate of husband)
- (c) By naturalisation? - (If so, please attach certificate)
- (d) By some other method? - (If so, please give full details)
2. If you are not British by birth what was your previous nationality? -
- Do you still retain that nationality? -

3. If you are a dual-national—

(a) Where were you ordinarily resident on the 9th of June, 1964?.....

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(Please attach all available evidence, e.g., receipts for rent or rates, &c.)

(b) Have you been in Crown Service under Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom?
(If so, please give full details and dates) No.

(c) Are you the holder of a British passport? (If so, please give number and full details) No.

SECTION THREE—PERSECUTION

1. Please give, on a separate sheet, the following details of your imprisonment:

- (a) Name of camp or other place of detention, its situation, its general conditions and régime;
- (b) Dates of imprisonment and of release; prison number; reasons for imprisonment and circumstances in which it arose;
- (c) If you are suffering permanent disability as a result of treatment received during your imprisonment please give full details of its nature and cause;
- (d) Any other information you consider useful and relevant.
(Please attach all documentary evidence) See attached.

2. Have you at any time received any payment in respect of this persecution?.....No.
(If YES please give full details)

I HEREBY DECLARE that all the above statements are to the best of my knowledge and recollection true in all particulars.

Signature Rachel Symes.

Date 10th November 1964.

(a) Where were you ordinarily resident on the 9th of June, 1964?.....

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(Please attach all available evidence, e.g., receipts for rent or rates, &c.)

(b) Have you been in Crown Service under Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom?
(If so, please give full details and dates) No.

(c) Are you the holder of a British passport? (If so, please give number and full details) No.

SECTION THREE—PERSECUTION

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- (a) Name of camp or other place of detention, its situation, its general conditions and régime;
- (b) Dates of imprisonment and of release; prison number; reasons for imprisonment and circumstances in which it arose;
- (c) If you are suffering permanent disability as a result of treatment received during your imprisonment please give full details of its nature and cause;
- (d) Any other information you consider useful and relevant.
(Please attach all documentary evidence)

See attached.

2. Have you at any time received any payment in respect of this persecution?.....No.
(If YES please give full details)

I HEREBY DECLARE that all the above statements are to the best of my knowledge and recollection true in all particulars.

Signature.....*Rachel Symes.*.....

Date.....10th November 1964.....

**FORM B for use in
respect of a deceased
British victim of
Nazi persecution**

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A DECEASED
BRITISH VICTIM OF NAZI PERSECUTION**

- N.B.*—1. Before completing this form it is important to read carefully the attached Notes for Guidance and then to answer all questions fully.
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3. All applications must be received before the 31st of July, 1965.
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SECTION ONE—IDENTITY

- A. 1. Surname of victim SYMES,
2. Other names LOUIS MORIN,
3. Place of death CHERCHE MIDI PRISON, PARIS.
(Please send the death certificate or, if there is no death certificate, please say whether leave to presume death was obtained)

- B. 1. Surname of applicant SYMES,
2. Other names RACHEL (nee TOSTEVIN).
3. Address La Providence, Ruelles Braves, St. Peter Port,
GUERNSEY, C.I.

4. What was your relationship to deceased?

(a) Spouse? Yes. (If so, please send marriage certificate) Attached.

(b) Child? - (If so, please send birth certificate)

Are there any other surviving children of the deceased? (If so, please give full names and addresses of each)

(c) Parent? - (If so, please send deceased's birth certificate)

(d) Brother or sister? - (If so, please send your own and deceased's birth certificate)

Have you any surviving brothers or sisters? (If so, please give full name and address of each)

SECTION TWO—NATIONALITY OF VICTIM

1. How did the deceased acquire British nationality?

(Please write YES opposite the method that applies and delete the others)

- (a) By birth? Yes (If so, please send his/her birth certificate)
 (b) By marriage? - (If so, please send marriage certificate)
 (c) By naturalisation? - (If so, please attach naturalisation certificate)
 (d) By some other method? - (If so, please give full details)

2. If the deceased was not British by birth what was the previous nationality?

Was it retained at the time of death?

If not, when and how was it lost?

(Please attach all documentary evidence)

3. If deceased was a dual national—

- (a) Where was he/she ordinarily resident at the date of his/her death?

(Please attach any available evidence, e.g., receipts for rent or rates)

- (b) Had he/she been in Crown Service under Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom?

(If so, please give full details)

- (c) Was he/she the holder of a British passport? (If so, please give full details)

SECTION THREE—PERSECUTION

1. Please give, on a separate sheet, the following details of the deceased's imprisonment:
 - (a) Name of camp or other place of detention; its situation; its general conditions and régime;
 - (b) Dates of imprisonment and (where relevant) release; prison number; reasons for imprisonment and circumstances in which it arose.
 - (c) Any further information you consider useful and relevant.
(Please attach all documentary evidence) See attached.
2. Has any payment been made at any time in respect of the imprisonment of the deceased?.....No.
(If, so please give full details)

I HEREBY DECLARE that to the best of my knowledge, belief and recollection all the information here given is true and accurate in all particulars.

Signature.....*Rachel Symes*.....
Date.....10th November 1964.....

From: Rachel SYMES (nee Tostevin), La Providence, Ruettes Brayes,
St. Peter Port, GUERNSEY, C.I.

10th November 1964.

My husband (Louis Morin Symes) and myself (Rachel Symes, nee Tostevin), with several other Guernsey people including the then Procureur of Guernsey (Attorney-General) Sir Ambrose J. Sherwill, were arrested by the Gestapo in Guernsey in October 1941 charged with having had contact with, aiding or giving shelter to two members of His Majesty's Forces, Lieut. Hubert Nicolle and my son, James Symes, on September 4th, 1940.

The party of us were transported from Guernsey to France by the Germans who imprisoned us at Cherche Midi Prison in Paris, in solitary confinement, until returned to Guernsey on January 1st, 1941.

During our separate imprisonment and according to attached documents my husband is alleged to have committed suicide in his cell. On the documentary evidence I presume this cannot be disputed.

However, a nephew of mine, Mr. William Symes, told me that a man named Lotze or Losh who had been at Cherche Midi at the time we were there claimed that my husband did NOT commit suicide, but was murdered by the Nazis. No direct evidence can be obtained to substantiate or deny this and it could be that certification of my husband's death and burial could have been signed by French officials under direct pressure from the Germans.

During our imprisonment we were not visited by representatives of any Protecting Power, nor did we receive Red Cross parcels or letters. Our only visitors were (other than Nazis), American Quakers.

(signed). R. . . . Symes (Mrs)