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State of New York County of Albany

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age, and that on the 9th day of May , 19 72, she served the within

Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Frederick & Hazel

Stafford (representative of) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid

wrapper addressed as follows: Frederick & Hazel Stafford
80 Boulevard Maurice Barres
Neuilly-sur-Seine, France

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Post Office Department within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative of) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

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457-2655, 6, 7

Dated: Albany, New York

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Very truly yours

Hearing Officer

cc Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau

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## **ISSUE**

Were petitioners, Frederick Stafford and Hazel Stafford, resident individuals of New York State during the years 1962, 1963 and 1964?

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioners, Frederick Stafford and Hazel Stafford, filed New York State income tax resident returns for the years 1962 and 1963, and a New York State income tax nonresident return for the year 1964.

- 2. On April 9, 1965, petitioners, Frederick Stafford and Hazel Stafford, filed a claim for credit or refund of personal income tax for the year 1962 in the sum of \$2,441.59, said sum being the amount paid by them at the time of the filing of their 1962 New York State income tax resident return.
- 3. On April 9, 1965, petitioners, Frederick Stafford and Hazel Stafford, filed a claim for credit or refund of personal income tax for the year 1963 in the sum of \$3,863.22, said sum being the amount paid by them at the time of the filing of their 1963 New York State income resident return.
- 4. On March 21, 1966, the applications of petitioners, Frederick Stafford and Hazel Stafford, for credit or refund of personal income tax for the years 1962 and 1963 were denied.
- 5. On March 28, 1966, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioners, Frederick Stafford and Hazel Stafford, imposing New York State personal income tax upon their total income as reported on their federal income tax return for the year 1964, and accordingly issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$18,331.72.
- 6. Petitioner, Frederick Stafford, was born in Romania in 1905. He received his undergraduate education in Romania. He then attended the University of Paris and the law school at the Sorbonne. He emigrated to the United States in 1940. He became a United States citizen in 1946.
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- 8. Petitioners, Frederick Stafford and Hazel Stafford, and their children moved to Paris, France, in the summer of 1961. They lived in a hotel while they looked for a home to buy. They were unable to find the type of home they wanted so they rented an apartment for a seven-year term. They moved into the apartment in September, 1961. They shipped all of their clothing and personal effects, their works of art and their automobile from New York City to France. They joined the American Cathedral of Paris and several business and social clubs in Paris. They enrolled the children in a French public school. In 1965 they purchased an apartment in Paris for \$400,000.00. They did not occupy it until 1967. In the intervening years they spent \$300,000.00 renovating the apartment. He paid French income and social security taxes during the years 1962, 1963 and 1964.
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