

Joe Hanania, died in Nouic, France, where he lived during his later years. He spent his early years in an orphanage and foster home in his native New Jersey until his older brothers reached an age where they were allowed to become guardians. He enlisted in the U.S Army, and was deemed ineligible for the Army Security Agency because of his Syrian parentage (he was an orphan at one year old!). An officer, seeing a paper he was writing that was critical of the democracy vs. communism dogma, prevented any promotions. He had qualified for West Point but declined—"military life was not for me!" After completing a college degree, he did diverse work: restaurant worker and owner, also teaching math, history, and philosophy in France, England, New Jersey, and for the U.S. Air Force abroad. Retiring with his wife, Cako, to France, he wrote eight books, in English and French, since 2001, about the U.S.A., democracy, and empire. Among them are: *My Country, 'Tis of Thee; Democracy? Not yet, perhaps never; Where the USA went wrong, a study of US Empire*. He singles out Thomas Paine as the real founder of the U.S.A. democracy and names Washington as the man of empire.