

TANSON Jean Pierre

(1896 - 1975) ¹

Lellingen

Biography

Jean Pierre Joseph TANSON was born in Lellingen (Wilwerwiltz) in 1896. His father's occupation at the time was *Rottenführer* ² in Lellingen. The latter was born in 1828 in Velthem-Beysses, near Brussels.

TANSON's professional career has been described in detail in "industrie.lu": ³

ca 1920	qualification as engineer
1921	association with Felix STEINES, in Luxembourg
1922	employment with Kabel und Gummiwerke Eupen (Belgium)
1928	employment with Kabelfabrik Clement Zahn Jr, Vejprty (Weipert) (Czech Republic)
1942	employment with Vogel & Co, Pöllwitz bei Zeulenroda (Thüringen)
1945	creation of company "Machines outils Tanson" in Luxembourg

TANSON thus spent his first 20 professional years outside of Luxembourg.

He was first married to Elfriede MÜLLER (1893 - 1967). The couple had two boys, Edouard and Rodolphe. ⁴

Elfriede MÜLLER died in August 1967 and in November 1968 TANSON married Gertrud MAIER in Ettelbruck.

In 1946, TANSON obtained a series of six patents in Luxembourg for a *Genwindewalzmaschine* (thread rolling machine) which he had developed with fellow entrepreneur Albert KONNEN, an engineer residing in Diekirch.

He was a founding shareholder of the company SECALT s.a. founded in 1948 ⁵ and in the early 1950s he made inventions which he assigned to SECALT. He also made inventions relating to machine guns which he assigned to BREMILUX Holding s.a. and SOLA s.a., (Société Luxembourgeoise d'Armes).

Finally in 1956-57 TANSON developed plastic roll blinds for outside placement.

He settled with his second wife Gertrud MAIER in Echternacherbrück (Germany) and he died in Bitburg hospital on 19 December 1975 at the age of 79.

¹ [FamilySearch database](#) (GW41-MB8)

² *Eisenbahnwesen: Leiter einer Gruppe Gleisbauarbeiter*

³ www.industrie.lu

⁴ *Rodolphe TANSON was an inventor, like his father, and presumably worked for the company SECALT s.a. and its French and German subsidiaries.*

⁵ *Mémorial, 1948, Recueil spécial, N° 57, 11/08/1948, pages 1368-1371*