

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

In re Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation
Case No. CV96-4849

Certified Denial

to Claimant Arkady-Akiva Scheinker

Claimed Account Owners: Hirsch Gottlieb and Simon Gottlieb¹

Claim Numbers: 220842/RT; 220843/RT

This Certified Denial is to the claim of Arcady-Akiva Scheinker (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s grandfather, Simon Gottlieb and the Claimant’s great-uncle Hirsch Gottlieb (the “Claimed Account Owners”).

All denials are published. Where a claimant has not requested confidentiality, as in this case, only the name of the bank has been redacted.

Information Provided by the Claimant

The Claimant submitted two claims stating that his grandfather and his grandfather’s brother, Simon and Hirsch Gottlieb, respectively, were Jewish and resided in Jelgava-Mitava, Latvia (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, now Latvia). The Claimant stated that that his relatives may have jointly held a Swiss bank account under the name H.S. Gottlieb. The Claimant did not indicate any first name variations or middle names used by his relatives. In support of his claims, the Claimant submitted documents, which show that the Claimant’s relatives’ last name was spelled “Gotlib.”

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the names of Hirsch Gottlieb and Simon Hirsch to the names of all account owners in the Account History Database and identified accounts belonging to individuals whose names match, or are substantially similar to, the name of the Claimed Account Owners. In doing so, the CRT used advanced name matching systems and computer programs, and considered variations of names, including name variations provided by Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Authority, in Jerusalem, Israel, to ensure that all possible name matches were identified. However, a close review of the relevant bank records indicated that the information contained therein was inconsistent with the information the Claimant

¹ The Claimant should note that this determination relates only to the Claim Numbers and Claimed Account Owners stated above, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have submitted other claims.

provided regarding the Claimed Account Owners. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owners.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owner

The list below contains names of account owners that match the name of the Claimed Account Owners and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owners and an account owner are not the same person. If an account owner's place of residence was published, that place of residence is also listed.

Name: H.S. Gottlieb

Account Identification Number: 1001191

Specifically, the Claimant indicated that his relatives, Hirsch Gottlieb and Simon Gottlieb may have jointly held a Swiss bank account. The Claimant did not indicate any first name variations or middle names used by his relatives. Additionally, the Claimant provided documents, which show that the Claimant's relatives' last name was spelled as "Gotlib." In contrast, the records show that the account was not held by two separate individuals, one having a first names beginning with "H", the other having a first name beginning with "S", but that the account was held by only one individual whose first name began with "H" and middle name began with "S." The records further show that the account owner's last name was spelled "Gottlieb."

The Claimant should note that all accounts awarded by the CRT are published upon release on the CRT's website at www.crt-ii.org.

Right of Appeal and Request for Reconsideration

Pursuant to Article 30 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the "Rules"), the Claimant may appeal this decision or submit a request for reconsideration within ninety (90) days of the date of the letter accompanying this decision.

An appeal must be based upon a plausible suggestion of error regarding the CRT's conclusions set out in this decision. Any appeals which are submitted without a plausible suggestion of error shall be summarily denied. A request for reconsideration must be based on new documentary evidence not previously presented to the CRT that, if considered, would have led to a different outcome of the claim. Claimants should briefly explain the relevance of the newly submitted documents in view of the conclusions stated in the certified decision.

The Claimant should send appeals and/or requests for reconsideration in writing to the following address: Oren Wiener, Claims Resolution Tribunal, Attention: Appeals / Request for Reconsideration, P.O. Box 9564, 8036 Zurich, Switzerland. If more than one account has been treated in this decision, the Claimant should identify the account, including, where available, the Account Identification Number, that forms the basis of the appeal and/or request for reconsideration.

Scope of the Denial

The CRT now considers the Claimant's claims to the accounts of Hirsch Gottlieb and Simon Gottlieb closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owners identified herein, and that the CRT is aware that the Claimant may have claimed accounts held by other persons or entities both in the Claim Number specified above and in other claims submitted to the CRT.

Certification of the Denial

The CRT certifies this Denial for approval by the Court.

Claims Resolution Tribunal
12 February 2010