

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED 1]
also representing [REDACTED 2] and [REDACTED 3]

Claimed Account Owners: Karl Lehmann and Julius Lehmann¹

Claim Number: 002571/HB

This Certified Denial is to the claim of [REDACTED 1] (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s relatives, Karl (Carl, Charles, Ben Itzhak) Lehmann, and Julius (Israel) Lehmann (the “Claimed Account Owners”).

All denials are published, but where a claimant has requested confidentiality, as in this case, the names of the claimant, any relatives of the claimant other than the account owner, and the bank have been redacted.

Information Provided by the Claimant

The Claimant submitted a claim stating that Karl (Carl) Lehmann, who was Jewish, was born in 1924 in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, where he resided until 1938, when he fled Germany for France. The Claimant further stated that Julius Lehmann, who was Jewish, resided in Bad Kreuznach, where he owned a furniture store.

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the names of Karl (Carl, Charles, Ben Itzhak) Lehmann, and Julius (Israel) Lehmann 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 provided regarding the Claimed Account Owners. Accordingly, the

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

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

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owners

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

Name: Karl Lehmann (Frankfurt am Main, Germany)

Account Identification Number: 5030354

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Karl Lehmann, was born in 1924. In contrast, the records show that the account owner had a professional title in a year when the Claimant's relative was still a young child.

Name: Carl Lehmann (Leipzig, Germany)

Account Identification Number: 1000675

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Karl Lehmann, resided in Bad Kreuznach until 1938. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided during this time in Leipzig, which is over 400 kilometers from Bad Kreuznach.

Name: Carl Lehmann (Germany)

Account Identification Numbers: 1014812 and 1014814

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Karl Lehmann, resided in Bad Kreuznach until 1938. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided during this time in a different city in Germany, which is over 500 kilometers from Bad Kreuznach, and in another country, which was not identified by the Claimant.

Name: Julius Lehmann

Account Identification Numbers: 1009260, 1009261, 1009262, 1009263, and 1009264

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Julius Lehmann, owned a furniture store in Bad Kreuznach. In contrast, the records show that the account owner had a professional title, which was not identified by the Claimant and which is inconsistent with the Claimant's relative's occupation.

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 claim to the accounts of Karl (Carl) Lehmann and Julius Lehmann 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
5 April 2007