

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

Claimed Account Owners: Julius Meyer, Jenny Meyer and Kurt Meyer¹

Claim Numbers: 223107/RT; 223117/RT; 223119/RT

This Certified Denial is to the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s relatives, Julius (Hans, E.J., J.) Meyer (Mayer, Maier, Majer), Jenny Meyer (Kugelmann), and Kurt Meyer (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 Julius Meyer, who was Jewish, was the son of [REDACTED], who resided in Gambach, Germany. The Claimant indicated that Julius Meyer also used the first name Hans and the first name initials “E. J.” and “J.,” without specifying for what names these initials stand. The Claimant submitted the birth certificate of Julius Meyer’s daughter [REDACTED], who was born in 1903, which indicates that the Claimant’s relative’s name was Julius Maier. This document does not indicate any other first or middle names or any first or last name variations for Julius Maier.

The Claimant further stated that neither he or his family knew persons named Jenny Meyer or Kurt Meyer, but stated that he may have had relatives who resided in Mannheim, Germany [the published city of residence for Jenny Meyer and Kurt Meyer]. The Claimant also stated that Jenny Meyer had the maiden name Kugelmann [the published maiden name of Jenny Meyer]. The Claimant further stated that Jenny Meyer and Kurt Meyer may have used Julius Meyer as their power of attorney holder. The Claimant did not provide any information or documentation regarding Jenny Meyer or Kurt Meyer. The CRT notes that the Claimant submitted an extended family tree that includes the names of the Claimant’s close and more distant family members, and that this family tree makes no reference to either Jenny Meyer or Kurt Meyer.

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.

The CRT's Investigation

The CRT matched the names of Julius (Hans, E.J.; J.) Meyer (Mayer, Maier, Majer), Jenny Meyer (Kugelmann) and Kurt Meyer 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 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 an account owner are not the same person.² If an account owner's place of residence was published, that place of residence is also listed.

Jenny Meyer

Name: Jenny Meyer (AKA Frl. Jenny Kugelmann), Mannheim, Germany

Account Identification Number: 5033975

Specifically, the Claimant stated that Jenny Meyer had the maiden name Kugelmann and resided in Mannheim. The Claimant also stated that Jenny Meyer may have used Julius Meyer as her power of attorney holder. The Claimant did not provide any information or documentation regarding Jenny Meyer. The CRT determines that in this case, the information and evidence the Claimant submitted in support of his claim did not plausibly demonstrate that the Claimant's relative and the account owner were the same person. This determination is based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to, whether the Claimant identified an exact spelling of the account owner's name; whether the Claimant was able to provide documentation linking his surname to that of the account owner, thereby demonstrating a familial relationship to a person with the same name as the account owner; whether the Claimant identified the account owner's name prior to its publication; and/or whether the fate of the Claimant's relative is consistent with the disposition of the claimed account. The CRT notes that, according to Article 18 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the "Rules"), a claim to the CRT is inadmissible if, among other reasons, the claim is based essentially on a statement that the Claimant or his or her relative and the account owner have the same or similar last name, or the

² The CRT notes that the published account of J. Meyer was awarded to the Claimant in claim 224440 as belonging to his relative Johanna Meyer. See *In re Accounts of J. Meyer* (approved on 29 September 2009).

Claimant has provided no relevant information and/or documentation regarding his or her relationship to the account owner. In this case, the Claimant either has based his/her claim to this account essentially on the fact that his/her relative and the account owner have the same or similar last name, or has not provided sufficient information or documentation regarding his/her relationship to the account owner, including documentation linking the Claimant's name to that of the account owner. The CRT has deemed this claim admissible to ensure that no Class Member with a Deposited Assets claim is precluded by technical procedural requirements from having his or her claim fairly adjudicated. However, based upon the information provided, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Claimant has identified the account owner as his/her relative.

Name: J. Meyer (Düsseldorf, Germany)

Account Identification Numbers: 1011323; 1011324; 1011325; 1011326; 1011327

Specifically, the Claimant stated that Jenny Meyer may have held a Swiss bank account. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was male.

Name: J. Meyer (Basel, Switzerland)

Account Identification Number: 5030757

Specifically, the Claimant stated that Jenny Meyer resided in Germany. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in Switzerland.

Julius Meyer

Name: J. Meyer (Düsseldorf, Germany)

Account Identification Numbers: 1011323; 1011324; 1011325; 1011326; 1011327

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Julius Meyer resided in Gambach. In contrast, the records show that the account owner had a different first name and resided in Düsseldorf, which is over 300 kilometers from Gambach.

Name: J. Meyer (Basel, Switzerland)

Account Identification Number: 5030757

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Julius Meyer, resided in Germany. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was female and resided in Switzerland.

Name: E.J. Meyer (Germany)

Account Identification Number: 1012905

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Julius Meyer, also used the first name initials "E.J." and resided in Gambach. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in a different city, which is over 500 kilometers from Gambach. The CRT further notes that a document provided by the Claimant indicates that the Claimant's relative's name was Julius Maier and does not indicate any other first or middle names or any first or last name variations for Julius Maier.

Name: Hans Julius Meyer (Berlin, Germany)

Account Identification Numbers: 5024818; 5033786

Specifically, the Claimant stated that his relative, Julius Meyer also used the first name Hans and resided in Gambach. In contrast the records show that the account owner resided in Berlin,

which is over 450 kilometers from Gambach. The CRT further notes that a document provided by the Claimant indicates that the Claimant's relative's name was Julius Maier and does not indicate any other first or middle names or any first or last name variations for Julius Maier.

Kurt Meyer

Name: Kurt Meyer (France)

Account Identification Numbers: 1012923; 1012924; 1012925; 1012926; 1012927; 1012928

Specifically, the Claimant stated that Kurt Meyer resided in Germany. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in France.

Name: Kurt Meyer (Mannheim, Germany)

Account Identification Number: 5033975

Specifically, the Claimant stated that Kurt Meyer resided in Mannheim. The Claimant did not provide any information or documentation regarding Kurt Meyer. The CRT determines that in this case, the information and evidence the Claimant submitted in support of his claim did not plausibly demonstrate that the Claimant's relative and the account owner were the same person. This determination is based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to, whether the Claimant identified an exact spelling of the account owner's name; whether the Claimant was able to provide documentation linking his surname to that of the account owner, thereby demonstrating a familial relationship to a person with the same name as the account owner; whether the Claimant identified the account owner's name prior to its publication; and/or whether the fate of the Claimant's relative is consistent with the disposition of the claimed account. The CRT notes that, according to Article 18 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the "Rules"), a claim to the CRT is inadmissible if, among other reasons, the claim is based essentially on a statement that the Claimant or his or her relative and the account owner have the same or similar last name, or the Claimant has provided no relevant information and/or documentation regarding his or her relationship to the account owner. In this case, the Claimant either has based his/her claim to this account essentially on the fact that his/her relative and the account owner have the same or similar last name, or has not provided sufficient information or documentation regarding his/her relationship to the account owner, including documentation linking the Claimant's name to that of the account owner. The CRT has deemed this claim admissible to ensure that no Class Member with a Deposited Assets claim is precluded by technical procedural requirements from having his or her claim fairly adjudicated. However, based upon the information provided, the CRT is unable to conclude that the Claimant has identified the account owner as his/her relative.

The CRT has taken utmost care in matching the names of the person identified by the Claimant as a possible account owner to names of actual account owners identified in the Account History Database prepared pursuant to the investigation of the Independent Committee of Eminent Persons (ICEP or ICEP Investigation), which identified accounts probably or possibly belonging to Victims of Nazi Persecution, as defined in the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the Rules). The CRT has reviewed this claim carefully and analyzed matches to accounts belonging to account owners with alternative spellings of the Claimant's relatives last name Meyer, which include Meier, Maier and Mayer, and has determined that these accounts did not belong to the Claimed Account Owner.

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 Julius Meyer, Jenny Meyer and Kurt Meyer 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