

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to the Estate of Claimant [REDACTED]

Claimed Account Owner: Frieda Neumann¹

Claim Number: 702545/SB

This Certified Denial is to the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s relative, Frieda Neumann, née Weil (the “Claimed Account Owner”).

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 Frieda Neumann, who was Jewish, resided in Sulzburg and Mannheim, Germany, and that her maiden name was Frieda Weil. The Claimant stated that Frieda Weil was born on 9 May 1886 in Schmieheim, Germany, that in 1938 she resided in Mannheim, Germany, and that on 22 October 1940 she was deported to France and later to Auschwitz, where she perished. In further correspondence, the Claimant stated that it is possible that Frieda Neumann provided a false address in order to conceal the account. In support of her claim, the Claimant submitted correspondence she received from the Mannheim City Archive (*Stadtarchiv Mannheim*), dated 16 March 2007. In that correspondence, the Mannheim City Archive informed the Claimant that it had located the registration form (“*Meldekarte*”) for Frieda Weil, who was born on 9 May 1887 in Schmieheim. According to the information on the registration card, on 1 May 1935 Frieda Weil moved from Schmieheim to Mannheim, where she resided at C 8, 15. The information from the Mannheim City Archive indicates that Frieda Weil was deported on 22 October 1940 to Gurs, France, then to Les Milles, France, and, on 17 August 1942 from Drancy to Auschwitz in transport number 20. According to this information, Frieda Weil was reported missing.

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

The CRT's Investigation

The CRT matched the name of Frieda Neumann, née Weil, 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 Owner. 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 Owner. Accordingly, the CRT was unable to conclude that any of these accounts belonged to the Claimed Account Owner.

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 Owner and the reasons why the CRT has concluded that the Claimed Account Owner 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: Frieda Weil (Donaueschingen, Germany)

Account Identification Number: 5023629 and 5023631

The Claimant submitted stated that Frieda Neumann, who was Jewish, resided in Sulzburg and Mannheim, Germany, and that her maiden name was Frieda Weil. The Claimant explained that Frieda Weil was born on 9 May 1886 in Schmieheim, Germany, that in 1938 she resided in Mannheim, Germany, and that on 22 October 1940 she was deported to France and later to Auschwitz, where she perished. In further correspondence, the Claimant stated that it is possible that Frieda Neumann provided a false address in order to conceal the account. In support of her claim, the Claimant submitted correspondence she received from the Mannheim City Archive (Stadtarchiv Mannheim), dated 16 March 2007. In that correspondence, the Mannheim City Archive informed the Claimant that it had located the registration form ("Meldekarte") for Frieda Weil, who was born on 9 May 1887 in Schmieheim. According to the information on the registration card, on 1 May 1935 Frieda Weil moved from Schmieheim to Mannheim, where she resided at C 8, 15. The information from the Mannheim City Archive indicates that Frieda Weil was deported on 22 October 1940 to Gurs, France, then to Les Milles, France, and, on 17 August 1942 from Drancy to Auschwitz in Transport number 20. According to this information, Frieda Weil was reported missing.

In contrast, the records show that the account owner's married name was Frieda Weil. Further, the records show that the account owner resided in Donaueschingen, Germany, which is over 50 kilometers from Sulzburg and Mannheim. The CRT notes that both Sulzburg and Donaueschingen are small towns, thus rendering it unlikely that a resident of Sulzburg would indicate Donaueschingen as their place of residence, even for the purposes of maintaining a

Swiss bank account. The CRT notes that the information provided by the Mannheim City Archive, which includes the registration form of the Claimant's relative, demonstrates that the Claimant's relative lived in Schmieheim and Mannheim, and does not indicate that she ever resided in Donaueschingen.

The CRT notes that bank records also contain the name of a company associated with the account owner, which the Claimant did not identify, and the name of another city in Germany associated with the account owner, which the Claimant also did not identify.

Regarding the assertion that the Claimant's relative provided a false address in order to conceal the account, the CRT notes that there is nothing in the records to suggest in any way that this is not the account owner's actual place of residence.

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 Frieda Neumann closed. Please note that this decision applies only to the Claim Number and Claimed Account Owner 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
23 June 2008