

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

Claimed Account Owner: Hedwig Rothschild¹

Claim Number: 224099/SU; 224162/SB

This Certified Denial is to the claims of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to a Swiss bank account potentially owned by the Claimant’s relative, Hedwig (Hattie) Rothschild (Loeb), née Wolff (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 claims stating that her mother, Hedwig (Hattie) (Loeb) Rothschild, née Wolff, who was Jewish, was born in 1900 and was first married to [REDACTED] (the Claimant’s father), who died in 1938. The Claimant stated that her mother resided in Saarbruecken, Germany until 1935, when she fled Germany to France, and that she later moved to Luxembourg and Palestine and ultimately emigrated to the United States in 1941.

The CRT’s Investigation

The CRT matched the name of Hedwig (Hattie) Rothschild (Loeb), née Wolff, 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.

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 Analysis

Identification of the Account Owners

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: Hedwig Wolff

Account Identification Number: 1000461

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her mother, Hedwig Rothschild, née Wolff, resided in Germany, France, Luxembourg, Palestine and the United States. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in a different country.

Name: Hedwig Wolff (Germany)

Account Identification Number: 1014172

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her mother, Hedwig Rothschild, née Wolff, resided in Saarbruecken, Germany. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in a different town, which is over 200 kilometers from Saarbruecken. The CRT notes that the account owner's place of residence is a small town, whereas Saarbruecken is a city, thus rendering it unlikely that a resident of Saarbruecken would indicate the account owner's distant town as their place of residence, even for the purposes of maintaining a Swiss bank account.

Name: Hedwig Wolff

Account Identification Number: 2016701

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her mother, Hedwig Rothschild, was born in 1900. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was born over 20 years later.

Name: Hattie Wolff (Frau Hattie Loeb) (Berlin, Germany)

Account Identification Numbers: 5023702, 5035792

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her mother, Hedwig Rothschild, née Wolff, was first married to [REDACTED] (the Claimant's father). In contrast, the records show that the account owner had a different maiden name and was married to a man with a different first name. The CRT notes that the name "Hattie Wolff" was published as "Frl. [Miss] Hattie Wolff." However, a close examination of the bank records indicates that "Wolff" was not the account owner's maiden name, but rather the name of the account owner's first husband, who had previously passed away.

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 Hedwig (Hattie) (Loeb) Rothschild 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
6 August 2007