

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Denial

to Claimant [REDACTED]

**Claimed Account Owners: Alfred Weil; Helena Weil; Heinrich Weil; Ludwig Weil;
Samuel Weil; Sophie Weil, Moses Weil, Mathilde Weil, and Max Kahn^{1, 2, 3}**

Claim Numbers: 702545/RT; 776821/RT

This Certified Denial is to the claim of [REDACTED] (the “Claimant”) to Swiss bank accounts potentially owned by the Claimant’s relatives, Alfred Weil, Helena Weil (Weill), Heinrich

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.

² The Claimant also submitted the names of Alfred Fleischhacker, Nathan Fleishhacker, Klara Weil (Marx), Hermann Maas, Hedwig Maas (Weil), Ernst Neumann, Isidor Israel, Rebekka Weil, David Weil, Rosa Weil, Leopold Weil, Dinah Baur, Ruth Kahn (Weil), and Recha Kahn (Altmann) as names of relatives who may have held Swiss bank accounts before the deadline for submitting names to the CRT expired on 31 December 2005. The CRT did not locate an account belonging to Alfred Fleischhacker, Nathan Fleishhacker, Klara Weil (Marx), Hermann Maas, Hedwig Maas (Weil), Ernst Neumann, Isidor Israel, Rebekka Weil, David Weil, Rosa Weil, Leopold Weil, Dinah Baur, Ruth Kahn (Weil), and Recha Kahn (Altmann) 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 therefore considers the Claimant’s claims with regards to these names closed.

³ In undated correspondence received by the CRT on 5 April 2007, the Claimant’s son (who is also her representative) submitted the following additional names: Marcel Weil, Rene Weil, Lucien Weil, Alice Weil, née Gestetner, Madeleine Weil, née Weill, Clarisse Phillips, née Weil, Oscar Philipp, Mrs. Jacques Marcel Weil and Jakob Weil. Additionally, in correspondence dated 20 March 2008, the Claimant’s son submitted the following names: Georgette Weill (aka Bloch, Georgette), Helene Weill (aka Kauffmann, Helene), Robert Weill, Alice Weil (aka Baumann, Alice), Robert Weil, Joseph Weill, Frida Weill (aka Guggenheim, Frida), Simon Weill, Ludwig Weill and *A. Baumann and Co.* The CRT notes that all these names were included on the 2001 published list of account owners, and that these names were submitted after the deadline for submitting names to the CRT had passed on 31 December 2005. Consequently, in compliance with the Court’s instructions, these names will not be formally treated by the CRT. The CRT does note, however, that based upon a comparison of the information provided by the Claimant and her son, the Claimant has not identified any of these account owners as her relative. The CRT further 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. The CRT notes that for many of these additional names, the Claimant either has based the claim to the accounts essentially on the fact that her relatives and the account owners have the same or similar last name, or has not provided sufficient information or documentation regarding her relationship to the account owner, including documentation linking the Claimant’s name to that of the account owner.

(Henry) Weil (Weill), Ludwig Weil, Samuel Weil, Sophie Weil (Felsenstein), and Max Kahn (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 Alfred Weil, Helena Weil, Heinrich Weil, Ludwig Weil, Samuel Weil, Sophie Weil, Moses Weil, Mathilde Weil, and Max Kahn, who were Jewish, were her relatives and that they owned Swiss bank accounts. The Claimant stated that Alfred Weil, who was born on 26 October 1887 in Paris, France, was a merchant, was married to [REDACTED] and resided in France. The Claimant submitted a document showing Alfred Weil’s signature.

The Claimant further stated that Helena Weil was born on 06 June 1857 to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The Claimant indicated that Helena Weil also spelled her last name *Weill*. The Claimant did not provide any further information or documentation regarding Helena Weil. The documents provided by the Claimant regarding her family show the family’s last name spelled only as *Weil*.

The Claimant stated that Heinrich Weil was born on 22 February 1859 in Schmieheim, Germany, was married to Sophie Weil, and resided in Schmieheim, and Paris, France, where he died in 1935. The Claimant indicated that Heinrich Weil also spelled his last name *Weill*. The documents provided by the Claimant regarding her family show the family’s last name spelled only as *Weil*.

The Claimant also stated that Ludwig Weil was born on 31 January 1878 in Schmieheim, where he also resided. The Claimant did not provide any further information or documentation regarding Ludwig Weil.

The Claimant stated that Samuel Weil was born in 1850, and was married to [REDACTED]. The Claimant also indicated that Samuel Weil resided in Schmieheim. The Claimant further indicated that Samuel Weil traveled extensively and also did business in France. The Claimant did not specify where in France exactly her relative performed business. The Claimant did not provide any further information or documentation regarding Samuel Weil.

The Claimant further stated that Sophie Weil was born on 8 February 1863 in Fürth, Germany, had the maiden name Felsenstein, was married to Heinrich Weil, and resided in St. Lunaire and Paris, France.

The Claimant stated that Moses Weil, who was born on 30 January 1854, resided in Schmieheim, and was married to Mathilde Weil, née Obst.

The Claimant also stated that Max Kahn was a merchant who resided in Zurich, Switzerland and was married to [REDACTED].

The CRT's Investigation

The CRT matched the names of Alfred Weil, Helena Weil (Weill), Heinrich (Henry) Weil (Weill), Ludwig Weil, Samuel Weil, Sophie Weil (Felsenstein), Moses Weil, Mathilde Weil, and Max Kahn 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. If an account owner's place of residence was published, that place of residence is also listed.

Name: Alfred Weil (Germany)

Account Identification Number: 1001370

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Alfred Weil, was born on 26 October 1887 in Paris, where he also resided; was a merchant and was married to [REDACTED]. A document provided by the Claimant shows Alfred Weil's signature. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was born over a decade after the Claimant's relative, resided in Germany in a city not identified by the Claimant, and was married to a different person. The records further contain the account owner's signature, which differs significantly from the Claimant's relative's signature.

Name: Alfred Weil (Germany)

Account Identification Number: 1001371

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Alfred Weil, was a merchant who resided in France. The Claimant did not indicate any academic or professional title held by her relative. In contrast, the records show that the account owner held such a title, which is inconsistent with the Claimant's relative's profession as a merchant. The records further show that the account owner resided in Germany in a city not identified by the Claimant.

Name: Helene Weil (AKA Helene Kaufmann), Paris, France

Account Identification Number: 5032378

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Helena Weil, was born to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], thus indicating that Weil was her maiden name. The Claimant further indicated that her relative also used the spelling “Weill” as a spelling for her surname. In contrast, the records show that the account owner had a different maiden name. The CRT further notes that the account owner’s last name is spelled Weill and that the documents provided by the Claimant regarding her family only show the family’s last name spelled as “Weil.”

Name: Henri Weill, France

Account Identification Numbers: 1014114

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Heinrich Weil, was married to Sophie Weil and resided in Paris, where he died in 1935. The Claimant further indicated that her relative also used the spelling “Weill” as a spelling for his surname. In contrast, the records indicate that the account owner was married to a different person and resided in a different city, which is over 400 kilometers from Paris and which the Claimant did not identify. The CRT further notes that the account owner’s last name is spelled Weill and that the documents provided by the Claimant regarding her family only show the family’s last name spelled as “Weil.”

Name: Henri Weill (France)

Account Identification Numbers: 1014258; 1014259; 1014260; 1014261; 1014262; 1014263; 1014264; 1014265; 1014266

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Heinrich Weil, was married to Sophie Weil and resided in Paris, where he died in 1935. The Claimant further indicated that her relative also used the spelling “Weill” as a spelling for his surname. In contrast, the records indicate that the account owner was married to a different person and resided in a different city, which is over 400 kilometers from Paris and which the Claimant did not identify. The CRT further notes that the account owner’s last name is spelled Weill and that the documents provided by the Claimant regarding her family only show the family’s last name spelled as “Weil.”

Name: Ludwig Weil (Stuttgart, Germany)

Account Identification Number: 5024497

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Ludwig Weil, resided in Schmieheim and held a Swiss bank account. The Claimant did not provide any further information or documentation regarding Ludwig Weil. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was a legal entity, founded by Ludwig Weil in Stuttgart, which is over 150 kilometers from Schmieheim. The Claimant did not identify the account owner’s name. The records further show the names of the co-founders of that legal entity, which also were not identified by the Claimant.

Name: Samuel Weil (France)

Account Identification Number: 1014113

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Samuel Weil, resided in Schmieheim, Germany. The Claimant also indicated that Samuel Weil traveled extensively and also did business in France. The Claimant did not specify where in France exactly her relative conducted business. The Claimant did not provide any further information or documentation regarding Samuel Weil. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in a city in

France to which the Claimant did not establish any relevant link. The records further do not indicate that the account owner's address was not his permanent address.

Name: Samuel Weil (Strasbourg, France)

Account Identification Numbers: 5026139; 5034530; 5034531; 5034533

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Samuel Weil, resided in Schmieheim, Germany. The Claimant also indicated that Samuel Weil traveled extensively and also did business in France. The Claimant did not specify where in France exactly her relative conducted business. The Claimant did not provide any further information or documentation regarding Samuel Weil. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in Strasbourg, France, a city to which the Claimant did not establish any relevant link. The records further do not indicate that the account owner's address was not his permanent address.

Name: Mme Sophie Weil (AKA Mlle Sophie Nerson)

Account Identification Numbers: 5025711; 5034494; 5034495; 5034496; 5034497; 5034511

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Sophie Weil, had the maiden name Felsenstein and was married to Heinrich Weil. In contrast, the records show that the account owner had a different maiden name and was married to a different person.

Name: M. Weil Erben

Account Identification Number: 5027665

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Moses Weil, was married to Mathilde Weil, née Obst. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was married to a different person.

Name: M. Weil Erben

Account Identification Number: 5027665

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Mathilde Weil, had the maiden name Obst. In contrast, the records show that the account owner had a different maiden name.

Name: M. Kahn

Account Identification Number: 6001761

Specifically, the Claimant indicated that her relative, Max Kahn, held a Swiss bank account. In contrast, the records show that the account owner was female.

Name: Max Kahn (Carpentras, France)

Account Identification Numbers: 5025073; 5025101

Specifically, the Claimant stated that her relative, Max Kahn, was married to [REDACTED], née [REDACTED]. The Claimant also indicated that the Claimant resided in Switzerland. In contrast, the records show that the account owner resided in France and was married to a different person.

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 Alfred Weil; Helena Weil; Heinrich Weil; Ludwig Weil; Samuel Weil; Sophie Weil, Moses Weil, Mathilde Weil, and Max Kahn 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 Numbers 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