

CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL

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

Certified Award

to the Estate of Claimant Pierre-Emile Manteuil¹
also acting on behalf of Odette Louise Manteuil

in re Account of Louise Perrin

Claim Number: 207902/AE

Award Amount: 49,375.00 Swiss Francs

This Certified Award is based upon the claim of Pierre-Emile Manteuil (the “Claimant”) to the published account of Jean Meyer.² This Award is to the unpublished account of Louise Perrin (the “Account Owner”) at the Geneva branch of the [REDACTED] (the “Bank”).

All awards are published. Where a claimant has not requested confidentiality, as in this case, only the name of the bank has been redacted.

Information Provided by the Claimant

The Claimant submitted a Claim Form identifying the Account Owner as his wife, Odette Louise Manteuil, née Perrin, who was born on 14 September 1924 in Basel, Switzerland, and whose parents were Joanes Ulysse Perrin and Pauline Perrin, née Goldstein. The Claimant indicated that he and his wife were married on 5 January 1946 in Nice, France. In a telephone conversation with the CRT on 26 April 2005, the Claimant’s wife indicated that her first name is Louise and her middle name is Odette. The Claimant’s wife further indicated that when she was a child, her parents referred to her as Louise and Loulou. The Claimant’s wife indicated that the Claimant addressed her by her middle name, Odette. The Claimant’s wife further indicated that she was born in Basel, and that she later moved to Nice with her parents, who were both opticians. The Claimant’s wife indicated that her mother was Jewish and her father was Roman Catholic. The Claimant’s wife further indicated that during the Second World War, the Gestapo deported her aunt and cousin, who also lived in Nice. The Claimant’s wife further indicated that

¹ On 26 April 2005, the Claimant’s wife, Odette Louise Manteuil, neé Perrin, informed the CRT that the Claimant passed away on 26 January 2004. The Claimant’s wife submitted the Claimant’s death certificate.

² The CRT did not locate an account belonging to the Claimant’s relative, Jean Meyer, 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 Claimant should be aware that the CRT will carry out further research on his claim to determine whether an award may be made based upon the information provided by the Claimant or upon information from other sources.

because her mother was Jewish, she and her parents fled from Nice to Paris, where they went into hiding.

In support of his claim, the Claimant submitted his wife's birth certificate, indicating her name as Odette Louise Perrin, as well as his birth certificate, indicating his name as Pierre-Emile Manteuil. The Claimant's wife submitted her marriage certificate, indicating that Pierre-Emile Manteuil and Odette Louise Perrin were married on 4 January 1946 in Nice; a copy of the Claimant's death certificate; and a testamentary document, indicating that Pierre-Emile Manteuil passed away and that Odette Louise Perrin was his wife. The Claimant indicated that he was born on 24 August 1921 in Paris. The Claimant is representing his wife, Odette Louise Manteuil, née Perrin.

Information Available in the Bank's Record

The Bank's record consists of a printout from the Bank's database. According to this record, the Account Owner was Louise Perrin. The Bank's record does not contain information about the Account Owner's domicile. The Bank's record indicates that the Account Owner held one account, numbered 31616, the type of which is not indicated. The Bank's record further indicates that the account was considered dormant by the Bank and was transferred to the Bank's suspense account on 14 April 1947, at which time it had a balance of 1.20 Swiss Francs ("SF"). The account remains in the Bank's suspense account.

The CRT's Analysis

Identification of the Account Owner

The Claimant's wife's name matches the unpublished name of the Account Owner. The CRT notes that the Bank's record does not contain any specific information about the Account Owner other than her name. In support of his claim, the Claimant submitted documents, including his wife's birth certificate, indicating her name as Odette Louise Perrin, as well as his birth certificate, indicating his name as Pierre-Emile Manteuil. The Claimant's wife submitted her marriage certificate, indicating that Pierre-Emile Manteuil and Odette Louise Perrin were married on 4 January 1946 in Nice; a copy of the Claimant's death certificate; and a testamentary document, indicating that Pierre-Emile Manteuil passed away and that Odette Louise Perrin was his wife. These documents provide independent verification that the person who is claimed to be the Account Owner had the same name as the name of the Account Owner. Furthermore, the Claimant's wife indicated that her first name is Louise and her middle name is Odette, and that when she was a child, her parents called her Louise and Loulou. This information is consistent with the unpublished name of the Account Owner. The CRT notes that there are no other claims to this account. Taking all of these factors into account, the CRT concludes that the Claimant has plausibly identified the Account Owner.

Status of the Account Owner as a Victim of Nazi Persecution

The Claimant has made a plausible showing that the Account Owner was a Victim of Nazi Persecution. The Claimant's wife indicated that the Account Owner's mother was Jewish, and that she and her family were forced to go into hiding in Paris.

The Claimant's Relationship to the Account Owner

The Claimant has plausibly demonstrated that he is related to the Account Owner by submitting specific information and documents, demonstrating that the Account Owner was the Claimant's wife. These documents include his wife's birth certificate, indicating her name as Odette Louise Perrin, as well as his birth certificate, indicating his name as Pierre-Emile Manteuil. The Claimant's wife submitted her marriage certificate, indicating that Pierre-Emile Manteuil and Odette Louise Perrin were married on 4 January 1946 in Nice; a copy of the Claimant's death certificate; and a testamentary document, indicating that Pierre-Emile Manteuil passed away and that Odette Louise Perrin was his wife.

The Issue of Who Received the Proceeds

The Bank's record indicates that the account remains in the Bank's suspense account.

Basis for the Award

The CRT has determined that an Award may be made in favor of the Claimant. First, the claim is admissible in accordance with the criteria contained in Article 18 of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the "Rules"). Second, the Claimant has plausibly demonstrated that the Account Owner was his wife, and that relationship justifies an Award. Finally, the CRT has determined that neither the Account Owner nor his heirs received the proceeds of the claimed account.

Amount of the Award

In this case, the Account Owner held an account of unknown type. The Bank's record indicates that the value of the account of unknown type, as of 14 April 1947, was SF 1.20. In accordance with Article 31(1) of the Rules, this amount is increased by an adjustment of SF 45.00, which reflects standardized bank fees charged to the account between 1945 and 1947. Consequently, the adjusted balance of the account at issue is SF 46.20. According to Article 29 of the Rules, if the amount in an account of unknown type was less than SF 3,950.00, and in the absence of plausible evidence to the contrary, the amount in the account shall be determined to be SF 3,950.00. The current value of the amount of the award is determined by multiplying the balance as determined by Article 29 by a factor of 12.5, in accordance with Article 31(1) of the Rules, to produce a total award amount of SF 49,375.00.

Division of the Award

In this case, the Claimant is representing his wife, whom the CRT has identified as the Account Owner. Accordingly, represented party Odette Louise Manteuil is entitled to the entire award amount. The Claimant is not entitled to a share in the award amount.

Scope of the Award

The Claimant should be aware that, pursuant to Article 20 of the Rules, the CRT will carry out further research on his claim to determine whether there are additional Swiss bank accounts to which she might be entitled, including research of the Total Accounts Database (consisting of records of 4.1 million Swiss bank accounts which existed between 1933 and 1945).

Certification of the Award

The CRT certifies this Award for approval by the Court and payment by the Special Masters.

Claims Resolution Tribunal
15 July 2005