

Marriage contract Nr. 115: Pfalz-Zweibrücken - Sachsen

- **Date of contract conclusion:** 1774-02-05
- **Place of contract conclusion:** Dresden, Mannheim, Neuburg, München und Zweibrücken

Groom

- **Name:** Karl II. August Christian von Pfalz-Zweibrücken
- **GND:** [118968173](#)
- **Year of Birth:** 1746
- **Year of Death:** 1795
- **Dynasty:** Wittelsbach (Pfalz-Birkenfeld-Bischweiler-Rappoltstein)
- **Confession:** katholisch

Bride

- **Name:** Marie Amelie Anna von Sachsen
- **GND:** [100636438](#)
- **Year of Birth:** 1757
- **Year of Death:** 1813
- **Dynasty:** Wettin (Albertiner)
- **Confession:** katholisch

Actors for Groom

- **Name:** Karl II. August Christian von Pfalz-Zweibrücken
- **GND:** [118968173](#)
- **Dynasty:** Wittelsbach (Pfalz-Birkenfeld-Bischweiler-Rappoltstein)
- **Relationship:** /

Actors for Bride

- **Name:** Friedrich August I. von Sachsen
- **GND:** [119165198](#)
- **Dynasty:** Wettin (Albertiner)
- **Relationship:** Bruder

Pfalz-Zweibrücken

1774-02-05

Contract content

Preamble: Names of the parties and marriage partners; purpose of the marriage; consent of the bride's mother; consent of the groom's ruling uncle, Christian IV of Palatinate-Zweibrücken

1 – Betrothal promised; marriage according to Catholic custom; mutual promise to behave towards each other throughout their lives as befits spouses

2 – Dowry of 72,000 guilders; trousseau regulated

3 – Renunciation of inheritance by the bride

4 – Donatio propter nuptias regulated: 15,000 guilders to be credited to the dowry and 57,000 guilders as paraphernalia money; Annex on the Rappoltstein estate and in the husband's other territories in Alsace and the Palatinate; rights to these territories determined; consent of the ruling Count Palatine of Zweibrücken and the Conseil Souverain in Colmar to be obtained

5 – 5,000 guilders morning gift

6 – 7,000 guilders hand money for the bride

7 – Deaths: groom dies before bride without joint heirs: bride retains ownership of the dowry and her movable property and benefits from the donatio propter nuptias for the rest of her life

8 – Groom dies before bride with joint heirs: bride receives guardianship and is responsible for raising the children, unless otherwise stipulated in the groom's will

9 – Neuburg Castle on the Danube is designated as the widow's residence; regulations governing the widow's residence: repair, furnishing, renovation of buildings and replacement in the event of destruction

10 – Life annuity of 15,000 guilders; in the event that the groom's mother dies or his fortune increases in any other way, the life annuity may be increased to 24,000 guilders; the option for an even higher sum is left open; Provisions for covering the sum in the event of the groom's lack of funds; prohibition of pledging the widow's dower; if the widow decides to take up residence outside the Palatinate, an increase in the dower is excluded.

11 – Remarriage of the bride regulated

12 – Bride dies before groom with children: dowry and other inheritance pass to the paternal guardianship; if there are no children, all of the bride's property reverts to her next of kin; the husband retains lifelong right of use of the dowry

13 – mutual promise to abide by the above; ratification regulated; place; date; signatures; LS

Confessional regulations

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Regulations on inheritance law

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Estates involved

4 – Donatio propter nuptias settled: 15,000 guilders to be credited to the dowry and 57,000 guilders as paraphernalia money; investment in the Rappoltstein domain and in the husband's remaining territories in Alsace and the Palatinate; Rights to these areas determined; consent of the ruling Count Palatine of Zweibrücken and the Conseil Souverain in Colmar to be obtained.

External authorities involved

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Ratifications, confirmations, approvals

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Text reference to past events

Further contracts between contracting parties

Commentary

Literature

References

- **Archive copy:** Sächsisches Staatsarchiv, 10026 Geheimes Kabinett, Nr. Loc. 00792/05
- **Contract language archive copy:** German
- **Digitized archive copy:** https://www.archiv.sachsen.de/archiv/bestand.jsp?guid=ffb49a20-0fed-4d87-921f-1b10e0f1deff&_ptabs=%7B%22%23tab-digitalisat%22%3A1%7D#digitalisat

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