

Marriage contract Nr. 121: Sachsen-Teschen - Österreich

- **Date of contract conclusion:** 1766-04-05
- **Place of contract conclusion:** Wien

Groom

- **Name:** Albert Kasimir von Sachsen-Teschen
- **GND:** [118647652](#)
- **Year of Birth:** 1738
- **Year of Death:** 1822
- **Dynasty:** Wettin (Albertiner)
- **Confession:** katholisch

Bride

- **Name:** Maria Christina von Österreich
- **GND:** [118921584](#)
- **Year of Birth:** 1742
- **Year of Death:** 1798
- **Dynasty:** Habsburg-Lothringen
- **Confession:** katholisch

Actors for Groom

- **Name:** Albert Kasimir von Sachsen-Teschen
- **GND:** [118647652](#)
- **Dynasty:** Wettin (Albertiner)
- **Relationship:** /

Actors for Bride

- **Name:** Joseph II., Kaiser
- **GND:** [118558404](#)
- **Dynasty:** Habsburg-Lothringen
- **Relationship:** Bruder
- **Name:** Maria Theresia von Österreich
- **GND:** [118577867](#)
- **Dynasty:** Habsburg-Lothringen
- **Relationship:** Mutter

Sachsen-Teschen

1766-04-05

Contract content

1 – Consent to the engagement from the bride and the brother of the groom, Franz Xaver, regent for the minor Friedrich August I of Saxony; papal dispensation dated 5 February 1766 mentioned; marriage according to Catholic custom

2 – Dowry of 100,000 guilders; bride's trousseau mentioned

3 – Bride's renunciation of inheritance

4 – Reference to electoral provisions of 3 May 1737 and 6 January 1747 on the marriage of non-first-born sons: Limitation of the bride price to 50,000 guilders; the second 50,000 guilders are paid into the Saxon Rent Chamber against receipt and returned upon termination of the marriage

5 – Reference to electoral provisions of 3 May 1737 and 6 January 1747: The bride's maintenance shall not be borne by the electoral house; the bride shall be satisfied with her mother's maintenance and waive her right to a dowry and morning gift.

6 – Deaths: Groom dies before bride: The 50,000 guilders dowry and her personal movable property remain the property of the bride; the remaining 50,000 guilders remain in the Saxon Rent Chamber as long as maintenance has to be paid for any children or the widow remarries.

7 – Waiver by the bride of her dowry and widow's pension; the widow is awarded 45,000 guilders annually for the maintenance of joint children as long as she does not change her widow's residence and does not remarry; possibility of an increase if there are several children

8 – Guardianship and upbringing of the children granted to the bride; if the bride should also die, Maria Theresa or her heirs shall assume this task; Right of objection of the ruling Elector in matters concerning the House of Saxony; should Albert Kasimir inherit the electoral dignity, the provisions of Article 6 of the marriage pact between Archduchess Maria Josepha and the then Electoral Prince Friedrich August (10 August 1719) shall apply to the marriage.

9 – Bride dies before groom with children: dowry and other bequests pass to paternal guardianship; groom benefits from bride's inheritance until children reach full age, at which point each child receives their share of the inheritance; if there are no children, all of the bride's property reverts to her next of kin; the husband retains lifelong right of use to the 100,000 guilders

10 – mutual promise to abide by the above; executed in two copies; ratification regulated; place; date; signatures; LS

Regulations on succession to the throne

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Confessional regulations

1 – Consent to the engagement from the bride and the brother of the groom, Franz Xaver, regent for the minor Friedrich August I of Saxony; papal dispensation dated 5 February 1766 mentioned; marriage

according to Catholic custom

Regulations on inheritance law

3 – Renunciation of inheritance by the bride

9 – Bride dies before groom with children: dowry and other inheritance pass to paternal guardianship; The groom benefits from the bride's inheritance until the children reach the age of majority, at which point each of the children receives their share of the inheritance; if there are no children, all of the bride's property reverts to her next of kin; the husband retains lifelong rights of use to the 100,000 guilders.

External authorities involved

1 – Consent to the engagement from the bride and the brother of the groom, Franz Xaver, regent for the minor Friedrich August I of Saxony; papal dispensation dated 5 February 1766 mentioned; marriage according to Catholic custom

Ratifications, confirmations, approvals

10 – mutual promise to adhere to the above; executed in two copies; ratification regulated; place; date; signatures; LS

References

- **Archive copy:** Sächsisches Staatsarchiv, 10026 Geheimes Kabinett, Nr. Loc. 00765/05
- **Contract language archive copy:** German
- **Digitized archive copy:** https://www.archiv.sachsen.de/archiv/bestand.jsp?guid=bf3b9929-9223-4c76-b71e-00abd82bc670&_ptabs=%7B%22%23tab-archivalie%22%3A1%7D#archivalie

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