

Marriage contract Nr. 145: Sachsen - Pfalz-Zweibrücken-Birkenfeld-Bischweiler

- **Date of contract conclusion:** 1769-01-13
- **Place of contract conclusion:** Mannheim

Groom

- **Name:** Friedrich August I. von Sachsen
- **GND:** [119165198](#)
- **Year of Birth:** 1750
- **Year of Death:** 1827
- **Dynasty:** Wettin (Albertiner)
- **Confession:** katholisch

Bride

- **Name:** Amalie von Pfalz-Zweibrücken-Birkenfeld-Bischweiler
- **GND:** [104177624](#)
- **Year of Birth:** 1752
- **Year of Death:** 1828
- **Dynasty:** Wittelsbach (Pfalz-Birkenfeld-Bischweiler-Rappoltstein)
- **Confession:** katholisch

Actors for Groom

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

Actors for Bride

- **Name:** Karl Theodor, Kurfürst zu Pfalz und Bayern
- **GND:** [118560190](#)
- **Dynasty:** Wittelsbach (Pfalz-Neuburg)
- **Relationship:** Dynastieoberhaupt
- **Name:** Christian IV. von Pfalz-Zweibrücken
- **GND:** [118676067](#)
- **Dynasty:** Wittelsbach (Pfalz-Birkenfeld-Bischweiler-Rappoltstein)
- **Relationship:** Onkel

Sachsen

1769-01-13

Contract content

Preamble: Marriage by decision of Frederick Augustus I of Saxony; consent of the bride's relatives; naming of the authorised officials

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

2 – Dowry of 10,000 guilders; trousseau of 4,000 guilders; payment arranged

3 – Donatio propter nuptias of 14,000 guilders; investment in the electoral estates

4 – Morning gift of 7,000 guilders; 4,000 guilders annually as a hand money for the bride

5 – Investment of dowry and donation propter nuptias in the castle and office of Lichtenburg and Seyda; rights to the widow's estates specified

6 – Deaths: groom dies before bride with living children: the eldest and secular son shall receive the dowry the donation propter nuptias and the government; the bride is free to use one third of her contributed funds for the other children or for pious purposes; the children are to be provided for according to the customs of the Electoral Saxon House

7 – If the groom dies before the bride without children, the dowry and 'Illata' shall pass to the bride's brothers; if they are no longer alive, to the bride's sister; Permission to donate the dowry to pious causes.

8 – Mother responsible for guardianship and upbringing of the children.

9 – Life annuity of 40,000 guilders if the widow does not remarry; Lichtenburg Castle as widow's residence; the widow's residence shall be brought up to an appropriate standard; Maintenance of the buildings of the widow's residence regulated; compensation in case of destruction; if the widow takes up residence outside Saxony, her dower is reduced to 25,000 guilders; remarriage of the widow regulated

10 – Renunciation of inheritance by the bride

11 – Ratification regulated; place; date; signatures; LS

Regulations on succession to the throne

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Confessional regulations

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Regulations on inheritance law

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Ratifications, confirmations, approvals

11 – Ratification regulated; place; date; signatures; LS

References

- **Archive copy:** Sächsisches Staatsarchiv, 10026 Geheimes Kabinett, Nr. Loc. 00789/09
- **Contract language archive copy:** German
- **Digitized archive copy:** https://www.archiv.sachsen.de/archiv/bestand.jsp?guid=0a5c993e-50b3-4518-94eb-a32f1b83a715&_ptabs=%7B%22%23tab-archivalie%22%3A1%7D#archivalie

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