

Marriage contract Nr. 200: Hessen - Mecklenburg-Schwerin

- **Date of contract conclusion:** 1500-08-05
- **Place of contract conclusion:** s. l.

Groom

- **Name:** Wilhelm II. von Hessen
- **GND:** [133272605](#)
- **Year of Birth:** 1469
- **Year of Death:** 1509
- **Dynasty:** Hessen
- **Confession:** katholisch

Bride

- **Name:** Anna von Mecklenburg-Schwerin
- **GND:** [116013346](#)
- **Year of Birth:** 1485
- **Year of Death:** 1525
- **Dynasty:** Mecklenburg-Schwerin
- **Confession:** katholisch

Actors for Groom

- **Name:** Wilhelm II. von Hessen
- **GND:** [133272605](#)
- **Dynasty:** Hessen
- **Relationship:** /

Actors for Bride

- **Name:** Magnus II. von Mecklenburg-Schwerin
- **GND:** [120063840](#)
- **Dynasty:** Mecklenburg-Schwerin
- **Relationship:** Vater

Hessen

1500-08-05

Contract content

Marriage agreed

Dowry set at 20,000 guilders (payment terms specified in dowry agreement)

Trousseau for the bride's journey specified (silverware, clothes, jewellery)

Donatio propter nuptias also set at 20,000 guilders from the town, castle and court of Rotenburg (lifetime allowance), of which she is to receive one guilder per year in the event of widowhood (excluding hunting rights, corvée labour, food, fishing, fines, offences and similar income)

Officials and residents of the town of Rotenburg shall acknowledge the allocation of the Leibgeding by oath

Morning gift set at princely standards

In the event of the bride's death without a child: the groom is entitled to use the dowry for life; after his death, it reverts to Mecklenburg

If heirs to the estate are born from the marriage, the dowry remains with Hesse

Regulations on inheritance law

In the event of the bride's death without an heir to the estate: the groom is entitled to use the dowry for life; after his death, it reverts to Mecklenburg

If heirs to the estate are born from the marriage, the dowry remains with Hesse

Further contracts between contracting parties

First dowry agreement dated 21 October 1500 (Regesten der Landgrafen von Hessen, No. 3303); Second dowry agreement dated 11 June 1502 (Regesten der Landgrafen von Hessen, No. 3300); Renunciation of inheritance rights by the bride dated 17 November 1502 (Regesten der Landgrafen von Hessen, No. 3303); Settlement regarding the outstanding silver tableware dated 6 March 1503 (Regesten der Landgrafen von Hessen, No. 3302)

Commentary

The information on the content of the contract is based on the information in the 'Regesten der Landgrafen von Hessen' (Regest No. 3298) in LAGIS.

References

- **Archive copy:** HStAM, Urk. 1, 1794 (decayed)
- **Contract language archive copy:** German
- **Digitized archive copy:** <https://arcinsys.hessen.de/arcinsys/digitalMediaViewer.action?archivalDescriptionId=6088196&selectId=158780492>
- **Regest:** <https://www.lagis-hessen.de/de/subjects/idrec/sn/lgr/id/3298>

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