

Marriage contract Nr. 227: Nassau-Weilburg - Nassau-Dillenburg

- **Date of contract conclusion:** 1558-09-03
- **Place of contract conclusion:** Dillenburg

Groom

- **Name:** Albrecht von Nassau-Weilburg
- **GND:** [102115303](#)
- **Year of Birth:** 1537
- **Year of Death:** 1593
- **Dynasty:** Nassau-Weilburg
- **Confession:** lutherisch

Bride

- **Name:** Anna von Nassau-Dillenburg
- **GND:** [130510420X](#)
- **Year of Birth:** 1541
- **Year of Death:** 1616
- **Dynasty:** Nassau-Dillenburg
- **Confession:** lutherisch

Actors for Groom

- **Name:** Philipp III. von Nassau-Weilburg
- **GND:** [137982895](#)
- **Dynasty:** Nassau-Weilburg
- **Relationship:** Vater

Actors for Bride

- **Name:** Johann III. von Nassau-Beilstein
- **GND:** [1072584174](#)
- **Dynasty:** Nassau-Beilstein
- **Relationship:** älterer Angehöriger des Hauses Nassau

Nassau-Weilburg

1558-09-03

Contract content

Preamble: Names of the parties involved and marriage partners

- 1 – Promise of marriage according to Christian church law and consummation of the marriage
- 2 – Dowry of 6,000 guilders; appropriate trousseau guaranteed by the bride's father
- 3 – Widow's provision regulated: 700 guilders annually from the office and castle of Burgschwalbach as dower and life estate; rights of use regulated; prohibition of pledging the widow's dower; maintenance of the buildings regulated; payment of the life estate regulated; freedoms of the subjects regulated; homage of the subjects
- 4 – Morning gift of 1000 guilders; morning gift at the full disposal of the bride; Right of repurchase by the groom's family in the event of inheritance of the morning gift; inheritance of the morning gift regulated
- 5 – Renunciation of inheritance by the bride
- 6 – Groom dies before the bride: use of the dower guaranteed for the bride; 300 guilders per year for the bride if she remains at court with any children; remarriage of the bride regulated
- 7 – Bride dies before groom without children: groom's lifelong right to use the dowry; reversion of the dowry after the groom's death
- 8 – Bride dies before groom with children: inheritance of the dowry
- 9 – Groom dies before bride with children: possible inheritance by the bride and transfer of 4000 guilders regulated if the children die before her and members of the Nassau-Saarbrücken and Nassau-Idstein lines exist or not
- 10 – Widow's residence regulated: maintenance of buildings; inventory; provision of natural produce
- 11 – Regulations concerning debts
- 12 – Relationship of the contract to other letters and agreements concerning the marriage regulated
- 13 – Promise to abide by the above; contract executed in two copies; place, date; signatures; seals

Regulations on inheritance law

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- 7 – Bride dies before groom without children: groom's lifelong right to use the dowry; reversion of the dowry after the groom's death
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References

- **Archive copy:** HHStAW, 3036, KHA Inv. A 2 Nr. 731
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- **Digitized archive copy:** <https://arcinsys.hessen.de/arcinsys/digitalMediaViewer.action?archivalDescriptionId=522102>

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