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New Soufflenheim research - two marriage contracts and one inventory. Contributed by Michael Nuwer.



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JOSEPH SCHEFFTER & MAGDALENA NUBER

08 February 1778 Haguenau 6E16/42 Marriage Contract

Soufflenheim 1778

Be known to Everybody that with help of God and Providence and following His Precepts concerning Manhood to be continued on Earth along with Love, Faithfulness and Good will, came here to have a marriage contract passed between them with consent of nearest friends on both sides, the honorable young man Joseph Schaeffter, son of honorable Johannes Schaeffter, burgher and carter here in Soufflenheim, and of Catharina Arn his wife deceased and Young maiden.

Magdalena Nuber, daughter of deceased Niclaus Nuber, formerly burgher and tailor here in Soufflenheim and of Maria Anna Hasser as bride, assisted by her step-father Joseph Adam, and by Joseph Wagner, both burghers and farmers in the named Soufflenheim, the following points in the contract have been decided:

First, the new married will have in front of the church a holy sacrament of marriage celebrated between them, in the coming days, proving their love by this Christian ceremony celebrated with a priest, and decision to share their life together and live with one another in praise and pious behavior as God has asked for, so he will provide his benediction over them.

Secondly, has been decided and discussed that concerning the earthly conditions, the stepfather of the bride, Joseph Adam, and the mother of the bride promise to the young couple, each for a half to give them a farming place in the situation where it is found today, one side Ignatz Hasser, other side Sebastian Stoll, upper side the step-father down side a common path, also attached to the present place the right of access to a well, same as to the parents of the bride, and to use without being disturbed the same well, the whole for an estimate of 100 I write hundred Gulden, same the parents of the bride give to the new couple a sum of 200 gulden, to be spent for building a house on the named place they provide before, and this new house and dependances will belong to the new young couple, and in time of death of one or the other of them, the surviving one will be authorized to live inside his lifelong, and that no one else will have a right on it nor guardian nor the stepfather or mother, nor to the given money.

Third, the parents of the new couple promise to him one piece field in the bann of Soufflenheim, district named Hungerfeld, one side Adam Hasser, other side and ending, up a different district, down the property of the mother, in all property, also given to the young couple by the parents in the bann of Soufflenheim, district named Stutter Hof, one side Herr Rector, other side Antoni Ernwein upper part an

ending, down the Muhlbach river, this piece will come back into the common inheritance after the death of the mother, is also decided that the mother gives to a daughter the right to enjoy alone, also the mother give a piece field in the bann of Soufflenheim to the young couple, district Am Winterberg, one side Antoni Ernwein, other side Adam Schaeffter, up to road to Bischwiller, down the Forstmatt.

Fourth, has been decided that on time of death of one or other of the bride's parents, the property given here and farming place, money and fields, will not be contested in the inheritance nor considered as property to be divided, the young couple staying the only owner of those.

This has all been accepted, considered as correct in terms of law, and that no one be allowed to act or speak against these terms, or have anyone else act against this in his name also forbidden against fear of any contrary behavior, in better insurance for this has been read aloud to them, all present also the provost, and undersigned by all who could, with express mention and order that this contract will be joined to the royal notary pieces brought to Haguenau and registered into the protocol. Passed in Soufflenheim on the 8th February 1778.

Signed: Joseph Scheffter bridegroom, Magdalena Nuber bride, Johannes Schaeffter xx, Joseph Adam, Maria Anna Hasser x, Joseph Wagner, Antoni Schaeffter, Johannes Moscherosch

The royal notary undersigned has received present contract in his office to be registered in the contracts of mortgages, has attested the lawful form and right of all its terms and undersigned on demand of the client providing a copy in front of the named undersigned notary. Haguenau 10 February 1778.

Signatures: Johannes Schaeffter, Hasser, Ballet royal notary

JOSEPH ADAM & ANNA MARIA HASSER

12 June 1764, Haguenau 6E16/102 Marriage Contract

In name of God Father Son and Holy Trinity Amen.

Be known to everybody that today were present to have a marriage contract established between them the right honorable Joseph Adam son of honorable Hans Niclaus Adam burgher in Soufflenheim assisted by the same one here, to Anna Maria Hasser, widow of deceased Niclaus Nuber former burgher in Soufflenheim on the other side; in conformity with God's will to continue humanity in his Praise and Honor, decided in presence of witnesses to have a marriage contract established with the following points decided on:

First, the new couple will have a Christian celebration in church of their union to promise to stay together and follow God's precepts in their coming life, with faithfulness and pious behavior.

Secondly, in what concerns earthly concerns between them: the bride in assistance of Joseph Enders her beloved witness, the property on her farm house, house, barn, yard, in the village of Soufflenheim, one side Hans Enders, other side Bastian Stoll, behind on Antoni Aveline, down the common street, the half of the farming house, with dependances, for the proposed amount third promises the bride as dotation to her new husband a sum of 60 Gulden to be paid in 6 years; with consent of all present, however with

condition that on time of death of one or the other of the new couple, this dotation will go back into the original inheritance, only the farming place comes back to the surviving of the couple to be the owner and have mastership in management of it.

For better certitude of respect of all previous named points in the contract have the present witnesses and contractors undersigned here the present record. Passed on the 12th February 1764.

Signed: Joseph Adam bridegroom, Maria Anna Hasser x, Niclaus Adam x, Hans Enders, Peter Wernert witness, and the Royal Notary, Fridmann provost

In the Land records of Royal authority in Haguenau compared in person Joseph Adam in Soufflenheim to bring forth his contract with Maria Anna Hasser in marriage and to obtain best form of it asked it would be set into the needed house of contracts and registered in Haguenau in presence of Herr Antoni Stiptul and Xavier Hallez both lawyers here as witnesses undersigned in Haguenau the 18 June 1764 certified.

Signatures: Joseph Adam, Hallez, Stiptul

NICLAUS NUBER (1762)

19 January 1762 Roeschwoog 6E33/63

SOUFFLENHEIM 1762

Inventory description and partake also debts without omission established after death of deceased right honorable Niclaus Nuber a burgher in Soufflenheim, where he died 4 weeks ago, required first by his widow Marianna Hasser, assisted by Hans Enders, burgher here, further required by Martin Nuber, also burgher here, for children born into this second marriage named Maria Eva 11 years old, Magdalena 7 years old, Catharina 4 years old, Frantz Joseph Nuber 2 years old, and a posthumous child to come, as guardian established and elected to this inheritance. Inventory passed in front of the royal notary described in all faithfulness, after the usual oath has been given by the widow, that nothing has been omitted or distracted in any way, undersigned in presence also of Ignatz Fridmann, provost of the place, Lorentz Wagner and Andres Muller, both burghers and members of the justice of the place, as witnesses. 19 January 1762.

Then the widow has been asked if any other document of legal value had been written which should be taken into consideration here. To which she answered that nothing else was made, which made the necessity of this inventory. So this started with:

House

One house here in Soufflenheim with barn built close to it, small yard, and garden, one side the house itself, other side the common property, in front the common property again, behind Hans Enders, for part Hans Stoll also Antoni Aveline.

The house described here has been bought and built by the widow during the union, so will be included into the inheritance to be divided, with agreement of the guardian and estimated by the legal estimators to: 375 Gulden

To this is added the estimate of the widow's share : 155 R 5 s 6 d

For a total of : 530 R 5 s 6 d

Has been withdrawn what passive debt was left to the widow for the estimate so : 16 R 4 s 9 d

Leaving a total to divide of : 514 R 9 d

Which makes to the widow for her 1/3 share on her mother's property : 171 R 9 d

And to the 5 heirs on their father's 2/3d share is : 342 R 3 s 3 d

The widow declares that she must receive half of this house from her brothers and sisters as her part of the house, this has been also accepted by the guardian, so 342 R 7 schilling 2 Pfening reduced with 30 R.

Left : 312 R 7 s 2 d

So each heir receives his 5th share makes : 62 R 5 s 5 1/5 d

The way and time of payment of this will be discussed in due time.

PROPERTY IN FIELDS FROM THE FATHER

The widow declares that this is equivalent to nothing.

PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE UNION

Fields in the Bann of Soufflenheim

DISTRICT SANDHEL AM STIEDERHOFF

- First one half viertel field there one side Andres Vögele, other side for part Thomas Schäffter and part the church, up the property of Hans Hasser's widow, down the Eberbach river as on page 291a of land record book. Goes to the widow.

DISTRICT UNTERE RÖTHEL

- One half acker on three acker and two vierthel acht ruthen. Goes to Catharina upper part middle. To Frantz Joseph and Maria Eva down part.
- Three shoes field there one side Adam Schaeffter, other side Anthoni Ernwein, upper part is the road to Bischwiller, down on a small ditch as on page 308a. Goes to Catharina from widow 4 R, to Joseph from Magdalena 4 R, Eva from posthumous child 4 R, pays right on property in land.

DISTRICT NIEDERFELDT ON THE ANDRE'S PROPERTY : NAMED NEAR THE RIVER

- Ein viertzel or makes half vierzel 3 ruthen one side Margaretha Daul's heirs, other side Lorentz Messer's heirs up on the same district, or 5th property, down the 8th same district as on page 128a of land record. Goes to widow who compensates Catharina with 4 R.

FIELDS DISTRICT HUNGERFELDT : CLOSE TO THE ROAD

- Same one drittel makes one viezel 5 ruthen 10 shoes one side Ignatz Fridmann provost, other side district on the 5th district, up is the Rietherberg, down another district as on page 162 of land record. Goes to Magdalena down side, to the posthumous child upper part, Magdalena compensates Joseph with 4 R, posthumous child to Eva with 4 R.

MOBILITY FROM FATHER IN COMMUNITY

FATHER'S CLOTHES

A woolen dress in blue : 1 R 2 s

Same woolen camisole in brown color: 3 s

Same trousers : 5

Same upper wear : 3 s

Same camisole with lace : 6 s

Same a new hat : 1 R

Same a cap : 3 s

Same 5 sheet good state : 3 R

Same 3 very old same : 1 R 5 s

Same one pair of shoes : 1 R

Total : 9 R 7 s

This has been left to the widow for the estimate. The rights of the posthumous child will be reserved.

CONTINUED MOBILIARY TO BE DIVIDED

JOINERY AND WOOD

One kitchen chest : 2 R 5 s

One kitchen stand : 5 s

One measure of weight : 1

Two measures wood and a half makes : 10 R 5 s

One pinewood chest : 5 s

One other wood : 1 s

Same 2 spinning wheels : 1 R 2 s

Same one small barrel : 1 s

BARRELS AND BASKETS

One old vinegar barrel : 5 s

Same 2 jugs and one cereals barrel : 3 s

Same one barrel for sauerkraut : 5 s

FARMING MATERIAL

One carriage and plough with material to this : 15 R

MOBILITY CONTINUED

HORSE

One old brown horse : 14 R

CATTLE

One pregnant brown cow : 24 R

Same one calf of 1 year : 12 R

PIGS

The widow declares to have sold them and used the amount for the burial and other small debts currently due.

SHEEP

None

POULTRY

3 hen : 6 s

5 geese : 8 s

Total : 51 R 4 s

OTHER MATERIAL ACQUIRED DURING THE UNION

BED AND PLUME

Out of the wedding bed, the widow declares that just the children's beds are present, those having been bought by herself.

TOIL BEDCLOTHES

None

TEXTILE HEMP

40 pounds hemp, raw : 8 R

10 pound worked hemp : 5 s

14 pounds other raw material : 2 R 1 s

CROP SACKS

3 sacks to contain crop : 7 s 6 d

Total : 11 R 3 s 6 d

CONTINUED MATERIAL

FOR WEAVING AND HANDCRAFT

One large knife : 6 s

One ironing material : 8 s

More of the same type of material : 1 s

KITCHEN TOOLS

One iron pot : 1 R

One same smaller one : 5 s

More of this type iron kitchen tools : 2 s

Also more material same : 2 s 6 d

HAND TOOLS CONTINUED

Three rakes : 8 s

One axe : 3 s

One saw : 6 s

Same scissors : 3 s

Same one fork : 4 s

Other tools : 3 s

More hand material for farming : 5 s

Same one iron tool for forging : 3 s

Two same : 4 s

Same to beat : 2 s

Same one grinder : 4 s

Same one material to sharpen metal : 1 s 6 d

Total : 8 G 1 s

CROP IN THE BARN AND TO COME IN THE FIELD (BLOOMING)

Four measures corn and two measures hemp : 3 R

Five measures white flour : 3 R

One measure rye : 5 s

Same crops in the field estimated to : 25 R

STRAW AND HAY

What is found is estimated in the whole to : 18 R

Same from corn : 1 R

Total is : 53 R 5 s

MOBILITY CONTINUED

MANURE

Estimated to : 3

OTHER MOBILITY CONTINUED

FOOD

None

VINEGAR

A barrel of 12 content estimated : 2 R

OTHER DEBTS IN THE INHERITANCE

None

UNDIVIDED DEBTS IN THE INHERITANCE

None

ACTIVE DEBTS DUE INTO THE INHERITANCE AND UNDIVIDED

None

PASSIVE DEBTS INTO THE INHERITANCE ARE

First to Lorentz Wagner in his function of guardian to be paid : 10 R

Same to Baruch Jew in Schirrhofen for loan of money in liquidity : 5 R

Same to the land scribe for a letter of sale : 1 R 4 s 9 d

Total : 16 R 4 s 9 d

So this total has been included into the amount to pay to each heir and to be divided among them in end.

Has been stipulated that the named amounts due to each heir and child must be paid on his 14th year of age from now on, and then from year to year one more portion, until fulfilled ; also stipulated that until this 14th year, the widow will use the inheritance to care for the needs of each minor child, and supply to them the education in church and school, but also provide all material needs such as clothes, shoes, and food.

This description has been declared good and accepted as such, by witnesses and estimators, in front of the royal notary, after having been read aloud to all on day and month as mentioned.

Signatures: Marianna Hasser x, Johannes Enders, Martin Nuber x guardian, Lorentz Wagner lawyer L W, Andtres Müller member of the justice counsel, Fridmann provost, Arnold.

Undersigned by the royal prosecutor in Haguenau 16 April 1762.