

# THE EMIGRATION REQUEST OF FREDERICK AND MONICA GRAF FROM GAGGENAU

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT WAS OBTAINED FROM:

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LIT: B. GRAND-DUCAL OF BADENESE  
UPPER COURT RASTATT  
JAHR 1851, ABT. 371, ZUG. 1909, NR. 36

ADMINISTRATION - MATERIAL  
PLACE: GAGGENAU  
HEADING: MOVING

## Occurrence in Gaggenau on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, 1850 before the below signed municipality of the Orphan Court:

Before us stands the local citizen Friedrich Graf, a farmer and declares: I have decided to emigrate with my family to North America. My sister is living there presently. She has asked me in a letter, that my wife and I and the children should emigrate. She has a place prepared for us, and is able to take care of our needs. Considering my meager income, and having to support my wife and eight children, it is no longer possible to support one self in a honest way. I have the assurance of my sister that a happy beginning awaits us, and I am convinced of that.

I have three minor children from a previous marriage, and they are entitled to about 5% of the 57 inheritance from their mother who died. I would like to ask that you please give me this wealth so that I can use it for travel expenses.

I have two pressing requests to make: 1.) That my emigration would proceed faster. My sister mentioned to me in her letter that I should hurry and be on my way before winter sets in. 2.) Because I have so many small children, it would be to difficult to travel in the wintertime. Since my finances are meager, I ask dutilly for my emigration papers to be processed quickly.

I am willing, and able to take care of all necessary debts that I have occurred.

T. Friedrich Graf

Conclusion: The above emigration request of the applicant is forwarded to the Grand-Ducal honorable Upper Court with our opinion that we have no objection against the emigration. The reasons given by the applicant are true and documented and he is a brave and honest family man.

Relatives have been questioned and agree, that the inheritance of the three minor children should be given to them for the purpose to finance the trip, it would suffice.

Orphan Court: Henkele  
Witnesses: Florian Sulterer, Munfred Mertel

We are requesting special considerations because of the reasons 1.) and 2.) on the emigration application, and to give permission for the witnesses to be sworn in at the parish councilor.

Parish Council:  
Mayor Hemger

Witnesses: Friedrich Vogt,  
John Smith  
August Henkele

## 08-10-1851

Friedrich Graf and his wife Monica, maiden name Stosser, from Gaggenau have asked permission to emigrate to North America, and because of the many days spent at sea, permission is granted to leave m.d.m. (middle of the month) for Friedrich and his wife.

Friedrich Graf and his wife Monica, maiden name Stosser, from Gaggenau have requested permission to emigrate to North America. The travel will be by sea about 09/15, the middle of the month. They are waiting to be certain that all money matters

are taken care of.

**Sept 30,1851 Occurrence Completed Legal Application**

Appearing before the court on this day is Friedrich Graf from Gaggenau, age 42, pleading for permission to emigrate to North America with his wife Monica (maiden name Stösser) age 32, and his eight minor children (perhaps seven?). Three children are from his previous marriage to Clara Idam. She died. He is asking for the release of the inheritance money from the children's mother. It is to be used for travel money for the children.

He was made aware of the consequences of emigration, but he remained firm in his endeavor.

Signed: Friedrich Graf  
20.X.51 (20. October. 1851)

Signature: Grand-Ducal, Upper Court

39 bed Children born in marriage - Name of minor children:

1.) Lorenz:	born August 14, 1836	75 fr.	17-	474/5	57-	121/5
2.) Helena:	died	70 fr.	12-	474/5	57-	121/5
3.) Rosa :	born August 19, 1838	60 fr.	2-	474/5	57-	12 1/5
4.) Severin:	born January 03, 1841	70 fr.	8-	35 3/5	57-	12 1/5
:	Sister Josefa-Title of a nun		24-	121/5		

Total inheritance to go toward the children. It is also granted to auction off the property.

Mentioned are three children of a previous marriage. One child has died, and there is no official record concerning this. It needs to be corrected. We have given the attorney permission to take care of this matter.

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**October 15,1851 Occurrence: Rastatt  
Concerning: Friedrich Graf and wife from Gaggenau**

Appearing today, Friedrich Graf with his wife Monica, maiden name Stosser, from Gaggenau.

The consequences of emigration were explained to them but both remained firm in their decision. Request was made to cash in the inheritance money from the children.

Signed: Friedrich Graf,  
Monica Graf

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The money has been paid, and this closed the case.

**October 15,1851 Occurrence: Rastatt**

Appearing today Friedrich Graf and his wife Monica, maiden name Stosser, from Gaggenau. No one came forward to claim any debts from the above mentioned.

The couple was made aware of the consequences of emigration, and their decision remains steadfast. Request was made to receive the inheritance of the children.

Signed: Friedrich Graf,  
Monica Graf

Summary

Seeking permission to emigrate to North America. Cashing in the inheritance of three minor children from a previous marriage to be used for travel money. Selling farm property to satisfy any outstanding debts, and to cover sea voyage.