

Contractual agreement between Gertrude Kohues and her children.

In Ostbevern on the 8th October 1860

The following people attended the court session today

- 1) *Gertrude geb. Piegelbrock, the widow of the cottager [Koetter] Heinrich Kohues, from this parish*
- 2) *Her son Bernard Kohues,*
- 3) *Her daughter Elisabeth Kohues, married name Riesenbeck, all from this parish. They were recognized, and all were fit to testify. They asked for a contract to be accepted, which is recorded next in this document. Because she can not write, the widow Kohues was assisted by the actuary Herr Hanning.*

1)
The widow Kohues passes on to her son Bernard Kohues her cottage in this parish, Sub No, Cat 62 [in the ground book] and the pieces of land listed in the following extract from the ground book, which they already own. Also she gives him all the cottage's livestock, farm implements, household furniture, beds, linen and other household goods, which need not be listed in detail.

2)
Bernard Kohues accepts this transfer of property, and takes over his mother's debts, which are about 200 Thaler, and which are known to him.

3)
Further, He promises to provide his mother with all her needs in this cottage, without payment, whether she is healthy or sick, for all the days of her life. Also to give her weekly pocket-money of two silver Groschen and six pennies, and to give her yearly thirty pounds of soft hemp. It is agreed that whatever remains when his mother dies will be cancelled. If the mother moves away from her son, then instead of caring for her in kind and giving her pocket money, she will be given twenty Thaler each year, and the bed which she now uses.

4)
Bernard Kohues pledges to pay off each of his four siblings,
a. Johann,
b. Hermann,
c. Maria Anna,
d. Henrich
with 30 Taler out of the parental heirloom. The siblings may get the money after coming of age or if they start a business of their own. Maria Anna and Henrich are additionally entitled to a

new shirt and free mending each year, as long as they have not yet got their part of the heirloom, also free access and right of moving about the parental house, also free food when they are ill.

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As a reassurance for the rights given to the mother, Bernard Kohues puts a mortgage on the property he had got. However, the mother had not called for the 'installation' of a mortgage even though she had been told that without the 'installation' of a mortgage she could only get her rights concerning the "Mitcomparenten" [could not translate this word??] and their heirs, but not a possible buyer of the property.

6.

Elisabeth Kohues joined the contract and waived all her claims to parts of the parental heirloom in favor of her brother Bernard, declaring herself fully paid off. Now it was proposed that a copy of the contract should be made for Bernard Kohues, who covered the costs. He wanted as yet to leave open for himself the possibility of transferring the title. Read out aloud, declared to be fine, signed/ marked XXX by the widow Kohues

attested by Hannig.

Bernard Kohues
Elisabeth Kohues
from Brockhausen,
district council,

are given a sealed and lawful copy of the land registry entry of 8 October 1860. Documented with seal and signature, Warendorf, 10 Oct 1860, at the royal district court, department II

Jungeblodt

Copy for the house-owner Bernard Kohues
parish Ostbevern
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