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Konfessionelle, ökonomische und familiäre Handlungsspielräume der frühneuzeitlichen Adligen Casparina von Hardegg (1532–1566)

Abstract: *according to the custom of the old christian or catholic church*. Confessional, Economic and Familial Areas of Activity of the Early Modern Noblewoman Casparina von Hardegg (1532–1566)

This article examines the range of options open to noblewomen such as Casparina von Hardegg (1532–1566), née von Meneses, on the basis of a will and inventory drafted two years before her death. Specific to Casparina was her Catholic faith in the midst of the influential Protestant Hardegg family and the largely Protestant aristocratic landscape of Lower Austria. The article highlights as an example her confessional, commercial and familial sphere of activity. It becomes clear that Casparina was involved in religious affairs, ran a variety of economic enterprises, and was committed to ensuring dynastic continuity in numerous ways.

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