

The files produced in the context of matrimonial proceedings are preserved neither from the Viennese nor from the Passau consistories. However, the negotiated matrimonial affairs could still be reconstructed using the protocol books of both ecclesiastical courts, which are now located in the diocese archive in Vienna.

The practice of the ecclesiastical courts before 1783 therefore was investigated using the surviving “consistorial minutes”, often bound in thick folios, of the **Passau and Viennese Consistories**.

