

13, 1749, Velten Kayser, inhabitant of Rumpenheim, Duchy of Hessen-Hanau requested permission to emigrate to America the next spring. He was willing to pay the ten percent assessment of his assets for this privilege. At the interview with state officials in Hanau he was asked the following questions.

How old are you?

54

What is your religion?

Evangelical Reformed

How many children have you?

Three

Where were you born?

In Rumpenheim

What is your occupation?

I am a Landarbeiter (farmer)

Why do you want to emigrate to America?

The clerk writes that Velten claims he is heavily in debt and cannot afford to pay his taxes. Besides, the sister of his wife lives already in Pennsylvania.

How much will you take with you when you leave?

After paying off my debts I will clear 800 Gulden

Are you free to move?

Yes, like all subjects of the Burgerthaler Amt.

Have you already sold your assets?

Yes