

MEMDB – Medieval and Early Modern Data Bank

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Description

The Medieval and Early Modern Data Bank is a resource project established at Rutgers University and co-sponsored by The Resource Libraries Group, Inc. Its aim is to provide scholars with a continually expanding reference library of information concerning the medieval and early modern periods, circa A.D. 800-1800. Because MEMDB is a computer-based, electronic reference tool, it offers remarkable facilities for immediate information retrieval and manipulation.

In 1993 MEMDB will become available in CD-ROM, available at a modest charge and with regular updates through Rutgers or RLG. Its master data set will be vastly expanded. MEMDB's scope will extend to virtually any scholarly compilation of data that can be presented in a tabular form. New material to be incorporated will include information on such subjects as wages and prices, household size, mortality, property-holdings, charity, and nutrition, drawn from such sources as:

- taxation records
- wills and inventories
- parish records and vital statistics
- company records
- import/export records
- household/estate accounts
- paleopathology studies

In addition, MEMDB will provide important scholarly reference aids, such as:

- glossaries of weights and measures
- gazetteers of Latin and vernacular place names
- calendars of dates.

Miscellaneous

Development of on-line system in planning stage.

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