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 1989-90 MEMDB will become an on-line system, available to subscribers through RLG's Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN). When MEMDB becomes RLIN-based 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.

Network access

MEMDB will be accessible through RLIN, which is accessible via the Internet. (See the RLIN entry in Chapter 2).

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Who Can Use MEMDB

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