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P R E F A C E

The agricultural history of the United States is more closely related to that of Great Britain than to that of any other country. Our colonial forefathers brought with them the rural customs and practices of the Mother Country, and we as a Nation continued through the nineteenth century to look mainly to England for leadership and example in agricultural improvement. These facts, in addition to an interest in the subject itself, have consciously or unconsciously prompted the requests for information which have resulted in the preparation of this list of references on the history of English agriculture.

The references in this list have been selected from an extensive unpublished bibliography in the compiler's files. Availability and utility have been factors in the choice of titles to be included. As indicated in the table of contents the list is divided into two parts: (1) a short group of bibliographies; (2) histories devoted exclusively or in part to English agricultural history. The citations are extensively annotated with excerpts from the prefaces indicating the point of view and purpose of the authors and quotations from reviews indicating their value.

The beginner in the study of the history of English agriculture may find the following comment of Sir E. John Russell, director of the Rothamsted Experimental Station, of interest. "As the guide both to the history of farming and to its literature I put first on the list Lord Ernle's British [ie., English] Farming Past and Present: by far the most complete history of the British countryside yet published. Among the shorter histories Mrs. M. E. Seebohm's Evolution of the English Farm (1927) is one of the most readable; being well annotated it is also a good guide for further study. Curtler's Short History of English Agriculture (1909) is another good book for the student."

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BIBLIOGRAPHIES

DAVIES, GODFREY, editor. Bibliography of British history, Stuart period, 1603-1714; issued under the direction of the Royal Historical Society and the American Historical Association. 459 p. Oxford, Clarendon Press. 1928. (1)

Contents to be noted:

General agriculture (preface; bibliographies and sources; later works), p. 195-201.

Horses, cattle, and sheep (sources), p. 201-203.

Enclosures (sources; later works), p. 203-204.

Draining (sources; later works), p. 204-205.

Comments:

The third volume of a series of bibliographies of British history of which Charles Gross, Sources and Literature of English History to 1485, forms the first, and Conyers Read, Bibliography of British History, Tudor Period, 1485-1603, the second.

Reviews:

Wallace Notestein, in American Historical Review 35:101-102 (October 1929). Frances H. Relf, in Journal of Modern History 1:296-298 (June 1929).

GREAT BRITAIN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES. Library. Chronological list of early agricultural works in the library of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, by G. E. Fussell. 43 p. London, H. M. Stationery Office. 1930. (2)

Comments:

"With the idea of making public the facilities for research which are available in the Ministry's Library, the appended Catalogue has been prepared....completed in November, 1929...it would be well for interested persons, when using it, to consult the list of additions published from time to time in the Ministry's Journal"-
Foreword.

GROSS, CHARLES. The sources and literature of English history from the earliest times to about 1485. Ed. 2, rev., enl. xxiii, 820 p. London, New York [etc.] Longmans, Green & Co. 1915. (3)

Contents to be noted:

The sections on forests, tenures of land, feudal tenures, the vill and the manor, etc.

Comments:

Long recognized as the indispensable bibliography for the Middle Ages.

HALL, HUBERT, editor. A select bibliography for the study, sources, and literature of English mediaeval economic history, compiled by a seminar of the London School of Economics... 350 p. London, P. S. King & Son. 1914. (4)

Contents to be noted:

Consult the index under agrarian economy, agrarian history, agricultural classes, agricultural services, agriculture, and manor.

Comments:

This bibliography covers not only England and the other countries in the United Kingdom, but also a selection of titles on the sources and literature of the economic history of the Continental countries. Part 1 contains general bibliographies, inventories of records, and general references on history and auxiliary subjects. Part 2 is devoted to the sources, including Continental. Part 3 contains modern works.

"The value of the book appears to lie in the convenience that it offers to the English students of medieval economic history in general, rather than in its contribution of new material for the study of English economic history in particular."- Clive Day.

Reviews:

W. J. Ashley, in *Economic Journal* 24:575-577 (December 1914). E. P. Cheyney, in *American Historical Review* 20:134-136 (October 1914). Clive Day, in *American Economic Review* 4:620-623 (September 1914). James Westfall Thompson, in *Journal of Political Economy* 22:709-710 (July 1914).

MCDONALD, DONALD. Agricultural writers from Sir Walter of Henley to Arthur Young, 1200-1800. Reproductions in facsimile and extracts from their actual writings, enlarged and revised from articles which have appeared in "The Field" from 1903 to 1907. To which is added an exhaustive bibliography. 228 p. London, Horace Cox. 1908. (5)

Contents to be noted:

The literature and bibliography of British agriculture (280 names), p. 197-224.

MOORE, MARGARET F. Two select bibliographies of mediaeval historical study. 185 p. London, Constable & Co. 1912. (6)

Contents to be noted:

A classified list of works relating to English manorial and agrarian history from the earliest times to the year 1660, p. 71-185. Its sections are as follows:

Catalogues of manuscript collections (official archives; unofficial manuscripts), p. 75-78.

Bibliographies of printed works, p. 78-80.

Published sources (collections; single works; periodicals), p. 80-141.

Modern works (selected from collections; single works; periodicals), p. 141-159.

A select list of published collections, transactions, etc., of learned societies and periodical publications containing texts, abstracts, calendars or articles relating to manorial or agrarian history, p. 160-167.

PERKINS, WALTER FRANK, compiler. British and Irish writers on agriculture. 193 p. Lymington, Chas. T. King. 1932. (7)

Comments:

A bibliography of some 1,300 British and Irish writers on the agriculture of the United Kingdom, from the earliest printed books through the year 1900. Included are books on agricultural chemistry, botany, grasses, weeds, drainage, improvements, weights, measures, and entomology.

Reviews:

Journal of the Ministry of Agriculture [Gt. Brit.] 36:1021-1022 (January 1930).

READ, CONYERS, editor. Bibliography of British history, Tudor period, 1485-1603; issued under the direction of the American Historical Association and the Royal Historical Society of Great Britain. xxiii, 467 p. Oxford, Clarendon Press. 1933. (8)

Contents to be noted:

Economic history (general,- bibliography, sources, later works), p. 165-168.

Rural conditions: Landholding, villeinage, enclosure, etc.

(bibliography; sources; later works), p. 168-173.

Government regulation of economic life (general,- sources, later works; prices; wage assessments,- sources, later works; patents and monopolies; poor relief,- sources, later works), p. 185-190.

Money and banking, usury, p. 190-192.

Commerce, p. 193-204.

Comments:

"This bibliography is designed to present a systematic survey of the material in print relative to the history of Tudor England. It includes books and pamphlets, essays and monographs, as well as significant contributions to the subject in journals and in the transactions of learned societies. In all chapters, except those dealing with cultural and local history it aims to include with something approaching completeness all important collections of printed sources. It does not attempt to consider in detail the great mass of source material in manuscript preserved in the Public Record Office, the British Museum, and elsewhere in England, though the student will find in it all the important calendars, catalogues, and guides to these vast treasuries. It has been prepared primarily for students of history and in the selection and arrangement of titles, the aim has been to meet the requirements of the historical student."- Preface.

Reviews:

Godfrey Davies, in American Historical Review 39:504-506 (April 1934). Roland G. Usher, in Journal of Modern History 6:180-181 (June 1934). Times [London] Literary Supplement Nov. 9, 1933.

ROTHAMSTED EXPERIMENTAL STATION, Harpenden, England. Library. Catalogue of the printed books on agriculture published between 1471 and 1840, with notes on the authors by Mary S. Aslin. 331 p. [Aberdeen, Univ. Press. 1926?]. (9)

Contents to be noted:

Alphabetical list of English authors and translations, p. 7-145.

Chronological list of English authors and translations, p. 147-246.

Comments:

"This catalogue...covers the empirical period in agriculture. The volumes listed here contain the lore and the wisdom of the old farmers.... More important still, in these books can be traced the origin and development of ideas and practices which have been handed down from bygone days to our own times.

"The division at 1840 is logically and historically sound. Both 1471 and 1840 were turning-points in the long history of agriculture. It was in 1471 that the first printed book on agriculture- Crescentius' well-known treatise- was sent out from Augsburg.

"The year 1840 marks a definite stage in agricultural history. Up till then agriculture and agricultural books were almost exclusively empirical."- Foreword.

An interesting account of this library is given by Sir Edward John Russell, in his article entitled "The Agricultural Library at Rothamsted; Some of Its Literary Treasures," in Country Life (London) 41:91-94, illus. (Jan. 27, 1917).

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND, London. Library. Catalogue of the library of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. 386 p. London, Royal Agricultural Society of England. 1918. (10)

Contents to be noted:

Account of the library, p. i-ii.

Plan of the catalogue, p. ii-iv.

Comments:

When this publication was prepared the Library of the Royal Agricultural Society of England contained about thirteen thousand books and two thousand pamphlets.

RUSSELL, SIR EDWARD JOHN. Books and the farmer. 16 p. London, Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux. 1933. (11)

Comments:

An address delivered at the tenth annual conference of the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux at Wills Hall, Bristol.

Although not a bibliography in the strict sense of the word, it affords enlightening comments on the main sources and works relating to the history of English agriculture. Also in Rothamsted Experimental Station, Rothamsted Memoirs on Agricultural Science, vol. 18.

WILLIAMS, JUDITH BLOW. A guide to the printed materials for English social and economic history, 1750-1850. (Records of civilization: sources and studies, edited by J. T. Shotwell). 2 vol. New York, Columbia Univ. Press. 1926.

(12)

Contents to be noted:

Agriculture (introduction, bibliographies, publications of societies, periodical publications, encyclopaedias, other works), 2:35-73.

Comments:

"In view of the fact that the Industrial Revolution in England is admittedly one of those real turning points in human affairs in which new and vast forces emerge which change the fundamentals of social as well as political relationships, it is a strange fact that the student of history has no instrument for research at his disposal similar to those guides and manuals which make accessible the sources of medieval or ancient history. The present volume is intended to supply this need and the author has faced the full responsibility which the opportunity affords."- Editor's Preface.

"...to achieve a body of material with unity and coherence yet representative of the period, it was decided to use two principal themes as the basis of selection and organization of sources. The first was economic theory, conditions and problems, and suggestions for improvements along these lines. This involved the study of population, prices, business cycles and crises, commerce, money and banking, public finance, transportation, industry and the technical developments affecting it. The other theme chosen involved the question of social relationships: the conditions of life, especially among the working classes, wages, the poor, charity, coöperation, trade-unions, education, and the like, and theories of social reform."- Author's Foreword.

Reviews:

Witt Bowden, in American Historical Review 32:359 (January 1927). William MacDonald, in New York Herald Tribune Books Jan. 23, 1927, p. 18. Emery Neff, in Nation 123:486-487 (Nov. 10, 1926). A. P. Usher, in American Economic Review 17:79 (March 1927). New Statesman 28:516 (Feb. 5, 1927). Times [London] Literary Supplement Dec. 30, 1926, p. 962.

HISTORIES

ASHLEY, WILLIAM JAMES. An introduction to English economic history and theory. 11th impression. 2 vol. London, New York [etc.] Longmans, Green & Co. 1923. (13)

Contents to be noted:

The manor and village community (the manorial system; its origin; increase in the number of free tenants; commutation; economic characteristics of the community; appearance of a "money-economy").
The agrarian revolution (agricultural development; Peasants' Revolt; enclosures; removal of customary tenants; fines and leases; area of the enclosures).

Authorities at the beginning and notes at the end of each chapter.

Comments:

Ed. 1, April 1888; reprinted, May 1889; Ed. 2, November 1892; Ed. 3, June 1894; reprinted, 1901, 1906; Ed. 4, July 1909; reprinted, 1911, 1913, 1919, 1923.

"The first volume is a full and careful analysis of mediaeval economic conditions, with detailed notes and references to the primary sources. The second volume is a work of original investigation, referring particularly to conditions in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, but it does not give such a clear analysis of the conditions of this period as the first volume."- E. F. Cheyney.

"A discriminating study of select topics that has long occupied an important place."- A. P. Usher.

See also W. J. Ashley, *The Bread of Our Forefathers; An Inquiry in Economic History* (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1928. 206 p., illus.).

Reviews:

Edward G. Bourne, in *Political Science Quarterly* 4:173-176 (March 1889).

The economic organisation of England, an outline history; lectures delivered at Hamburg. 213 p. London, New York [etc.] Longmans, Green & Co. 1914. (14)

Contents to be noted:

The English agrarian system, the manor as starting point, p. 1-24.
The beginnings of modern farming, the break-up of the manor, p. 44-67.
Agricultural estates and English self-government, p. 119-139.
Suggestions for further reading, p. 193-206.

Comments:

"Mr. Ashley touches a multitude of subjects, and he touches almost all of them with the hand of a master. We know of no other book of similar compass- which we should with equal confidence recommend to anyone who desires a survey of English economic development- a survey which should be rapid without being superficial, and close packed without being congested. In fine, it is work worthy of its author."- *Saturday Review* 118:115 (July 25, 1914).

Reviews:

J.H.C., in *English Historical Review* 30:188-189 (January 1915).
Lilian Knowles, in *Economic Journal* 24:566-569 (December 1914).
Conyers Read, in *Journal of Political Economy* 23:289-292 (March 1915).
T. W. Van Metre, in *American Academy of Political and Social Science Annals* 57:336 (January 1915).
Nation 99:326 (Sept. 10, 1914).
Independent 81:212 (Feb. 8, 1915).

BLAND, A. E., P. A. BROWN, and R. H. TAWNEY, compilers and editors.
English economic history: select documents. 730 p. London, G. Bell
& Sons. 1914. (15)

Contents to be noted:

- The early English manor and borough, p. 5-17.
- The feudal structure, p. 19-41.
- The manor, p. 53-110.
- The recognition of trade, industry, and commerce, p. 151-202.
- Taxation, customs and currency, p. 203-223.
- Rural conditions [1485-1660], p. 227-277.
- The relief of the poor and the regulation of prices, p. 363-396.
- The encouragement of industry and commerce, p. 397-476.
- Industrial organisation and social conditions [1660-1846], p. 479-521.
- Agriculture and enclosure, p. 523-542.
- Government regulation of wages, conditions of employment, and public health, p. 543-616.
- The relief of the poor, p. 645-665.
- Finance and foreign trade, p. 667-711.
- List of authorities at the end of the introductions to the sections.

Comments:

"The object of this book is to supply teachers and students of English Economic History with a selection of documents which may serve as illustrations of their subject. Our object was not to produce a work of original research, but to help students of economic history to see it more intelligently by seeing it through the eyes of contemporaries."- Introduction.

Reviews:

- J. H. Clapham, in Economic Journal 25:209-212 (June 1916). Conyers Read, in Journal of Political Economy 23:942-944 (November 1915).

CHEYNEY, EDWARD P. An introduction to the industrial and social history of England. Rev. ed. 386 p., illus. New York, Macmillan Co. 1920. (16)

Contents to be noted:

- Rural life and organization (the mediaeval village, the vill as an agricultural system, classes of people on the manor, the manor courts, the manor as an estate of a lord, bibliography), p. 29-49.
- The Black Death and the Peasants' Rebellion (national affairs from 1338 to 1461, the Black Death and its effects, the Statutes of Laborers, the Peasants' Rebellion of 1381, commutation of services, the abandonment of demesne farming, the decay of serfdom, change in town life and foreign trade, bibliography), p. 83-115.
- Enclosures of the later fifteenth and the sixteenth centuries, p. 120-126.
- The extension of agriculture in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries, p. 158-160.
- The revival of enclosures, p. 185-188.
- Abolition of the corn laws and the completion of free trade, p. 220-224.
- Agricultural development, 1848-1878, p. 257-259.
- Preservation of remaining open lands, p. 259-263.
- The decline of agriculture, 1878-1906, p. 301-303.
- Small holdings and allotments, p. 303-306.

CLAPHAM, JOHN HAROLD. An economic history of modern Britain. vol. 1-2.
Cambridge [England] Univ. Press. 1926-32. (17)
Contents to be noted in vol. 1 (1820-1850):

A land without forest, state of the woodlands, plantation, p. 9-14.
Enclosure of common and waste in England, of open-field and arable
in England, Scotland and Wales, p. 15-26.

Houses: the cottages of rural Britain, the farmhouses, the houses
of the gentry and nobility, p. 27-41.

Population (its rapid growth only recently realised; causes and
nature of the growth; part played by Ireland, the Irish
immigrant; Highland migration to the Lowlands and Scottish
migration to England; rural and urban population), p. 53-74.

Communications, p. 75-97.

Agrarian organisation (how the land of England was owned; the
problem of the "yeoman" and of his decline; landownership and
landholding in Wales; landownership and landholding in Scotland;
the sizes of holdings in the various parts of Britain; propor-
tions of holders and labourers; recent hardships of the labouring
class, the effects of enclosure and high prices; the question of
cottage gardens; the question of living-in; wages and the poor
law; statistics of rural wages and earnings, 1785-1825; poor-rates
and property; the state of agriculture: rotations: weather: the
price-fall from 1820; the labourers' risings of 1830: machinery),
p. 98-142.

The last days of Sturbridge fair, p. 222-223.

The supply and distribution of foodstuffs, p. 225-229.

Trade in grain and flour, p. 229-233.

Import trades: timber, corn, industrial raw materials, "colonial
wares" and wine, p. 237-248.

Agriculture (slow changes in its framework: the size of farms; the
number of labourers and the number living in; enclosure; prices
and agricultural progress; manuring and drainage; agricultural
machinery; backward conditions and the railway; social conditions
on the land: the new poor law; high and low wage areas; close
and open parishes; agricultural gangs; rural housing; allotments
and potato patches; the stir of the railways), p. 450-475.

Contents to be noted in vol. 2 (1850-1886):

Britain and the nations (protection "quite gone"; free trade in
food and its effects; free trade in timber, wool, and minerals;
the question of self-sufficiency), p. 1-21.

The food industries: corn-milling: refrigeration: canning, p. 88-92.

Household industry, customer work and handicraft, p. 123-127.

Britain's dependence on overseas trade (cotton and the cotton
famine, wool and other raw materials), p. 217-225.

Agriculture (the rural population, the number of landowners, the
custom and law of tenancy; title; enclosure; yeomen and small
landowners, consolidation and size of holdings; agricultural
improvement, hedges, steam ploughs, machinery, drainage, manures;
crops and crop rotations, livestock; landlords' capital and
rents; the great fall in agricultural prices, agricultural de-
pression; agricultural labour), p. 252-296.

CLAPHAM, JOHN HAROLD. Continued.

The face of the country, 1886-7, p. 489-529, especially rural Britain, p. 499-512.

Comments:

"The scope...as its name implies, is British. I have tried to do justice to Scotland and Wales, but have made no attempt to treat Ireland other than incidentally.... The story starts when the short-period effects of the wars were easing, with a full analysis of economic Britain as it was in 1820-30, including some retrospect."- Preface.

"He combines in himself the economist and the historian with a perfection of balance not before realized among our writers, while at the same time he can move comfortably among the technical problems of a dozen great industries. This gives to his works a realism that we seek in vain elsewhere, and his three volumes on nineteenth-century Britain will be as solid ground to the feet of his successors."- Nation and Athenaeum 40:513 (Jan. 8, 1927).

"He has employed and digested in the making of this volume a vast mass of material- using with special effect the numerous parliamentary inquiries of the earlier nineteenth century and the books and monographs dealing with particular industries....He has not written a definitive history; but he has given to scholars a vast body of information on which they can work, and made far easier for the future that drawing of general conclusions which writers so far have had to base on a quite inadequate groundwork of fact."- New Statesman 28:452 (Jan. 22, 1927).

Reviews:

F. C. Dietz, in American Historical Review 32:863 (July 1927); 38:753-754 (April 1933). New York Herald Tribune Books July 17, 1927, p. 13. Saturday Review 143:18 (Jan. 1, 1927). Spectator 138:336 (Feb. 26, 1927). Times [London] Literary Supplement Mar. 17, 1927, p. 169.

CUNNINGHAM, WILLIAM. The growth of English industry and commerce in modern times. 771 p. Cambridge, Univ. Press. 1892. (18)

Contents to be noted:

Rural economy in the Elizabethan age, p. 51-57.

Agriculture, 1603-1688, p. 180-199.

Agriculture, 1689-1776, p. 362-378.

Agriculture, 1776-1815, p. 475-490.

Agriculture, 1815-1846, p. 651-658.

List of authorities, p. 704-738.

Comments:

"The most extensive and valuable work that covers the whole field of English economic history."- E. P. Cheyney.

"The most considerable study of the general economic history of England. A monument of patient research and of discriminating judgment based upon methods of presentation that minimize the larger sociological problems of economic history. Likely to be less useful to a student than works whose arrangement is topical, though invaluable for reference."- A. P. Usher.

Reviews:

W. J. Ashley, in Political Science Quarterly 6:152-161 (March 1891).

CURLER, WILLIAM HENRY RICKETTS. The enclosure and redistribution of our land. 334 p. Oxford, Clarendon Press. 1920. (19)

Contents to be noted:

- The common field system, the account of Tacitus, the English conquest, p. 1-6.
- Folkland and bocland, abandonment of extensive culture, the village community established in England, its husbandry, p. 7-15.
- The decline of the ceorl, the growth of the manor, the rectitudines, the thegn's estate, the officials on it, the English village before the conquest, p. 16-24.
- The Norman Conquest and its effect on the manor, the people on the manors, the villein's position, the vill and the manor, Kingham manor, p. 25-32.
- Changes in the manor after Domesday, economic progress of the villeins, accumulation of property by them, services commuted for cash payments, economic rents, manorial accounts and surveys, p. 33-44.
- The Black Death: slowness of change in rural life, the effect of the Black Death on wages, on the landowners, the increase of free labourers, the emancipation of the villein, leases, the growth of the small owner, p. 45-56.
- The Peasants' Revolt, only a temporary check on the emancipation of the villein, the example of Stevenage, copyholders, p. 57-62.
- Tudor enclosures: development of sheep farming, enclosure not confined to large landowners, the sixteenth century transitional, its characteristics, the woollen industry, general prosperity, 'lease-mongers,' p. 63-76.
- Commons, the different kinds of enclosure, the different methods of enclosing, progress of enclosure, legislation against it, contemporary writers, p. 77-93.
- Risings against enclosure, Kett, the Commonwealth of England, temporary reaction, the old policy resumed and made temporarily effective by a change in its administration, the last of the depopulation acts, rural England at the end of the sixteenth century, p. 94-104.
- What modern research has to say about Tudor enclosures: the contemporary outcry exaggerated, causes which mitigated the effect of enclosure, growth of the yeoman class, statistics of enclosure, the period when the various counties were enclosed, the effects of the Tudor enclosures, how far oppressive measures were used, the position of freeholders, p. 105-122.
- Seventeenth century: improved farming, change of opinion about enclosure, enclosure most active in the Midlands, the enclosure literature of the century, the democratization of the land arrested, Corn Laws, progress of enclosure, the Diggers' rising, the Commission of 1607, enclosure discouraged by government, change of policy, locality of the movement, methods of enclosure, p. 123-137.
- The eighteenth century, rural England: the various classes on the land, the state of agriculture, prices of wheat, area in wheat, growth of population, more Corn Laws, p. 138-146.

CURLER, WILLIAM HENRY RICKETTS. Continued.

The general character of enclosure in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries: difference between eighteenth-century enclosure and Tudor enclosure, area enclosed in eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, progress of the movement, growth of the private act, the general enclosure act of 1801, the process of Parliamentary enclosure, the practical business of enclosing, its cost, p. 147-169.

The advocates and opponents of enclosure: the Act of 1773, the report of the committee of 1795, p. 170-181.

The reports to the Board of Agriculture, 1793-1815, p. 182-226.

The effects of enclosure in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, p. 227-250.

Non-parliamentary enclosure, and the history of the movement since 1801: the Acts of 1836 and of 1840, the report of 1844, the amount of waste, commons and commoners, the right to cut turf and timber, the Act of 1845, the Act of 1876, area enclosed between 1845 and 1875, its distribution, p. 251-262.

Redistribution and replacement: the replacing of the peasant on the land, the allotment movement, the efforts of the legislature, and of landowners, the land company of Feargus O'Connor, allotments in 1886, small holdings in 1885, the Allotments Act of 1887, the Small Holdings Act of 1892, the Committee of 1906, the Act of 1908, p. 263-301.

Have small holdings been a success in the past?, p. 302-310.

Bibliographical footnotes.

Comments:

"I have ventured to write this book in the interest of the general reader, since...there is no history of Enclosure from the earliest until the latest times.

"In the early part I have, in order to present a consecutive story, trodden well-worn ground, and where Vinogradoff, Maitland, Ashley, Seebohm, Slater, Gonner, Tawney, Gray, and others have worked, there is little that is fresh to be discovered. I have, therefore, relied largely on their guidance....

"In the latter portion of the book I have relied mainly on my own research,"- Preface.

Reviews:

E. C. K. Gonner, in *Economic Journal* 32:238-240 (June 1922).

CURLER, WILLIAM HENRY RICKETTS. A short history of English agriculture. 371 p. Oxford, Clarendon Press. 1909. (20)

Contents to be noted:

Landmarks in English agriculture, p. vii-viii.

Communistic farming (growth of the manor, early prices, the organization and agriculture of the manor), p. 1-23.

The thirteenth century (the manor at its zenith, Walter of Henley), p. 24-37.

The fourteenth century (decline of agriculture, the Black Death, Statute of Labourers), p. 38-47.

CURTLER, WILLIAM HENRY RICKETTS. Continued.

- How the classes connected with the land lived in the Middle Ages, p. 48-55.
- The break-up of the manor (spread of leases, the Peasants' Revolt, further attempts to regulate wages, a harvest home, beginning of the Corn Laws, some Surrey manors), p. 56-65.
- 1400-1540 (the so-called 'Golden Age of the Labourer' in a period of general distress), p. 66-72.
- Enclosure, p. 73-82.
- Fitzherbert, the regulation of hours and wages, p. 83-88.
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"The main object of *The Pioneers and Progress of English Farming*, and, in greater detail, of *English Farming Past and Present*, is to suggest that advances in agricultural skill, the adoption of new methods, the application of new resources, the invention of new implements, have been, under the pressure of national necessities, powerful instruments in breaking up older forms of rural society, and in moulding them into their present shape."- Preface.

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"Crawley was chosen for the purpose in hand because it possessed, or seemed to possess, certain characteristics. It is in an older and long settled part of England and therefore has a long history.... It is located near enough to a town (the City of Winchester) to have come very early under urban influence....

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Comments:

"A painstaking and significant study of the agricultural arrangements of the early and later medieval period, supplanting in many ways the older literature on the subject."- A. P. Usher.

Reviews:

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The manor: dwellings and scenes, p. 30-38.

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Comments:

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 - The manor and the open field system, p. 30-76.
 - The breakup of the manor, p. 77-114.
 - The agrarian revolution, p. 115-162.
 - Fairs and markets, p. 196-237.
 - The woollen industry, p. 391-443.
 - Authorities, p. 532-544.
- Contents to be noted in volume 2:
- Agriculture (the structure of rural society; the system of agriculture; the corn market; the corn laws), p. 371-464.
- Comments:
- "A comprehensive survey of the important topics. Represents careful study of the materials recently made available by the publication of records and local studies."- A. P. Usher.
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 - Agriculture [in the age of nationalism], p. 174-189.
 - Agriculture [in the modern age], p. 348-365.
- Comments:
- "There is not in existence, so far as I am aware, any complete synthesis of economic evolution in England from the earliest times to the present, and it is the purpose of this volume, therefore, to remedy the deficiency."- Preface.
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- Agrarian foundations (the mediaeval manor; manorial organisation, the open-field system; manorial organisation, holdings and tenants; advantages and disadvantages of the manor; decline of serfdom in England; abandonment of demesne farming; the beginnings of enclosure; English tenures in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries), p. 17-33.
 - The transformation of English agriculture, 1750-1825 (the two-fold economic revolution; rural conditions in the eighteenth century; growth of capitalism; improvement in agricultural technique; revival of enclosure; effects of enclosure upon the small holders; farther concentration of land-ownership), p. 113-127.

OGG, FREDERIC AUSTIN, and WALTER RICE SHARP. Continued.

English rural decline (general aspect of the situation; agrarian conditions, 1815-75; agricultural decline after 1875; causes of decline, foreign competition; adverse effects, rural depopulation; the problem of the great estates; the custom of land settlement; allotments; small holdings; other agencies of rural improvement; the question of tariff reform; the Liberal land policy), p. 152-179.

A century of British trade liberation and extension (antecedents of the corn laws; the corn laws in operation; navigation and tariff reform; the anti-corn-law movement; Peel's tariff measures, repeal of the corn laws; the final triumph of free trade; the growth and character of British trade; the reaction against free trade; the proposals of Mr. Chamberlain, colonial preference; the tariff reform movement), p. 246-268.

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Growth of the manor, p. 19-27.

Manor-farming, p. 27-33.

Decay of the manor, p. 33-42.

Beginning of modern farming, p. 42-53.

Improvements in farming, p. 53-66.

The revolution in agriculture, p. 66-76.

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Reviews:

Royal Agricultural Society of England Journal (1922) 83:153-154.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY. Agricultural Economics Research Institute. An agricultural atlas of England and Wales (second edition, revised) made on behalf of the Agricultural Economics Research Institute, University of Oxford, by Malcolm Messer... 3 p.l., 25 maps. 3 maps in pocket. 48 x 48 cm. Southampton [England], published at direction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries by the Ordnance Survey. 1932. (44)

Comments:

"...systems of cropping and the distribution of livestock take no account of administrative boundaries.... The Agricultural Atlas of England and Wales, therefore, has been made for the purpose of presenting a more accurate picture, so far as may be possible on a small scale, of the distribution of farming systems, together with some of their causes.... this Atlas has been based upon the figures of the Parish Returns, supplied by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries...."

OXFORD UNIVERSITY. Agricultural Economics Research Institute. Continued.

"The causes of differences in farming practice may be due to soil, climatic or economic factors. A Geological Map is therefore included, though the soil of the surface varies much more than the map indicates because of the soil drifts. Climatic conditions are jointly indicated by Relief and Rainfall Maps.... These three foundation maps- Geological, Rainfall and Relief- which are inserted loose in the Atlas, are intended to be used in estimating the influence of geological formation, rainfall or altitude on the distribution of crops or livestock....

"The first Agricultural Atlas was prepared by Mr. J. Pryse Howell at the Agricultural Economics Research Institute, Oxford, in 1925, and was based upon the Agricultural Returns for the year 1918. Since its issue, many changes in the distribution of crops and stock have occurred, and the present re-issue is based upon the Agricultural Returns for ten years later, the year 1928...."- Introduction.

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Progressive stages of culture, p. 24-32.
The early history of Europe and the meaning of race, p. 33-44.
The races of Europe, p. 45-61.
The origin of the village community in Europe, p. 62-75.
The village community in Britain, p. 76-96.
The arrival of the Saxons, p. 97-107.
The coming of the Vikings, p. 108-117.
The Saxon village community, p. 118-133.
The Norman conquest, p. 134-145.
The mediaeval manor, p. 146-157.
The decay of the manor, p. 158-167.
The first agrarian revolution, p. 168-177.
The parish as a civil unit, p. 178-187.
The second agrarian revolution, p. 188-202.
The nineteenth century, p. 203-219.
The future, p. 220-236.
Bibliography, p. 237-245.

Comments:

"In the first eight chapters an attempt has been made to elucidate the origin of the Village Community by utilising the recent results of anthropological and archaeological research. In this the author has found himself in substantial agreement with the suggestions put forward by the late Sir Laurence Gomme.

PEAKE, HAROLD. Continued.

"The next four chapters contain little that is new save the attempt to show that the evolution of the community was a struggle between two racial ideals. The author has accepted the conclusions of Seebohm, Maitland and Vinogradoff, so far as these authorities are in agreement, and where they differ he has usually followed the last named....

"The last portion of the book is an attempt to trace the final struggles of the dying community, and to inquire what hope there may be for a revival of the community spirit in a form more in consonance with modern conditions."- Preface.

ROBERTS, DAVID WILLIAM. An outline of the economic history of England. 304 p., illus. London, New York [etc.] Longmans, Green & Co. 1931. (46)

Contents to be noted:

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Changes in agricultural organisation, 1485-1660, p. 57-66.

Agriculture during the eighteenth century, p. 114-124.

The agricultural revolution, p. 214-225.

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Comments:

"...an attempt to provide an outline of the Economic History of England, as an introduction to a more serious study of the subject. It is intended primarily for students, but it may prove of some value to the general reader."- Preface.

ROGERS, JAMES EDWIN THOROLD, compiler. A history of agriculture and prices in England, from the year after the Oxford Parliament (1259) to the commencement of the continental war (1793); compiled entirely from original and contemporaneous records. 6 vol. in 8. Oxford, Clarendon Press. 1866-1902. (47)

Comments:

Volume 7 was edited "with sundry additions by one of his sons."- Preface. (signed Arthur G. L. Rogers).

"Professor Rogers' work is very extensive and detailed, and his books were largely pioneer studies. His statistical and other facts are useful, but his general statements are not very valuable, and his conclusions are not convincing."- E. P. Cheyney.

REES, JAMES FREDERICK. A survey of economic development with special reference to Great Britain. 330 p. London, Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons. 1933. (48)

Contents to be noted:

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The manor, p. 43-49.

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The position of agriculture [in the second phase of the industrial age], p. 230-238.

A guide to further reading, p. 306-316.

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Contents to be noted:

Introduction, p. 1-8.

The village of to-day, p. 9-40.

The village at the time of Domesday, p. 41-71

Enclosure and the commons, p. 73-158.

Changes and developments in the systems and methods of farming, p. 159-231.

Ownership, p. 233-273.

Land tenure, past and present, p. 275-330.

History and development of tenant right, p. 331-382.

Tithe and glebe, p. 383-444.

Comments:

The value of this volume lies in the fact that few villages in England could yield such an illuminating and so nearly continuous a series of records as those collected with reference to Hooton Pagnell. The authors have pieced together the story of eight hundred years of cultivation illuminated at many stages with contemporary maps; and to show how conditions of tenure, changes in ownership, and the development of neighboring industrial areas have modified village life and the systems of farming.

"The decision of agricultural policies will always be arbitrary and irresponsible if due consideration is not given, when determining them, to past history and future outlook. On the surface of things, it might easily appear that the study of the economic history of farming and land tenure is solely an academic affair and a mere matter of interest to historically minded people. It certainly is an academic study, but it is much more than that. This book makes it very clear that a true understanding of the present position is only possible by a careful consideration of all that has led up to it, and that if present-day decisions and the policies of the future are to be expeditious they must be made with an understanding of the past. The book should, therefore, be of value and interest not only to historians and antiquarians, but to agriculturists and valuers and sociologists....

"Dr. Ruston and Mr. Witney have produced a volume which is not merely a study of the past- in a larger measure it is a study of the influence of the past upon the present. It is hoped that the book will not only be valuable for what it is in itself, but for its influence upon the methods of study of the younger students of economic history and of agriculture."- Foreword, by N. M. Comber.

Reviews:

N. S. B. Gras, in *American Historical Review* 40:484-486 (April 1935). A. C. O., in *Geographical Journal* 85:185-186 (February 1935).

SEEBOHM, FREDERIC. The English village community examined in its relation to the manorial and tribal systems and to the common or open field system of husbandry; an essay in economic history. Ed. 4. 464 p., maps. London, Longmans, Green & Co. 1890. (50)

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The English open-field system examined in its modern remains, p. 1-16.

The English open-field system traced back to the Domesday Survey-

It is the shell of serfdom- The manor with a village community in villenage upon it, p. 17-81.

The Domesday Survey (A.D. 1086), p. 82-104.

The open-field system traced in Saxon times- The scattering of the strips originated in the methods of co-aration, p. 105-125.

Manors and serfdom under Saxon rule, p. 126-180.

The tribal system (in Wales), p. 181-213.

The tribal system (continued), p. 214-251.

Connexion between the Roman land system and the later manorial system, p. 252-335.

The German side of the Continental evidence, p. 336-367.

The connexion between the open-field system and serfdom of England and of the Roman provinces of Germany and Gaul, p. 368-411.

Result of the evidence, p. 412-441.

The manor of Hitchin (Portman and Foreign) in the county of Hertford, p. 443-453.

Comments:

"The beginning of all real understanding of mediaeval agricultural life is to be found in Seebohm's English Village Community (1883). The student cannot do better than start with the first 104 pages of that great work, where the author, beginning with a nineteenth-century map of his own township of Hitchin, traces the main features of open-field agriculture through the documents of the Middle Ages back to the time of the Domesday Survey. Whatever may be thought of Seebohm's own theories, set forth in the later chapters of that book and in his subsequent Tribal System in Wales (1895) and Tribal Custom in Anglo-Saxon Law (1902), as to the origins of mediaeval serfdom, subsequent enquiry has only confirmed the picture which he drew in the English Village Community of the conditions to be explained."- W. J. Ashley.

"...the first five chapters of this book furnish the clearest existing descriptive account of the fundamental facts of rural life in the thirteenth century. Its publication marked an era in the recognition of the main features of manorial organization."- E. P. Cheyney.

"...it was the first book which made the field arrangements of the Middle Ages intelligible. Seebohm presented the case for the unfree origin of the English village at a time when the Teutonic School, with its insistence on original freedom, was in the ascendant."- J. H. Rees.

SEEBOHM, MRS. MABEL ELIZABETH (CHRISTIE). The evolution of the English farm. 376 p., illus. London, George Allen & Unwin; Cambridge, Harvard Univ. Press. 1927.

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- The Bronze Age, p. 35-46.
- The early Iron Age, development of the Celtic farm, p. 49-73.
- The Roman occupation, p. 77-96.
- The Saxon period, p. 99-125.
- The Norman Conquest to the Black Death, p. 129-181.
- 1348 to 1500, p. 185-204.
- The sixteenth century, p. 207-238.
- The seventeenth century, p. 241-275.
- The eighteenth century, p. 279-321.
- The nineteenth century, p. 325-364.
- Bibliography, p. 367-372.

Comments:

"...written for 'those who love a farm-yard.' Its object is to show the gradual growth of the English farm, from its humble beginnings in the Stone Age to the fully equipped homesteads of to-day. It is not a wide and masterly survey on the scale that we have learnt to associate with the name of Seebohm, nor has the author any theory of her own, nor any startling new facts to place before us. But by sheer ingenious piling up of detail she has managed to make a very complete picture, and a very readable, instructive and often amusing book. In every chapter there are odd pieces of information which will probably be news to most of her readers- for she deserves to have many outside the ranks of serious students."- New Statesman 29:388 (July 2, 1927).

Reviews:

N. Neilson, in American Historical Review 33:382-383 (January 1928). American Economic Review 18:293 (June 1928). Journal of the Ministry of Agriculture [Gt. Brit.] 34:388-389 (July 1927). Times [London] Literary Supplement May 12, 1927, p. 331.

STAMP, L. DUDLEY, and STANLEY H. BEAVER. The British Isles: a geographic and economic survey...with contributions by Sir Josiah Stamp... and D. K. Smee. 719 p., illus., maps. London, Longmans, Green & Co. 1933.

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Contents to be noted:

- The position of Britain, p. 1-7.
- The physiographic evolution of the British Isles, p. 8-24.
- The physiography of the British Isles, p. 25-56.
- British weather and climate, p. 57-79.
- The inland waters of the British Isles, p. 80-96.
- The soils of Britain, p. 97-107.
- The land utilisation of the British Isles, p. 108-114.
- The natural vegetation of Britain, p. 115-130.
- Forestry and afforestation, p. 131-142.
- Agriculture, p. 143-209.

STAMP, L. DUDLEY, and STANLEY H. BEAVER. Continued.

The agricultural regions of Scotland, p. 210-220.

The agricultural regions of England and Wales, p. 221-239.

The agricultural regions of Ireland, p. 240-262.

The peopling of the British Isles, p. 542-556.

The development of settlements, p. 557-577.

The growth of communications, p. 578-596.

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Comments:

"What...I have tried to do in this book is to take stock of the natural resources of the British Isles, and show broadly what use has been made of those resources in the past, and to analyse the present position. In particular, attention has been paid to the natural or geographical factors which influence the utilisation of resources, and thus the point of view is that of the economic geographer.... I have not attempted to anticipate the results of the work of the Land Utilisation Survey of Britain, and the emphasis which might be placed on the remarkable abandonment of so much cultivated land in these islands; but I have attempted to deal, in some detail, with the present position of farming, noticing in particular the lines of development which seem at the present day most promising."- Preface.

Reviews:

W. Elmer Ekblaw, in *Economic Geography* 10:319-320 (July 1934).

C. B. F., in *Geographical Journal* 83:54-55 (January 1934).

A. M., in *Scottish Geographical Magazine* 50:410 (November 1934).

Geographical Review 24:507-508 (July 1934). *Journal of the*

Ministry of Agriculture [Gt. Brit.] 40:1105 (February 1934).

TAWNEY, RICHARD HENRY. *The agrarian problem in the sixteenth century.* 464 p., charts. London, New York [etc.] Longmans, Green & Co. 1912.

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Contents to be noted:

The rural population (the classes of landholders; the freeholders; the customary tenants), p. 19-54.

The peasantry (the variety of conditions; the consolidation of peasant holdings; the growth of a land market among the peasants; the economic environment of the small cultivator; signs of change; the growth of competitive rents on new allotments; the progress of enclosure among the peasantry), p. 55-173.

The new rural economy (motives and causes; the growth of the large leasehold farm; enclosure and conversion by the manorial authorities), p. 177-230.

The reaction of the agrarian changes on the peasantry (the removing of landmarks; the struggle for the commons; the engrossing of holdings and displacement of tenants; the agrarian changes and the Poor Law), p. 231-280.

The question of tenant right (the tenants at will and the leaseholders; the copyholders; the undermining of customary tenures), p. 281-310.

TAWNEY, RICHARD HENRY. Continued,

The agrarian problem and the state (the political and social importance of the peasantry, legislation and administration; success and failure of state intervention), p. 313-400.

General conclusions, p. 401-409.

Bibliographical footnotes.

Comments:

"...an attempt to trace one strand in the economic life of England from the close of the Middle Ages to the beginning of the Civil War.... I have...confined myself in the following pages to a study of agrarian conditions, whose transformation created so much distress, and aroused such searchings of heart among contemporaries.... I have tried...to base my picture on original authorities, both printed and manuscript."- Preface. A valuable work, especially on the social aspects of the problem.

Reviews:

W. J. Ashley, in *Economic Journal* 23:85-89 (March 1913). S. F.

Bemis, in *American Historical Review* 18:794-795 (July 1913).

H. L. Gray, in *American Economic Review* 3:904-907 (December 1913).

Conyers Read, in *Journal of Political Economy* 21:363-367 (April 1913). *Spectator* 111:689-690 (Nov. 1, 1913).

USHER, ABBOTT PAYSON. An introduction to the industrial history of England. 529, xxxiv p., illus. Boston [etc.] Houghton Mifflin Co. [1920].

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Village and manor, p. 109-133.

The enclosure movement and land reform, p. 225-246.

Selected references for critical study and for class reading, p. i-xvii.

Reviews:

C. R. Fay, in *Economic Journal* 30:389-390 (September 1920).

WATERS, CHARLOTTE MARY. An economic history of England, 1066-1874. 610 p., illus. London, Oxford Univ. Press; Humphrey Milford. 1925. (55)

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The manorial system in its prime, p. 32-51.

The decay of villeinage and the breakdown of the feudal system, p. 101-120.

The woollen industry, p. 120-142.

Rural England in the sixteenth century, p. 174-195.

Rural England from the Restoration to the eve of the great enclosures, p. 267-279.

The agrarian revolution, p. 311-333.

High farming and free trade, 1834-74, p. 467-485.

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