A

Guide to

The Papers Of

David Farmer

MG 145

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MG 145: D. L. Farmer fonds


Extent: 4.87 meters of textual records; 86 reels of microfilm; 2 photographs

Biography: David Leighton Farmer was born on 3 October 1932 in Plymouth, England. He won a scholarship to Exeter College, and by age 25 had earned both his BA (1954) and DPhil (1958) from Oxford University. From 1958 to 1970 he taught at various schools in Scotland and England, prior to accepting a position in the Department of History at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, in 1970. Farmer specialized in Medieval History, particularly the history of agriculture, prices, and marketing in England during the Middle Ages. Given his area of specialization, Farmer occasionally cautioned that he was working “in academic isolation” in Saskatchewan; however, his work has been characterized as “seminal;” “essential reading for anyone hoping to understand the medieval English economy and [likely to] remain classic reference articles for decades to come.” In addition to several articles and papers, Farmer also contributed three chapters to The Agrarian History of England and Wales, published Britain and the Stuarts, 1603-1714, and co-authored a textbook, Exploring Our Roots. Farmer organized and taught the first University of Saskatchewan class given outside Canada (at Oxford); served for many years as Head of the STM Department of History; and was a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He died suddenly at his home on 26 August 1994.

Scope and content: This fonds contains materials documenting the personal and academic life of David Farmer. The majority of the academic, research, and reference material deals with the history of agriculture, prices, and marketing in England and during the Middle Ages.

Arrangement: Organized into 4 series:

I. Personal
II. Academic
III. Research Notes and Data
IV. Reference Material

Research notes and data are in subseries according to type of data or covering notes on the files. However, these distinctions are not always valid; it seems evident from Farmer’s use of this material, and the nature of the data, that there is considerable overlap between subseries. In some instances, research notes and data also immediately follow specific articles and/or papers. Researchers using data collected by Farmer should refer to this material as a whole, rather than by specific subseries.

Square brackets indicate file titles supplied by the archivist.
Material in English, Latin, French, and German.

Restrictions: Addresses and phone numbers have been deleted from file I.B.2. There are no other restrictions.
I. PERSONAL

1886 – 1994 (inclusive); 1972 – 1994 (predominant)
[textual and photographic]
27.82 cm.

A. Correspondence – 1970 – 1978 (inclusive) - 12 cm.


2. From Francis Farmer (Mother) - 1970 – 1976. – 3 folders
   Folder 1: 1972 - 1974
   Folder 2: 1975
   Folder 3: 1976

3. To Francis Farmer (Mother) - 1970 – 1976. – 6 folders. These letters, written on a weekly basis from David Farmer to his mother and presumably returned to him after her death in 1976, provide a detailed account of both his personal and his academic life. They are particularly useful for the occasional references to University and/or St. Thomas More College affairs, as well as commentary on both English and Canadian politics.
   Folder 1: 1970 – 1971
   Folder 2: 1972
   Folder 3: 1973
   Folder 4: 1974
   Folder 5: 1975
   Folder 6: 1976


5. Other Family – 1972 – 1977


   Supplements or special editions of The Daily Telegraph, Life International, the Observer, the Daily Mail and the Sunday Times, on Churchill’s life and career.

   * Note: list including addresses and phone numbers is restricted
   Includes royalties statement for Britain and the Stuarts

   Apprenticeship of John Elliott to William Gibbs, as a shipwright.

5. Miscellaneous – nd.
   Sketches, and list of CD’s to order.


   Folder 1: untitled
   Folder 2: untitled

Vol. 2

   Folder 3: “English History I 597 – 1307”
   Folder 4: “Essays on Eng II”
   Folder 5: “Intermediate English History 1307 – 1660”
   Folder 6: “English III Essays & Notes 1660 – 1914”
   Folder 7: “General Notes”
   Folder 8: “Manorial Economy XII &XIII c.s”


10. Songs – Notes – [ca. 1960s]

    Letters of recommendation for DL Farmer

II. ACADEMIC

1952 – 1994 (inclusive)
[textual]
1.28 m.

A. Correspondence – 17.5 cm

Primarily letters written to DL Farmer; includes some copies of letter from him to colleagues


4. Barnes, Cameron – [ca. 1984]

   Includes copy of Farmer’s essay, “Examining Thirteenth Century Price Movements”


8. Clark, Gregory – 1990
   Includes Clark’s essay, “Yields Per Acre in English Agriculture 1266 – 1860: Evidence from Labour Inputs.”


    Primarily work done for the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examinations board.

    Includes Kowaleski’s essays, “The Hide and Leather Trade in Lade Medieval England” and “Town and Country in Late Medieval England: the Hide and Leather Trade;” as well as data on agricultural goods imported at Exeter, 1345 – 1400. See also Britnell, Richard

12. Mayhew, Nick – 1986
    Includes Mayhew’s essay, “Money and prices in England from Henry II to Edward III”

    Includes correspondence from Joan Thirsk and Barbara Harvey
    See also Articles: “Marketing the Produce of the Countryside . . .” and “Prices and Wages”
   Regarding the European State Finance Database; also includes Ormrod’s essays, “Medieval England” and “Royal Finance in Thirteenth Century England.”


   Includes handouts [some prepared for Stowe School], list of recommended reading, etc.

18. University of Saskatchewan – Learned Societies Conference – 1979
   Special convocation programme; On Campus newsletter


B. Articles and Papers – 1.09 m.


2. [“The British Budget (Thatcher)”] [paper] – [ca. 1982]


   Includes correspondence with Britnell.
   See also “Producing for the Market . . .” and “Marketing” reference material

   Delivered at the Licester Symposium; includes copies of other presented papers, by Britnell, Mayhew and Snooks


9. “Exploring Our Roots” Chap 2, 2 folders

10. “Exploring Our Roots” Chap 5-8, 2 folders


12. “Exploring Our Roots” Miscellaneous Notes, illustration


15. “The Famuli in the Later Middle Ages” [paper]

16. “Famuli” – Battle Abbey Famuli

17. “Famuli” – Berkely Cas. Famuli

18. “Famuli” – Burry S. E. Manor’s Famuli

19. “Famuli” – Canterbury Famuli

20. “Famuli” – Devon and Cornwall Famuli

21. “Famuli” – Durham Manors Famuli Includes correspondence with Britnell

22. “Famuli” – Glastonbury Abbey Famuli

23. “Famuli” – Merton

24. “Famuli” - New College Famuli

Vol. 4

25. “Famuli” – “Pro” Famuli – Clavet, Bircham Heytesbury, Broinham, Brandon

27. “Famuli” – Winchester Famuli
28. “Famuli” – Worcester Cath & Bishopric (D & C) Famuli
29. “Famuli” - Famuli’s Share of Agricultural etc. Operations
31. “Famuli” – Notable Points about the Famuli
32. “Famuli” – [Notes on sheep; duties; wages]
33. “Famuli” – [Notes on labourers – by occupation]
34. “Famuli” – [Notes on places]
35. “Famuli” – Pasture Notes
36. “Famuli” – Winchester Pasture, Hay – Notes
37. “Famuli” – Tables
38. “Famuli” – [Notes] 2 folders
39. “Famuli” – Notes – Marketing
40. “Famuli” – Winchester – Pasture and Pannage Rents on Some Manors at intervals
41. “Famuli” – [Markets] – Dates/Place
42. “Famuli” – Tree and Timber Sales Data. See also below, Research Notes & Data
43. “Famuli” – Winchester Reeves
44. “Famuli” – Heriots on Winchester Manors
45. “Famuli” – WPR – Heriots – 1359/60
46. “Grain Harvests in the Middle Ages” [paper] 1983
47. “Grain Yields on Westminster Abbey Manors, 1271 – 1410” [article]
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<td>“The Growth of medieval Plymouth”</td>
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<td>“Marketing Grain in Medieval England”</td>
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65. “Marketing the Produce . . .” – Winchester Pasture, Hay Sales – 4 folders
   Folder 1: 1208 -- 1227
   Folder 2: 1244 – 1280
   Folder 3: 1282 – 1292
   Folder 4: 1335 – 1340


67. “Marketing the Produce . . .” – Winchester Pasture and Hay – Notes

68. “Marketing the Produce . . .” – Winchester Pannage and Mast Tables

69. “Marketing the Produce . . .” – Livestock on Winchester Manors, 1237 – 1313

70. “Marketing the Produce . . .” – Winchester PRs Marketing Information

71. “Marketing the Produce . . .” – Tithes
   Includes correspondence from Paul Harvey and Cameron Barnes

72. “Marketing the Produce . . .” – Profits from fairs and markets – calculations

73. “Marketing the Produce . . .” – Woodlands and pastures – notes, tables, comments

74. “Marketing the Produce . . .” – Notes on timber; wheels, etc.


76. “Marketing the Produce . . .” – Trees and Woodland – 2 folders
   Second folder includes correspondence from Ian Kershaw

77. “Marketing the Produce . . .” – Xeroxed articles – 3 folders


80. “Millstones for Medieval Manors” – Drafts – [article] 2 folders
82. “Millstones” – Notes. 3 folders
83. “Millstones” – Winchester Millstones
84. “Millstones” – Xeroxed Articles

85. “Pasture in Medieval Economy” – [paper]
87. “Prices and Wages 1350 – 1500” – Draft – See also “Marketing”
88. “Prices and Wages” – Annotated Drafts
89. “Prices and Wages” – Updated Draft – 1989
90. “Producing for the Market, or disposing of a surplus . . . ?” – [paper]
91. “Producing for the Market” – Draft
92. [“Ravenna”] – [paper]
94. [“St. Giles Fair”] – [ca.1950s]
95. “Sixer Aladdin” – [ca. 1960s]
98. “Some Problems” – Notes

101.  Symposium on Edwardian Coinage and Monetary History – 1976
      Includes conference papers, correspondence


103.  “Two Wiltshire Manors and Their Markets” – [article] Includes
      correspondence reviewers remarks, and final copy

104.  “Two Wiltshire Manors” – Entry Fines

105.  “Two Wiltshire manors” – Farms & Leases; Arrears; Tithes; Exitus Manerii

106.  “Two Wiltshire Manors” – Glastonbury Abbey Notes: Markets of Deverill
      – 2 folders
      See also “The Medieval English Countryman and his Markets”

107.  “Two Wiltshire Manors” – Illustrations

      Internal Trade” and “Land Transport in England, 1066-1500.”

109.  “Two Wiltshire Manors” – Xeroxed Articles
      “Farming in the Dorset Estates of Glastonbury Abbey in the Early
      Fourteenth Century;” “Somerset & Dorset Notes & Queries;”
      “Impropriator and Benefice in the later Middle Ages.”

110.  “When did the Agrarian Economy of Medieval England Begin to Decay?”
      - [paper]

      1988

C.  Other – 5 cm.

1.  [Notebooks] – 2 folders
    Lists of potential sources; quotations; data; queries. Possibly
    regarding “Prices and Wages”

1a.  Offprints
    Incomplete set of Farmer’s articles; some annotated

2.  Papers: Miscellaneous Notes
Introduction to unidentified paper; notes on 20th century: science, technology, and social changes

3. Reviews Opera and Academic

III. RESEARCH NOTES AND DATA – 3.11 m.

A. [Famuli] – 34.32 cm.
   This subseries contains tables showing data for auditor’s results; carry over; current produce; totals; new harvest; acres sown/how; seed; seed rate’s sown last year; yield per seed; acres last year; and yield per acre for grains and legumes; number of livestock in concluding summer; total demesne sown; and animal unite per 100 acres. The files also usually contain notes

1. Aldenham
2. Ashford (Mx)
3. Bouton on the hill
4. Eybury/Eye/La Neyte/ “Knightsbridge”

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5. Feering & Pateswick, Berewick, etc.
6. Hendon, Middlesex
7. [Holywell, etc.]
8. Islip, Oxon
9. Kelvedon, Essex
10. Kinsbourne
11. Notes on Kinsbourne
12. [Notes]
13. Oakham
14. [PRO Data]
15. Pyrford
16. Stenenage
17. Sutton – under – Brailes
18. Todenham
19. Turweston, Bucks
20. Verification Completed
21. Westerham, Kent

Vol. 10

22. Westminster Abbey Birdbrook, Co. Essex
23. Westminster Grain Yields
24. Westminster Supplemental – 2 folders
25. Wheathampstead

B. Prices and Wages – 68.46 cm.

1. [Account Years 1348-1454] – 4 folders
   By manor, for Taunton group; Wiltshire & Cotswold group; Thames Valley & Chilterns groups; North Downs group; and South Hants. Data for [wheat & corn, barley, oats]: showing carry over; current produce; new grain; acres sown; seed rate; sown last year; and yield per acre.
   Folder 1: 1348/9 – 1369/70
   Folder 2: 1370/1 – 1379/80
   Folder 3: 1381/2 – 1409/10
   Folder 4: 1410/11 – 1453/4

2. Anglo-Saxon Charters

3. Beveridge Collection, Price and Wage History – Notes

4. Carpenters: Day Wages

5. Carpenters (Solo)
6. Cheese
7. Craftsman/Helper Ratios
8. Ewes
9. Famuli – Cash and Grain Quittances
10. Field Names and Seedings of All Grains – 2 folders
    Folder 1: Vol. 10
    Folder 2: Vol 11

Vol. 11

11. General Grain Tabulation
12. General Livestock Tables
13. Grain Summaries
14. Grain Summaries: Also Stock & Wages Summaries, Indices
15. Harvesters
16. [Harvests and Long-term Means / % Legumes Tables]
17. Harvests
18. [Labour Payments] Per Standard Acre
19. Labour Payments – Thorold Rogers
20. Lathnails. Notes
21. Lathnails. Typed tables
22. Livestock Summaries
23. Miscellaneous Tables
24. Moving Averages
    See also “Crop Yields, Prices & Wages . . .”
25. Mowing: Pence Per Acre
26. Muttons [Wethers]

27. [Notes] – 6 folders
   Folder 1: WPR, notes on hurdles, pastures, etc.
   Folder 2: notes on yields per acre, etc.
   Folder 3: notes on famuli, ratios, etc.
   Folder 4: sale tables; weather reports; bibliography; correspondence from Barbara Harvey, 1958
   Folder 5: notes on Wales; weather; sales; valuations
   Folder 6: notes ca. 1950s

28. [Notes – Wales, etc]
   Notes by date and place; notes on Rotuli Chartarum and notes on Calendar of Charter rolls

29. [Notes – Worcester]

30. Oats – 1355 – 1420, 1420 – 1500

31. Peas – 1355 – 1420, 1420 – 1500

32. Pipe Roll Material
   Includes correspondence with Postan, 1956

33. [“Prices and Wages” – Appendices]

34. [“Prices and Wages” – Notes on Sources]

35. Purchases – Livestock and Salt

36. Reapers: By the Day

37. Reapers: Pence Per Acre

38. Rye – 1355 – 1420, 1420 – 1500

39. Sales of Grain / Peas / Pigs
   Information on salt and cheese

40. Salt
41. Slater / Tiller and Mate
42. [Sowing Rates – Tables]
43. Standard of Living (“Shopping Baskets”)
44. Thatcher and Mate
45. Threshing and Wmnnowing
46. Threshing and Wmnnowing Seed Rates
47. Wage Summaries
48. Wages – Agricultural and Building
49. Westminster Harvests
50. Wheat – 1355 – 1420, 1420 – 1500
51. [Wheat Sales – Tables]
52. Winchester – Fish, [Canvas], and Lathnails
53. Winchester
   See also “Grain Yields on the Winchester Manors”
54. Winchester Grain and Pasture / Yields
   See also “Grain Yields on the Winchester Manors”
55. Winchester Grain Yield Calculations and Notes – 2 folders
   Folder 1 includes correspondence with Economic History Review.
   Much of the data and notes in these files draw direct comparisons
   between Titow’s findings and those of DL Farmer
   See also “Grain Yields on the Winchester Manors”
56. Winchester Grain Yields
   See also “Grain Yields on the Winchester Manors”
57. [Winchester Mean Yields, 1271 – 1410 Harvests – Titow Order.
   See also “Grain Yields on the Winchester Manors”

Vol. 13
58. [Winchester Pipe Rolls – 1356 – 1453 – 4 folders
   Folder 1: 1356/7 – 1374/5
   Folder 2: 1375/6 – 1399/1400
   Folder 3: 1400 – 20
   Folder 4: 1421 – 53

59. Wool

60. Barnhorn (Sx) – Huntington Lib Mss.

61. Battle Abbey

62. Cambridge

63. Chilterns

64. Cotswolds (exc. Winchester)

65. [East Meon Church Data]

66. Essex

67. Hinderclay, Suffolk – Bacon Mss, Chicago

68. Kent & Sussex: Some Famuli Details

69. [Meon – Grain Tithes]

70. Norfolk and Suffolk


72. Somerset, Devon and Cornwall

73. South Hants (exc. Winchester)

74. Lower Thames (exc. Winchester)

75. Upper Thames (exc. Winchester)

76. Xeroxed Articles – “The Black Death”

77. Xeroxed Articles – “The Enforcement of the Statute of Labourers”
78. Xeroxed Articles – General
   Includes “Le climat dans leveche de Winchester (1350-1450);”
   “Westminster Wages in the Manorial Era;” “Wages in Winchester
   Manors;” “Work and Festa Ferianda in Medieval England;” “Some
   Industrial Price movements in Medieval Genoa (1155 – 1255):”
   “Medieval Europe's Terms of Trade: Evidence from Genoa, 1155 –
   1255”


1. Barley – 2 folders
2. Oats
3. Peas
4. Rye
5. Wheat – 2 folders
6. Cart Horses
7. Cows
8. Oxen
9. Pigs
10. Plough Horses
11. Cambridge
12. Chilterns
13. Cotswold
14. East Midlands
15. Essex
16. Kent & Sussex

Vol. 15
D.  [Tree and Timber Sales] – 60.96 cm.
This subseries contains data tables showing (by manor) pannage; tree and timber sales; rents received; GARIN sales; wool sales; trees and timber purchased; ploughs; plough wheels; cart bodies; cart wheels; laths; boards; yokes; spokes; harrows; hurdles; transfers to manor from other properties of lord; external carriage (timber, millstones); tithes/mill; demesne harvest. This data appears to have been taken from sources other than the Winchester Pipe Rolls.

1. Berks
1a. Bucks
2. Cambs
3. Cheshire

4. Devon & Cornwall

5. Dorset

6. Durham (Co.) – folders

7. Essex 1 (Westminster Abbey)

8. Essex 2 – 2 folders


10. Hampshire

11. Herts. – 2 folders

12. Hunts

13. Kent – 2 folders
   Folder 1: Vol. 17
   Folder 2: Vol. 18

14. Kent 2

15. Middx. – 2 folders

16. Monmouth

17. Northants

18. Norfolk – 3 folders

19. Norfolk 2

20. Northumberland, Durham (& Yorks)

21. Oxon
22. Rutland
23. Shropsire
24. Somerset
25. Suffolk – 2 folders
   Folder 1: Vol. 18
   Folder 2: Vol. 19

   This subseries contains data tables by manor, showing tree and timber sales; loopings; firewood; swan wood; charcoal; rents received; grain sales; wool; tree and timber purchases; transfers to manor from other properties of lord; external carriage (forinsec services); tithes; demesne harvest.

   Reference #s 159321 – 159332 Vol. 19
   Reference #s 159333 – 159408 Vol 20

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26. Suffolk 2
27. Surrey – 2 folders
28. Sussex
29. Warwicks
30. Wilts.
31. Wiltshire & Dorset. Notes
32. Worcs. – 2 folders
   Folder 2 includes correspondence from Barbara Harvey, 1983


   This subseries contains data tables by manor, showing tree and timber sales; net rents; grain sales; trees and timbers bought: ploughs, plough
wheels, cart bodies, cart wheels, yokes, spokes, harrows, hurdles, boards, laths; transfers to manor from other properties of lord; external carriage of timber and millstones; tithes/mill; demesne harvest. Usually includes notes data, interpretation.

1208/09 – 1225/26: Vol. 20
1226/27 – 1299/1300 Vol. 21
1300/01 – 1338/39 Vol. 22
1339/40 – 1369/70 Vol. 23
1370/71 – 1402/03 Vol. 24

Missing: 1228 – 1230; 1233/4; 1237 – 1251; 1258 – 1262; 1263/4; 1275/6; 1278 – 1282; 1293 – 1296; 1303/4; 1321 – 1324; 1380/1; 1364/65 – 2 folders

IV. REFERENCE MATERIAL
5 cm. of textual material; 86 microfilm reels

A. Textual Material
1. Glastonbury Abbey Documents – Index
2. Offprints by Others
3. Xeroxed Articles – General
4. Xeroxed Articles – Eccl. 2/1592701
5. Xeroxed Articles – “The Statutes of Merchants”

B. Microfilm

1. Bacon Mss. – 3 reels
2. Barnhom (Hunt Lib). – 2 reels
3. Egerton – 1 reel
5. Gloucestershire Record Office – 7 reels
6. I. Keil Thesis – 1 reel
   “Glastonbury Abbey Estates in the Late Middle Ages”
7. Merton – 18 reels
8. [Public Record Office] – 1 reel
9. Winchester Pipe Rolls – 23 reels