SOURCE SHEET · VOLUME 02

Sources on the Years of Dearth and Hunger

Selected information for working with Volume 02.

Key source

The historical framework is based on Pietzonka's 2006 account of Carl Stülpner, especially the sections on Carl's childhood and the years of rising prices and hunger.

Selected source information

- December: 1 Scheffel of rye 4 talers 12 groschen; a 7-pound loaf 4 groschen 8 pfennigs.
- 1771: mild winter; farmers were ploughing in February; snow returned in May; prolonged rain followed into August.
- July 1771: 1 Scheffel of rye 10 talers.
- January 1772: 1 Scheffel of rye 12 talers; a 7-pound loaf 8 groschen 3 pfennigs.
- June 1772: rye 13 talers 15 groschen; wheat 14 talers; barley 10 talers; oats 6 talers; bread over 10 groschen.
- January 1772: Bohemia blocked grain exports to Saxony.
- Emergency foods mentioned include field greens, stalks, grass, tree bark and roots.

Source-critical questions

- Which statements are figures and which are descriptions?
- What can we say with certainty from them?
- What do they not tell us?
- How does a statement change when a general crisis becomes a specific scene involving Carl?

Project markers

● historical = supported by sources · ○ traditional/probable = not fully secured · ✦ artistic = shaped for the narrative.

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