# Analysing Historic Overland Trade Routes From The Port Of Southampton During The Middle Ages

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## Background

- Southampton Brokage Books 1430-1540
- Destinations of goods, not origins
- Unique to Southampton
- Best known records of inland trade in England for this period







### Previous work

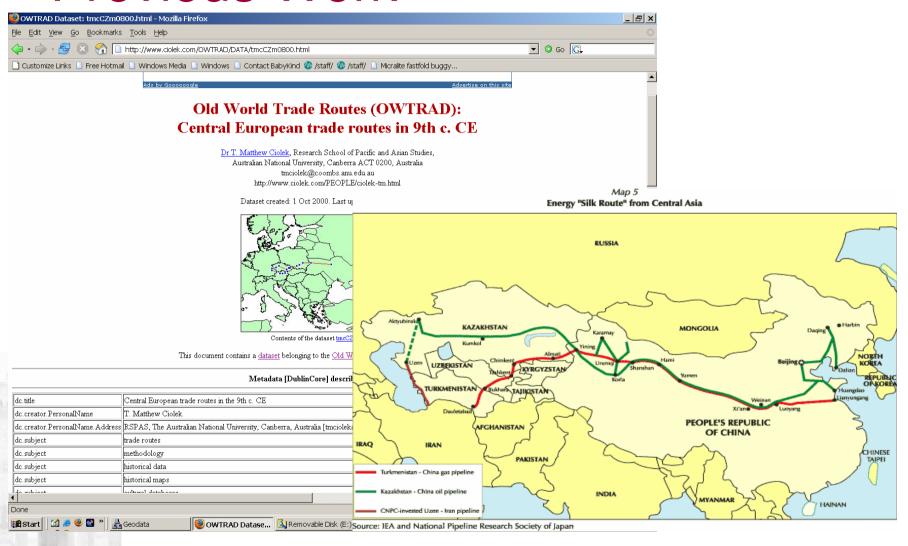
- One-off snapshots
- Well known *routes* (Silk Road, spice routes)
- In the UK, very local studies (e.g. Exeter)
- Other isolated studies (River Tyne Coal)
- Some work on Southampton Brokage books
  - Bunyard (1941) 1439-40
  - Coleman (1961) 1443-44
  - Lewis (1993) -1448-49
  - Olding (1980) 1477-78
  - Stevens (1985) 1527-28







## Previous Work



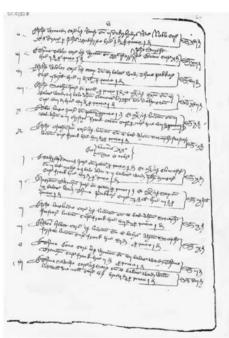






# The Bargate











# Southampton Brokage Book



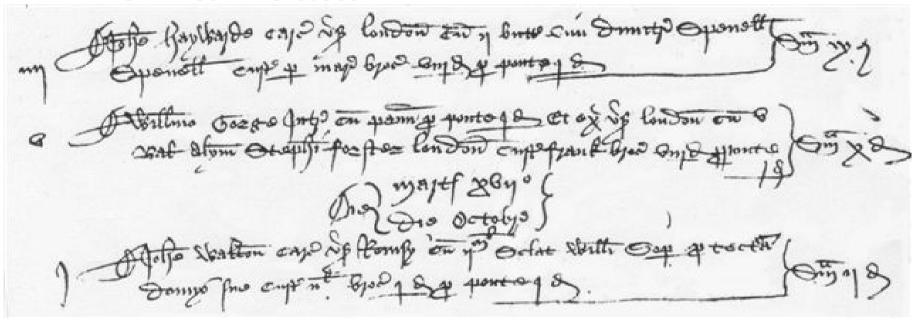








## The Raw data



John Haywarde carting towards London with 2 butts of wine for Demetrious Spinnelli, custom paid at sea, brokage 8 pence and pontage a penny total = 9 pence.

William George entering with cloth, pontage 1 penny and leaving towards London with 5 bales of alum for Stephen Forster of London, custom free, brokage 8 pence, pontage 1 penny (out /in) total = 10 pence

**Tuesday 17th day of October** 

John Walton carting towards Romsey with 2,000 slates for William Soper for the roof of his house. Custom nil, brokage 1 penny, pontage 1 penny, sum total tuppence.







## The Inland Trade Database

- Investigate the possibility of creating a searchable database from the Southampton Brokage books
- Retain as much of the original document as possible in a form which enabled quantities and other information to be compared in a consistent manner.
- Produce a public version







## Challenges

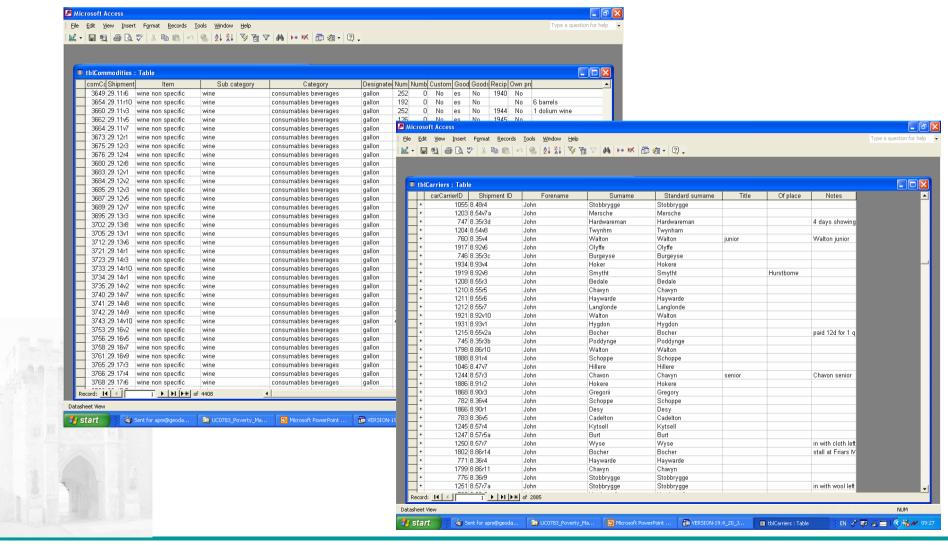
- Language and hand
- Standardisation of names
- Quantification of weights and measures
  - barrel = 32 gallons
  - hogshead = 63 gallons
  - pipes = 126 gallons
  - butts =126 gallons
  - dolios = 252 gallons)
- Duplication of commodity quantities due to multiple carters in a group







## **Database Construction**

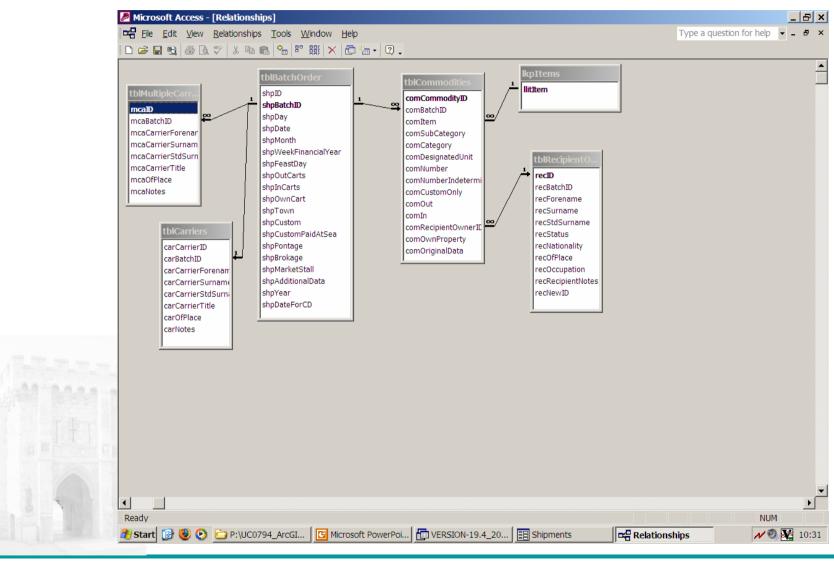








## Relational Database Structure

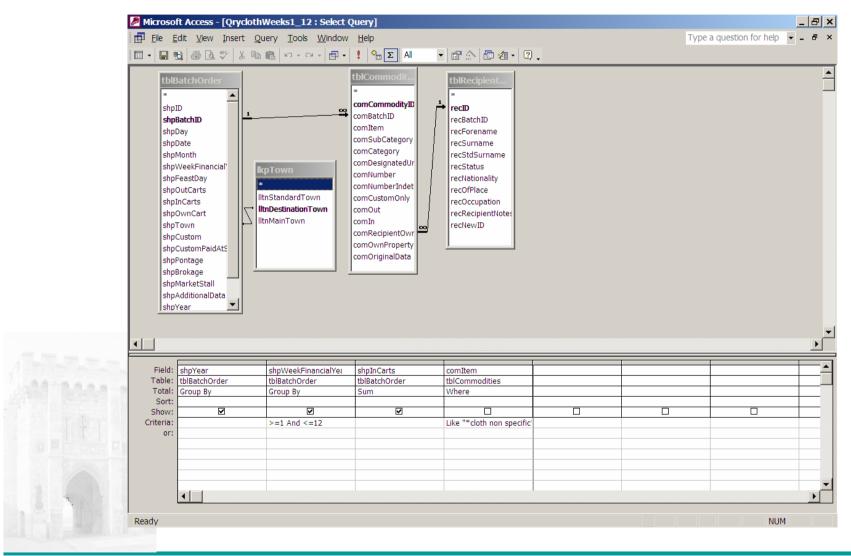








## **Database Queries**









# Database Entry

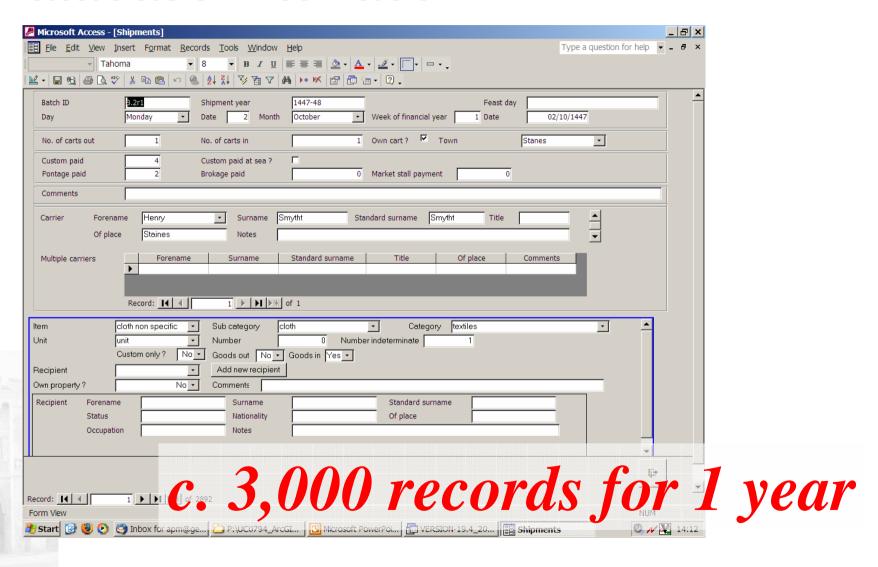
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## Database Interface









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21	414138	129461	WILTS	Salisbury	927
68	531560	181200	MDX	London	649
12	448212	128410	HANTS	Winchester	449
7.5	435431	121186	HANTS	Romsey	171
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21.5	436336	145455	HANTS	Andover	50
23	409723	131093	WILTS	Wilton	49
72	383500	218500	GLS	Gloucester	34
57	451505	206160	OXF	Oxford	32
114	433349	278761	WEST MID	Coventry	31
35	447500	167500	BERKS	Newbury	29
41	471500	173500	BERKS	Reading	24
25	471691	139541	HANTS	Alton	24
38	419076	169048	WILTS	Marlborough	17
17.5	415500	105500	HANTS	Ringwood	16
17	414680	114070	HANTS	Fordingbridge	16
0	416500	112500	HANTS	Hungerford	13
63	360500	175500	SOM	Bristol	12
62	425140	212117	OXF	Burford	12
9	442809	125295	HANTS	Hursley	11
0	400458	161098	WILTS	Devizes	9
17.5	458840	132710	HANTS	Alresford	9







## Reconstructing Geographies

Plotting 'what went where'

Significant Centres

Carters

Ranges of goods







## Spatialising the data

Standardising names

(Original names retained)

Guildford	Gildeford	
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Gloucester	Glocester	
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Grantham	Granntham	
Grantham	Grantham	
Guildford	Guldeford	
Guildford	Guldeforde	
Guildford	Gyldeforde	
Hardingford	Hardingford	
Henley	Henle	
Henley	Henley	
Hursley	Hersseley	

#### Duplicates

There are Twyfords in Hampshire, Buckinghamshire,
 Derbyshire, Dorset, Herefordshire, Leicester, Norfolk,
 Oxfordshire, Shropshire and Worcester

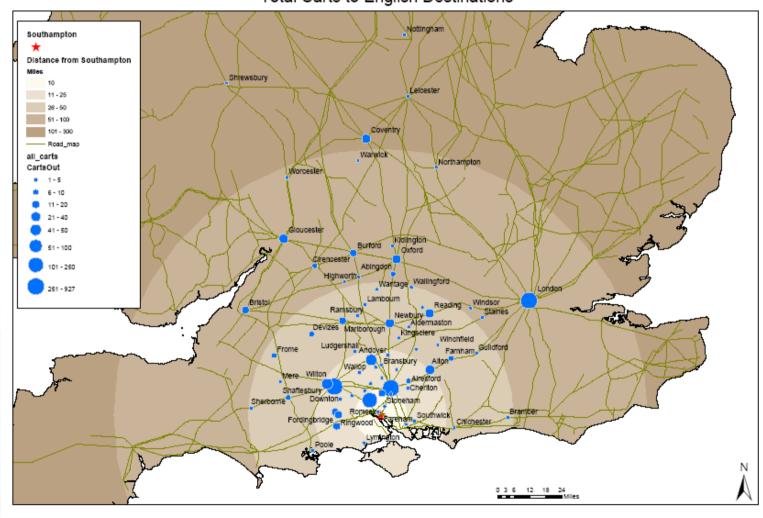






## GeoDatabase - Total Carts Map



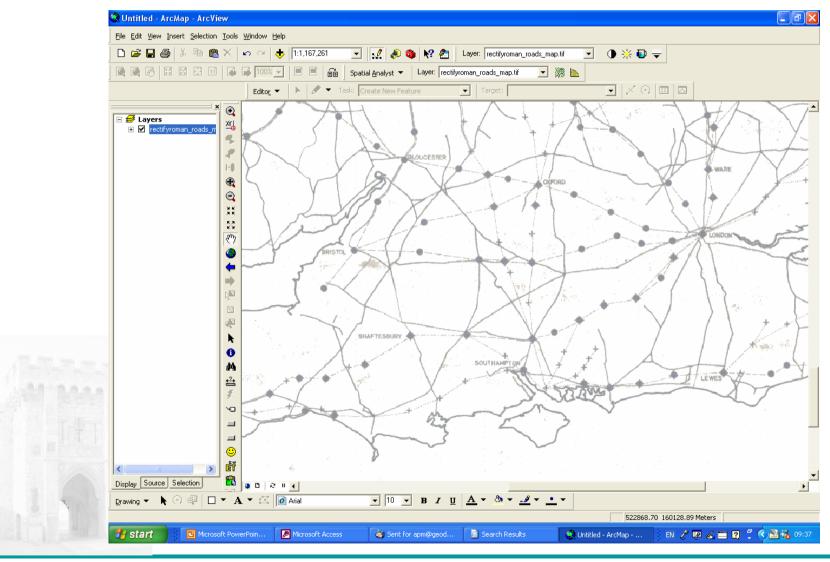








## Medieval Road Network



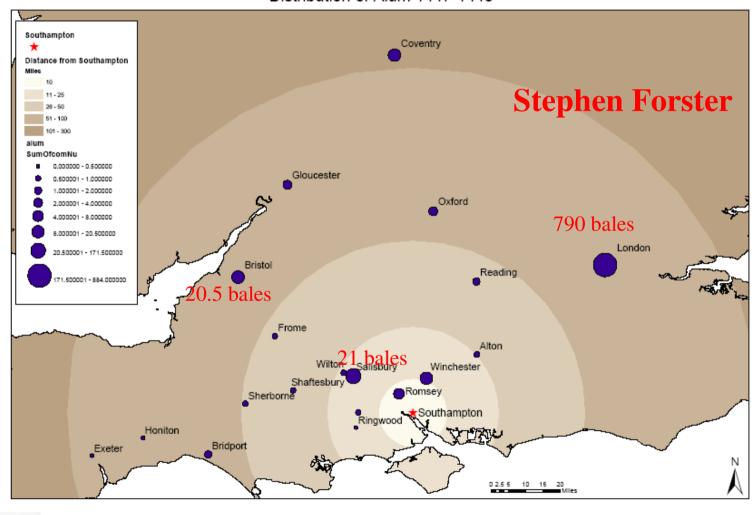






## Single Commodity - Alum

Distribution of Alum 1447-1448



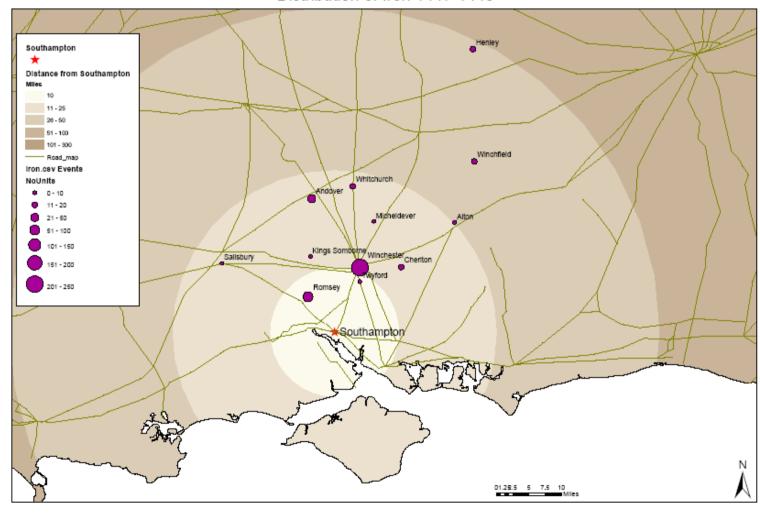






# Single Commodity - Iron



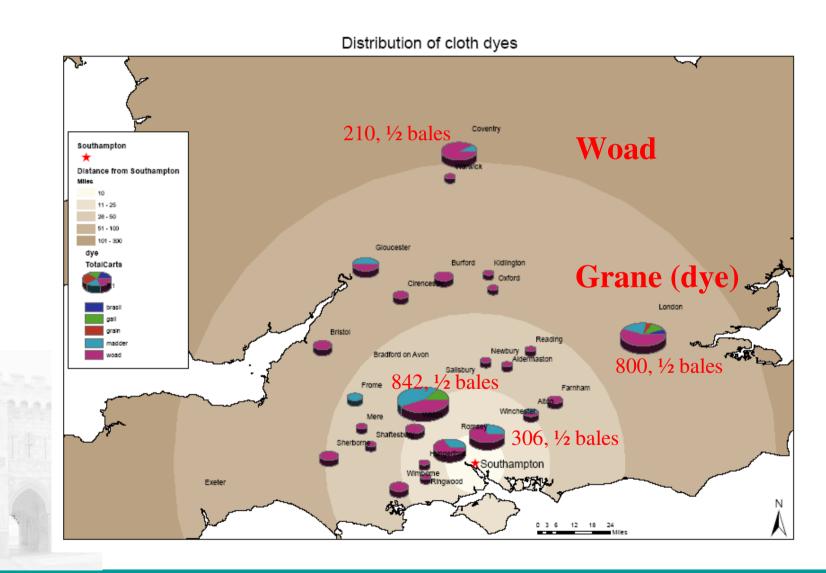








## Raw Products - Wool and Cloth



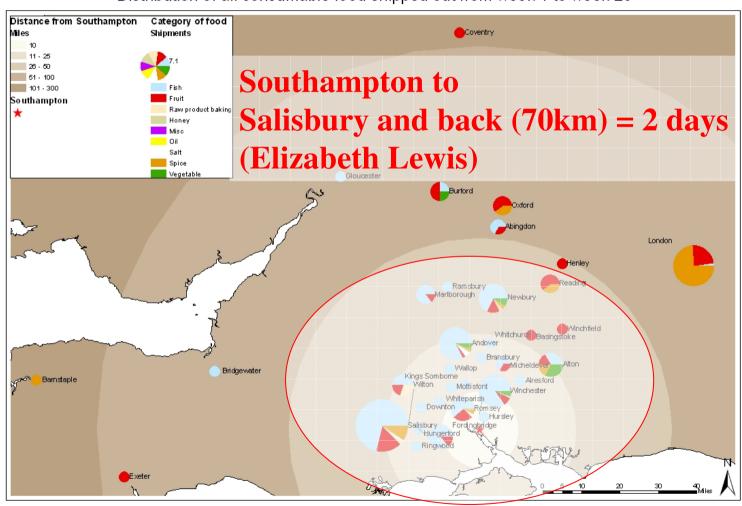






# Range of Goods – Consumable Food

Distribution of all consumable food shipped out from week 1 to week 26



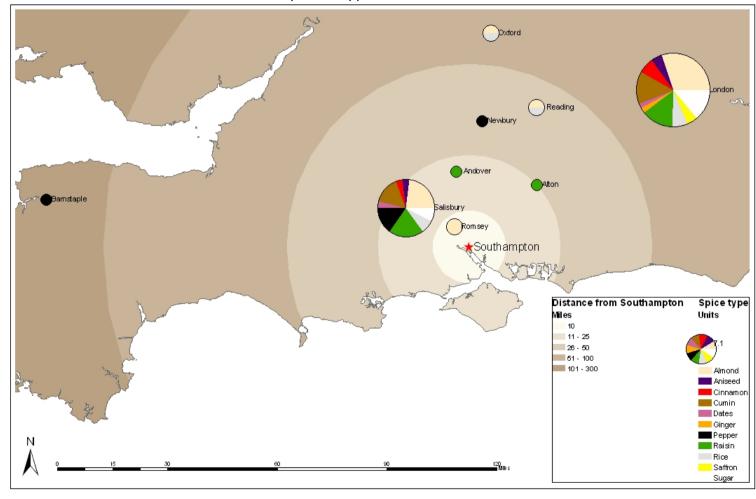






# Range of Goods - Spices

Distribution of spices shipped out from week 1 to week 26



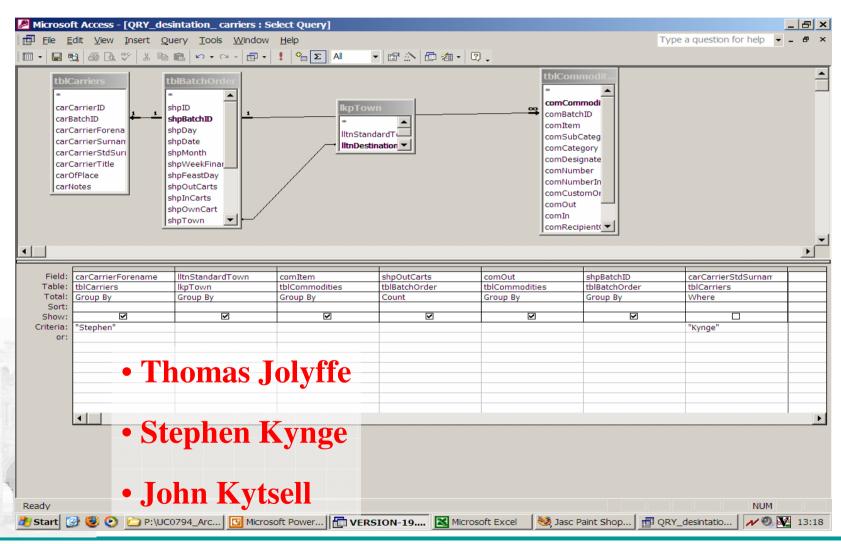








## Carters

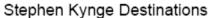


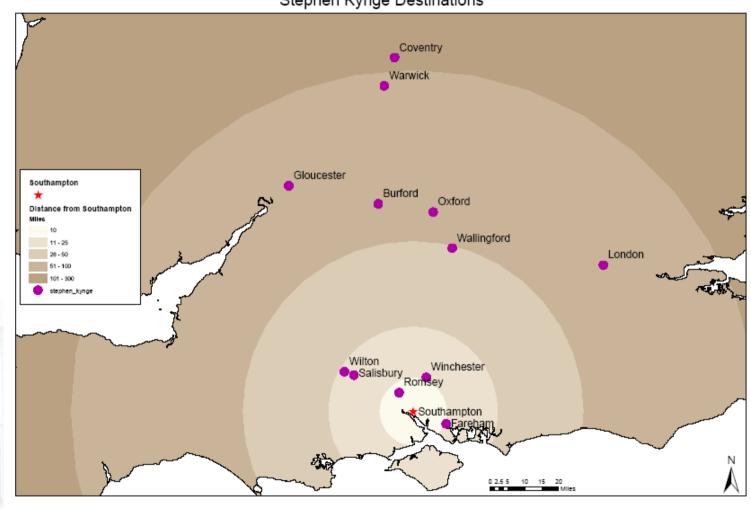






# Stephen Kynge's Destinations 1447-8





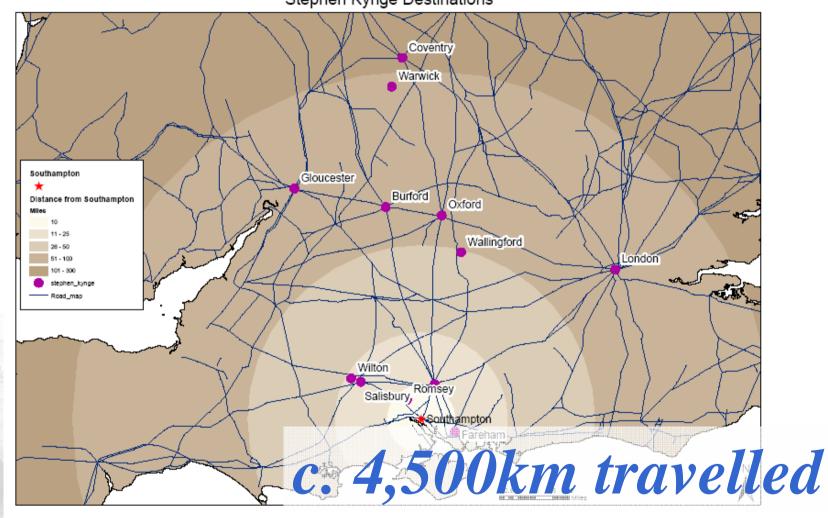






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# Stephen Kynge's Destinations 1447-8

Destination	Trips	km
Burford	1	103
Coventry	1	171
Fareham	1	20
Gloucester	1	134
London	3	357
Oxford	5	478
Romsey	1	13
Salisbury	19	630
Wallingford	1	86
Warwick	1	190
Wilton	1	38
Winchester	1	17
Total	36	2236
RoundTripTotal		4473

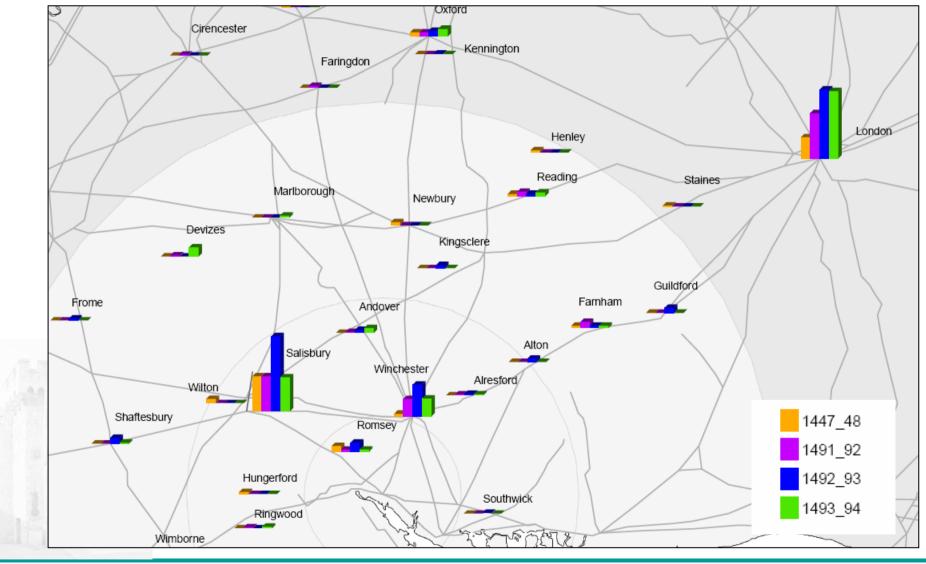








# Mapping Change Over Time - Wine



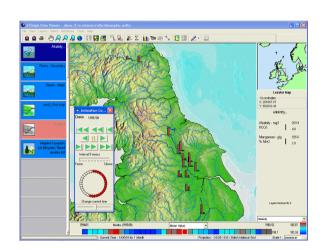






## **Future Work**

- A single year on CD in the autumn
- Input of additional years (38 in total)
- Full database
- Temporal trends



- Potential to discover more about the key players
- Overseas origins?







## Questions / Further Information

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