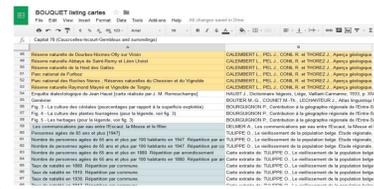


# « Bouquet »

## A Digital Library of Historical Maps of Wallonia

### THE MAKING OF BOUQUET

Compiles data about contemporary maps regarding the history of Wallonia in an online database



A team of environmental historians at the University of Namur ...



The maps are then digitised by a historian and the team managing digital collections at the university library (Bibliothèque Moretus Plantin)



Finally, the metadata are computed into a Omeka-run database



The collection is currently being constituted, using state-of-the art scanners and an Omeka-run database. Its easy-to-use design has allowed historians at the UNamur and the NEPTUN staff to work in a partnership over the making of the Bouquet collection. All of the books from which the maps are extracted are kept at the Moretus Plantin Library.

The *Bouquet Cartographique Wallon* project – in short, *Bouquet* - is a digital library of historic maps of Wallonia. This project is directed by the PolleN research center at the University of Namur (Pôle de l'Histoire environnementale de l'Université de Namur, Dr Isabelle Parmentier) and hosted by the library of the University (Bibliothèque Moretus Plantin). The growing collection is constituted of contemporary maps selected from history books. The maps concern past social, structural, political and environmental issues in Wallonia, and, when applicable, in surrounding territories such as Flanders, northern France, Luxembourg, etc. The maps are not ancient documents but rather visual material constituted by historians in the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries in order to illustrate facts which took place in the past, since Antiquity to the 1970s. As these maps are usually difficult to access per se (they are usually included into article, books, monographies rather than published apart), *Bouquet* makes them more visible and accessible to university students and researchers as well as teachers and the wider public.

The maps will be accessible on NEPTUN (*NumÉrisation du PaTrimoine de l'Université de Namur*), a platform dedicated to the digitisation of the historical collections of the Moretus Plantin Library. Readers will both access the maps online as well as obtain bibliographical references in order to reach for the original books at the library if needed. All images are of high resolution and can be zoomed in online as well as downloaded when allowed by the editors.

*Bouquet* will also be accessible through the Bibliothèque Interuniversitaire de la Communauté française de Belgique *DONum* (*Dépôt d'Objets Numérisés*) portal. *DONum* is a portal which centralises since 2009 all of the digitised collections of francophone universities in Belgium (UCL, ULB, UMon, UNamur, Ulg), giving access through all of the resources available through a single search engine.

### THEMES AND KEY WORDS

Readers are provided with a range of information regarding the content of the maps, all of which can be accessed and selected through the search engine:

- **Themes** : social history, urban history, rural history, industrial history, political history, history of roads and railroads, etc.
- **Current district**: province (Namur/ Hainaut /Brabant Wallon/...), region (Wallonia / Flanders), country (France/ Belgique/Pays-Bas...), etc.
- **Past districts**: for instance: « Empire Romain », « Comté de Namur », « Pays-Bas méridionaux »,...
- **Chronological time frame** (time period + century). For instance: “Temps Modernes, 18e s.”

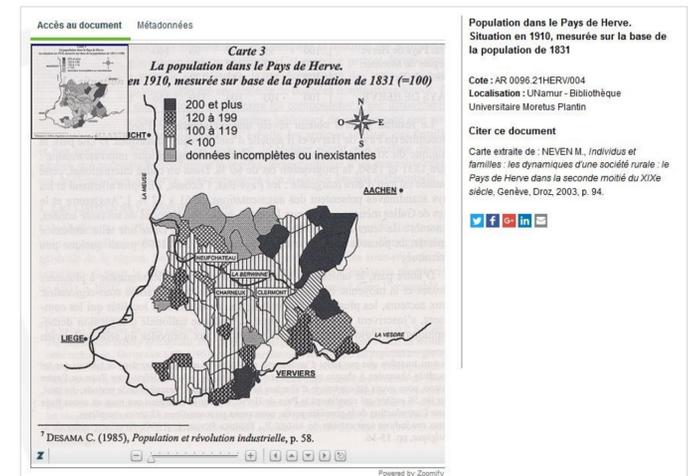
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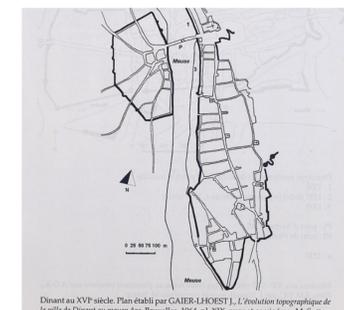
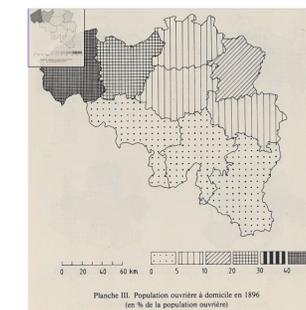
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### WHAT BOUQUET LOOKS LIKE



Example of one of Bouquet's map



Example of maps chosen for Bouquet : Population ouvrière à domicile en 1896, Dinant au XVIe siècle