

1974-03-02b: [BOURGEOISIE] Chaussinand-Nogaret, "Capital & Structure"

By studying the wealth of the *fermier, receveurs & tresoriers* declared in the Chambre de Justice in 1716, and noting the growth of their wealth in the period since 1689 (the *terminus à quo* for the investigation), observations about function of wealth, noble-seeking, etc.

He has a general law that when wealth is being accumulated to allow acquiring noble status, it is dynamic, but when ensconced in nobility it becomes static. He seems to isolate two strains of noble-seeking after 1716: one track (real capitalists) via *secrétaire du roi*, the other through the robe. Those who were the extremely wealthy in 1716 provided many of the *parlementaires* in the next few generations. Later on, there is more of a likelihood that one will follow his father in profession. (Vague)

One of the interesting statistics is the percentage of fortune made up by patrimony, whence is deduced the growth factor of the individual fortune.

Put together with Boshier on late financial officer group, it could prove very useful.