Folger Institute: Spring Semester Seminar 2003

Mutualities and Obligations: Social Relationships in Early Modern England

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1. Establishing themes

i) Preparation for the seminar

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S.E. Whyman, <u>Sociability and Power in Late-Stuart England. The cultural world of the Verneys, 1660-1720</u> (Oxford, 1999), pp. 14-33, 55-84, 87-99.

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