



THE MEDICI GRANDUCAL ARCHIVE
...AND THE MEDICI ARCHIVE PROJECT

1537: Cosimo I founds the Medici state

1743: Death of Anna Maria Luisa, Last of the Medici

1951: Publication of the *Inventario Sommario*, a summary handlist of the Medici Granducal Archive

1993: The Medici Archive Project begins operation

1995: The Medici Archive Project begins work on the *Documentary Sources* Database, creating comprehensive access to the Medici Granducal Archive

2000: The Medici Archive Project initiates its program of three-year Fellowships on-site in the Florentine National Archive

2001: The Medici Archive Project formalizes a collaborative agreement with the Florentine National Archive

2002: The Medici Archive Project becomes an Affiliate of the Renaissance Society of America

2003: The first NEH Fellow joins the Project's Research Team

2006: The Medici Archive Project will deliver the test version of the *Documentary Sources* database live-and-online, in collaboration with the Renaissance Society of America

The Medici Granducal Archive (*Archivio Mediceo del Principato*) contains approximately 3 million letters from 1537 to 1743, filling a kilometer of shelf space in the Florentine National Archive (*Archivio di Stato di Firenze*). This is the most complete surviving record of any princely regime in Renaissance and Early Modern Europe, offering a depth of research material that is available nowhere else.

Illustration 1: The Stacks of the Florentine National Archive (*Archivio di Stato di Firenze*).



Though the Medici Granducal Archive presents unique opportunities for research and teaching, this resource is dauntingly difficult to use due to the lack of adequate access tools. Until the advent of the Medici Archive Project, the best available instrument was the *Summary Inventory of the Medici Granducal Archive* (Archivio Mediceo del Principato: Inventario Sommario), which was published in 1951. This is a mere handlist of the various volumes of documents, with a cursory indication of the relevant range of dates. Would-be users thereby begin their work with little understanding of the information that is contained in these volumes of documents.

Illustration 2:

Summary Inventory of the Medici Granducal Archive (Archivio Mediceo del Principato: Inventario Sommario). Title Page, Summary Inventory of the Medici Granducal Archive (first published in Rome in 1951; the 1966 reprinting is shown here.)

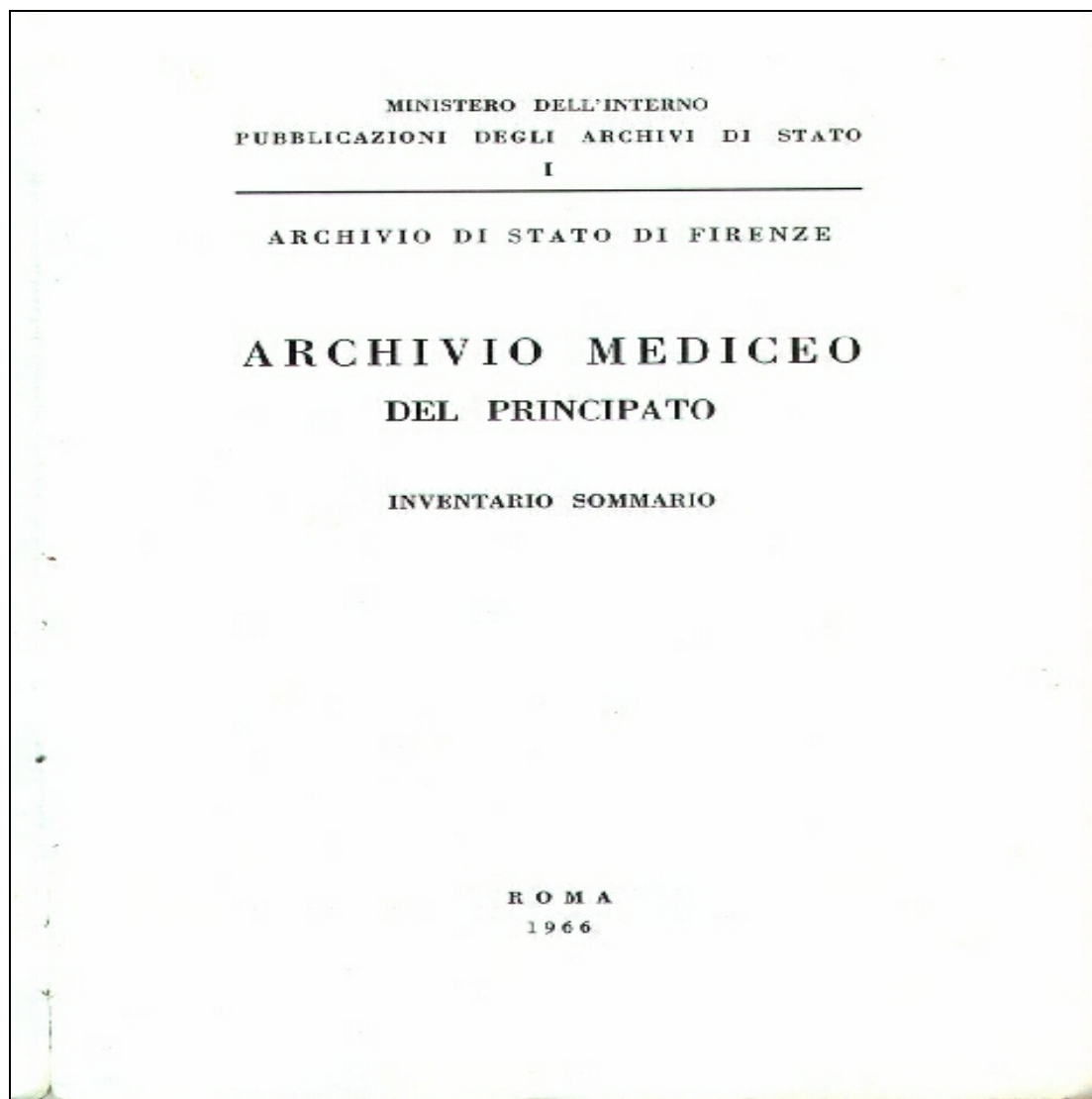


Illustration 3: Page 1 of the *Summary Inventory*, demonstrating the limited depth of previous description.

The first line (marked by arrow) reads 1536 gen. 20 – 1574 feb. 24, f. 1. (that is to say, 1536 January 20 – 1574 February 24, shelf number 1.) This refers to Volume One of the Medici Granducal Archive (Drafts of Letters and File Copies > Drafts > Cosimo I > Secretary Concino).

The *Inventario Sommario* is the only previously existing index of the Medici Granducal Archive and this is the sum total of available information regarding Volume 1.

| MINUTE DI LETTERE E REGISTRI | |
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| MINUTE | |
| <p>Minute originali di lettere in fogli sciolti, poi rilegati in filza, inviate la massima parte dai sovrani e loro segretari, fino a tutto il granducato di Ferdinando II (1670). Successivamente le minute furono rilegate insieme con le lettere ricevute. Sono raggruppate per sovrani; ma alcune filze contengono minute anche di anni posteriori. Alle minute, perchè con esse hanno qualche relazione, si trovano talora uniti altri documenti, e vi si trovano anche minute di istruzioni ad ambasciatori, di patenti, di salvacondotti. Integrano questa serie i registri di lettere spedite (vedi p. 6-9), nei quali solo eccezionalmente sono trascritte le lettere, di cui si hanno qui le minute. Alle date estreme delle singole filze segue, quando risulta, o è stata possibile l'identificazione, l'iniziale del cognome del segretario minuzante.</p> | |
| <p>COSIMO I. Segretario: Concino.</p> | |
| <p>1536 gen. 20 - 1574 feb. 24, f. 1. 1537 gen. - 1538 ago., f. 1a. — gen. - 1543 dic., f. 2. — feb. 6 - 1549 mar. 17, f. 3. 1540 mar. 29 - 1542 mar. 24, f. 4. 1542 giu. 21 - 1547 mar. 24, f. 5. 1545 mar. 31 - 1546 mar. 24, f. 6. 1546 mar. 25 - ago. 31, f. 7. — ago. 31 - 1547 feb. 28, f. 8. 1547 mar. 28 - 1548 mar. 27, f. 10. — ago. 30 - 1554 ago. 22, f. 17. — set. 2 - 1548 mar. 28, f. 9. 1548 mar. 26 - set. 29, f. 11. — mar. 27 - 1549 mar. 31, f. 12. 1549 mar. 27 - 1550 set. 30, f. 15.</p> | <p>1549 mar. 31 - 1550 mar. 15, f. 13. — apr. 18 - 1550 mar. 11, f. 14. 1550 mar. 26 - 1551 mar. 24, f. 16. 1551 apr. 21 - 1614 mar. 15, f. 19. — ago. 31 - 1552 mar. 23, f. 18. 1552 mar. 25 - ago. 31, f. 20. — mag. 8 - 1553 mar. 24, f. 22. — giu. 4 - 1553 mar. 23, f. 23. — lug. 1 - lug. 31, f. 21. — nov. 27 - 1557 mar. 12, f. 24. 1553 mar. 25 - 1554 apr. 2, f. 29. — mar. 27 - 1554 mar. 24, f. 26. — mar. 27 - 1557 mar. 24, f. 27. — apr. 1 - ago. 31, f. 25. — set. 2 - 1554 gen. 31, f. 28.</p> |

The Medici Archive Project is propelling the Medici Granducal Archive into the mainstream of current scholarship by way of its information system, *Documentary Sources for the Arts and Humanities in the Medici Granducal Archive, 1537-1743*, creating a level of in-depth access to research content previously impossible in an archive of this period.

Illustration 4: *Documentary Sources* is a Relational Database that stores essential information in various linked repositories or “data tables”, as seen below in the relationship map generated from MS Access. These tables can be collectively searched or “queried” to generate reports, presenting focused information regarding the contents of the Medici Granducal Archive. Data entry and searching are accomplished by way of interface screens that provide user-friendly paths into the data.

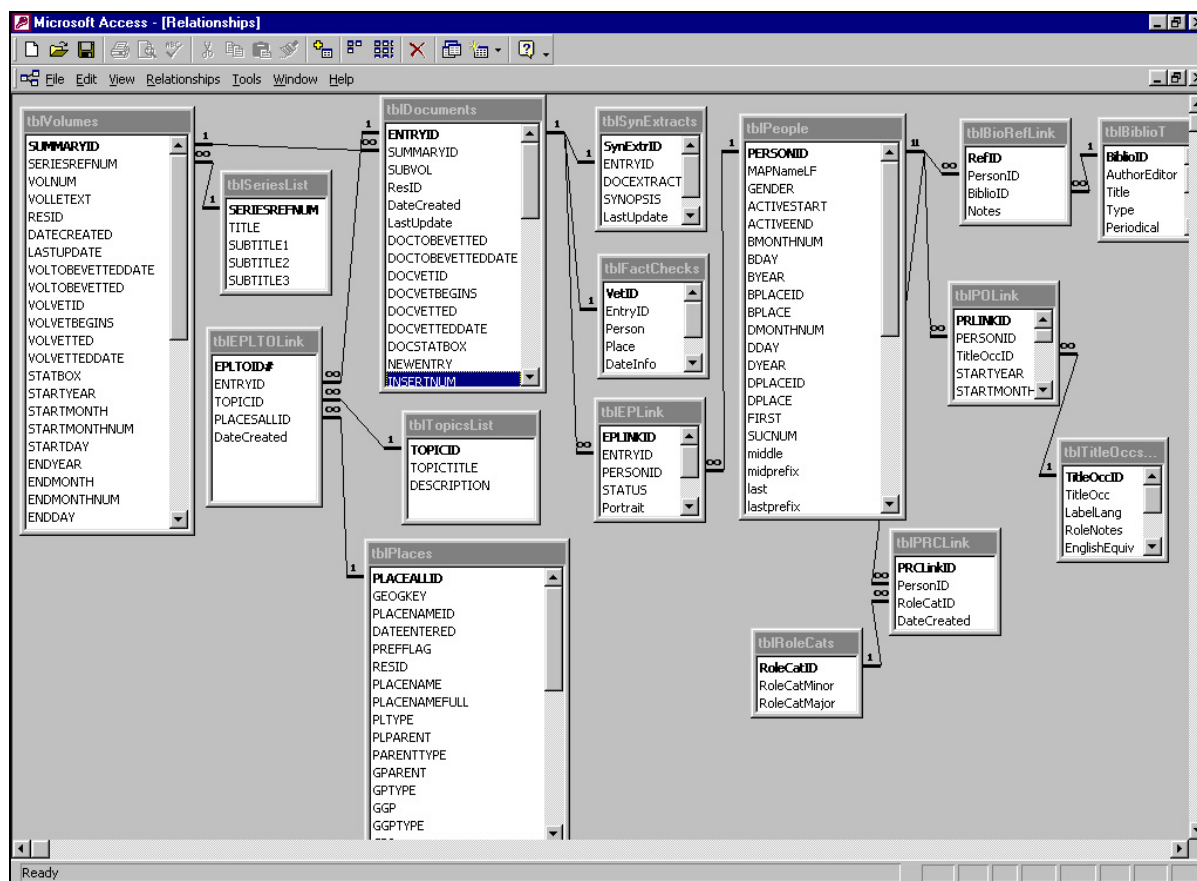


Illustration 5: Main Menu of the data-entry interface of the *Documentary Sources* database. The *Documentary Sources* database incorporates four main modules that allow MAP's research team to collect, organize and track information relevant to VOLUMES of documents, individual DOCUMENTS, PEOPLE and PLACES.

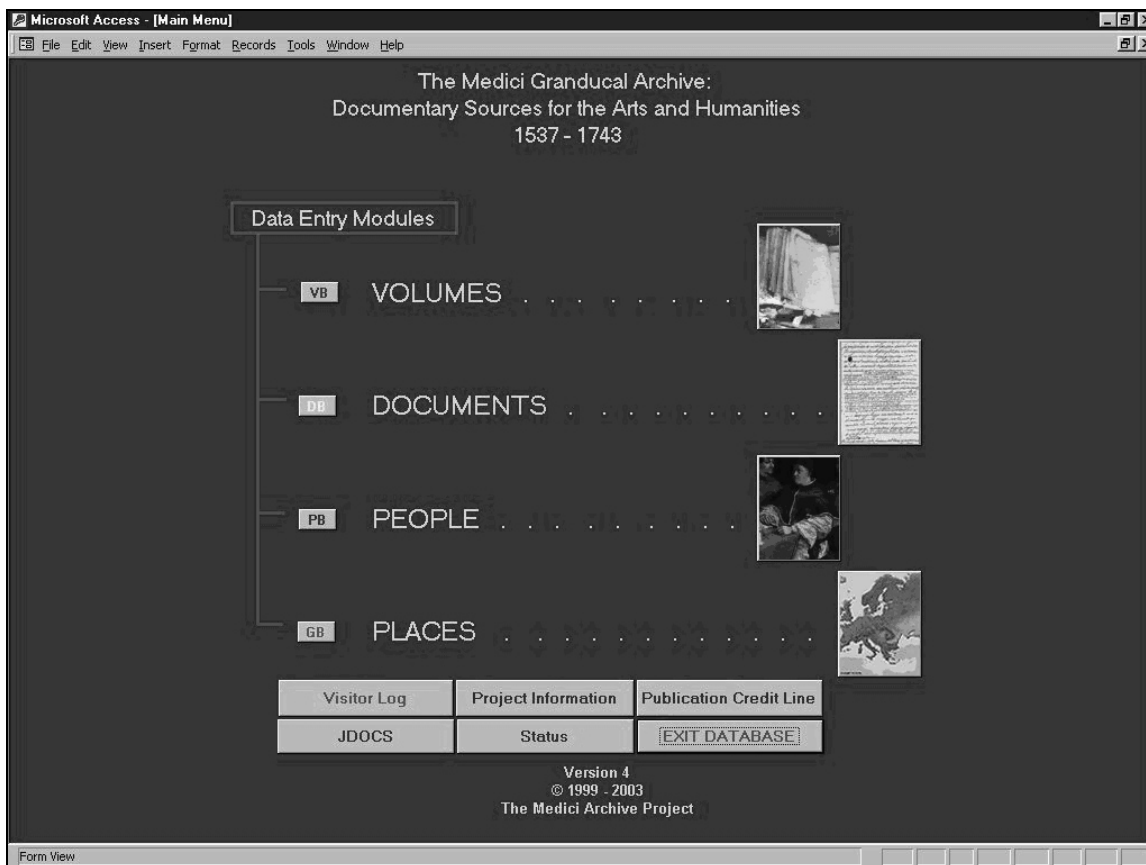
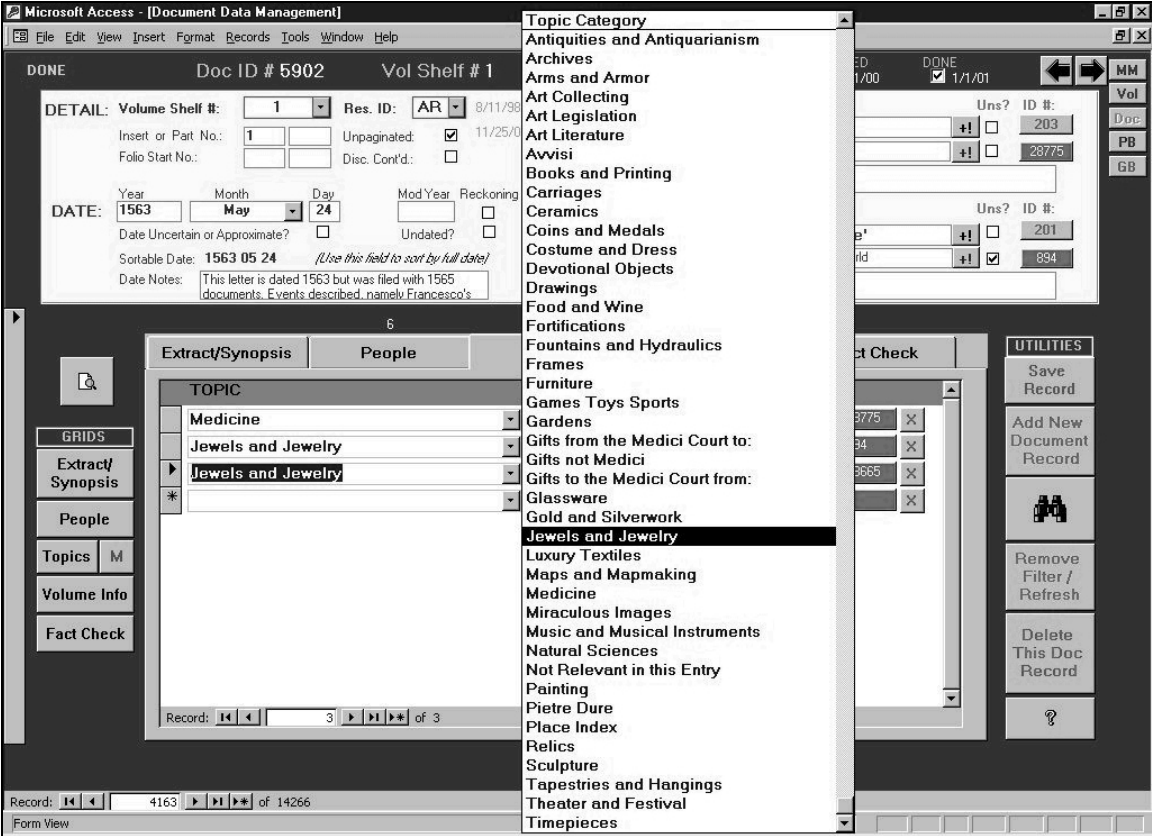


Illustration 6: The Medici Archive Project has developed a fully functional system for data entry and data storage. This system is in daily use by MAP's research team, assessing and describing the Medici Granducal Archive on-site in the Florentine National Archive, using the interface illustrated below.

In order to manage the subject content of the various documents, MAP developed a system of 42 TOPIC CATEGORIES particularly relevant to research in the Medici Granducal Archive.

This screenshot from the data-entry system shows the construction of Document Record #5902. At this stage in the process, the document is being indexed to the topic category "Jewels and Jewelry".



Data regarding VOLUMES, DOCUMENTS (including “Topic Categories”), PEOPLE and PLACES are stored in the *Documentary Sources* system. By means of the relational links built into the data system, richly detailed reports can be generated.

Here are some examples of the kinds of information that researchers around the world will be able to access live-and-online from data currently in the *Documentary Sources* system:

The following pages show:

Illustration 7: Composite report for MdP 1, the first shelf-numbered volume in the series of the Medici Granducal Archive. This report offers a concise volume-level description, including a list of the documents from this volume that are fully described at document level. A sample document report is shown in Illustration 8.

Illustration 8: Composite Report for Document 5902, one of the documents in volume MdP 1. This report specifies the date of the letter and the names and locations of the sender and recipient. Then, it offers an extract of the relevant portion of the letter in its original language (Italian, in the present case) supported by a synopsis in English. This is followed by a breakdown of the related indexing for this document, including People, Topics and Places.

Illustration 9: Composite Biographical Report for Cosimo I de’ Medici, one of the principal historical figures cited in volume MdP 1, Document 5902. Biographical reports include a range of basic biographical data as well as descriptions of all the linked documents indexed to the person in question. **Note:** since there are currently 4,065 documents indexed to Cosimo I in the *Documentary Sources* system, the report below is limited to the documents in volume MdP 1.

Illustration 7: Composite Report for Volume Mdp 1

| | |
|---|--|
| Volume Shelf #: | 1 |
| Reference Title: | Minute di Lettere e Registri; Minute: Cosimo I, Segretario: Concino (Inventario Sommario) |
| Volume Status: Volume Vetted Date: | DONE 11/26/01 |
| Start: End: | January 21, 1536 February 24, 1574 |
| Senders: Recipients: | Tuscan Court (Lorenzo Pagni; Pierfrancesco Riccio) Italy and Abroad (Sovereigns; Princes; Nobles; Gentlemen; Administrators) |
| Context: | Siege of Oran in Algeria and Tuscan galleys; Military provisions; Strozzi affair; investiture of Siena; Prince Francesco's trip to Innsbruck and Bavaria in 1565; confiscation of property of Alessandro Salviati. Insert II includes series of letters to Dukes of Parma and Alva, ref. Siena, ca. 1557-58. |
| Folio Count: | ca. 600 |
| Volume Bound: Folios Numbered: | No No |
| Languages: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Italian <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Latin <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Organization: | 2 Inserts, partial old numbering in Insert II. |

DOCUMENT RECORDS FOR THIS VOLUME:

| <u>Document ID</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Sender Name & Place</u> | <u>Recipient Name & Place</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|---|---|
| 5896 | 1550 06 17 | Toledo-de' Medici, Leonor de (Eleonora) Firenze / Firenze / Toscana / Italia | Este, Ercole II d' Ferrara / Ferrara / Emilia-Romagna / Italia |
| 5898 | 1543 03 09 | Person Name Lost, Not Indicated or Unidentifiable Firenze / Firenze / Toscana / Italia | Medici, Cosimo I de' Toscana / Italia / Europe / World |
| 5899 | 1543 02 27 | Riccio, Pier Francesco Firenze / Firenze / Toscana / Italia | Person Name Lost, Not Indicated or Unidentifiable |

| | | | Place Name Lost, Not Indicated or Unidentifiable |
|------|------------|--|--|
| 5900 | 1542 09 23 | Medici, Cosimo I de' Poggio a Caiano / Firenze / Toscana / Italia | Riccio, Pier Francesco Firenze / Firenze / Toscana / Italia |
| 5901 | 1565 11 17 | Medici, Cosimo I de' Firenze / Firenze / Toscana / Italia | Serristori, Averardo di Antonio Roma / Roma / Lazio / Italia |
| 5902 | 1563 05 24 | Medici, Cosimo I de' Pisa / Pisa / Toscana / Italia | Medici, Francesco I de' España / Europe / World / World |
| 5903 | 1573 01 07 | Medici, Cosimo I de' Pisa / Pisa / Toscana / Italia | Landriano, Giuseppe Francesco (Conte di Landriano) Palermo / Palermo / Sicilia / Italia |
| 5904 | 1552 09 28 | Medici, Cosimo I de' Firenze / Firenze / Toscana / Italia | Siena, Signori di Siena / Siena / Toscana / Italia |
| 7422 | 1563 05 30 | Medici, Cosimo I de' Livorno / Livorno / Toscana / Italia | Medici, Francesco I de' España / Europe / World / Wor |

Illustration 9: Composite Biographical Report for Cosimo I de' Medici

The Medici Archive Project
 Documentary Sources for the Arts and Humanities 1537 - 1743
 Peoplebase Report

Total Biographical Records = 1

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Medici, Cosimo I de'

M.A.P. ID# 203

Summary

| Alternate Names | Children | Spouses | Roles/Titles/ Occupations | Indexed Documents | Biblio References |
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| 4 | 15 | 2 | 9 | 4,065 | 6 |

Vital Statistics

Birth Date: 1519 June 15

Birth Place: Firenze / Firenze / Toscana / Italia

Death Date: 1574 April 21

Death Place: Firenze / Firenze / Toscana /

Father: Medici, Lodovico de' (Giovanni delle Bande Nere) Person ID# 9095

Mother: Salviati-de' Medici, Maria di Iacopo Person ID# 505

Alternate Names

Type

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Cosimo I | Appellative |
| MEDICI, COSIMO I DE | SearchName |
| Cosimo | Given |
| Medici | Family |

| Child's Name | Birth Year | Death Year | Person ID | Age at Death |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Medici, Bia di Cosimo I de' | 1537 | 1542 | 1129 | 5 |
| Medici, Maria di Cosimo I de' | 1540 | 1557 | 904 | 17 |
| Medici, Francesco I de' | 1541 | 1587 | 201 | 46 |
| Medici-Orsini, Isabella di Cosimo I de' | 1542 | 1576 | 408 | 34 |
| Medici, Giovanni di Cosimo I de' (Cardinale) | 1543 | 1562 | 405 | 19 |
| Medici-d'Este, Lucrezia di Cosimo I de' | 1545 | 1561 | 946 | 16 |
| Medici, Pietro di Cosimo I de' (Pedricco) | 1546 | 1547 | 1175 | 1 |
| Medici, Garzia di Cosimo I de' | 1547 | 1562 | 407 | 15 |
| Medici, Antonio di Cosimo I de' | 1548 | 1548 | 1151 | 0 |
| Medici, Ferdinando I de' | 1549 | 1609 | 325 | 60 |
| Medici, Anna di Cosimo I de' | 1553 | 1553 | 1157 | 0 |
| Medici, Pietro di Cosimo I de' | 1554 | 1604 | 919 | 50 |
| Unnamed daughter of Eleonora degli Albizzi, | 1566 | 1566 | 15542 | 0 |
| Medici, Giovanni di Cosimo I de' | 1567 | 1621 | 556 | 54 |
| Medici-d'Este, Virginia di Cosimo I de' | 1568 | 1615 | 1162 | 47 |

| Spouse Name | Marriage Start | Marriage End | Marriage Termination | SpouseID |
|---|----------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|
| Toledo-de' Medici, Leonor de (Eleonora) | 1539 | 1562 | Death | 199 |
| Martelli-de' Medici, Camilla | 1570 | 1574 | Death | 498 |

| Role/Title/Occupation | Start | End |
|--|-------|-------|
| Protettore dell'Accademia letteraria fiorentina | | |
| Signore della Repubblica di Firenze | 1537 | Jan 9 |
| Duca di Firenze | 1537 | 1557 |
| Chevalier de la Toison d'or | 1548 | |
| Duca di Firenze e Siena | 1557 | 1570 |
| Fondatore dell'Ordine di Santo Stefano | 1561 | |
| Gran Maestro di Santo Stefano | 1561 | 1574 |
| Protettore dell'Accademia del Disegno di Firenze | 1563 | |
| Granduca di Toscana | 1570 | 1574 |

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| Litta, Pompeo, et al | Famiglie Celebri Italiane | 1819-1883 | Medici, tav. XIII |
| Grassellini, Emilio & Fracassini, Arnaldo | Profili Medicei: Origine, Sviluppo, Decadenza della Famiglia Medici | 1982 | pp. 79-81 |
| Pieraccini, Gaetano | La stirpe de' Medici di Cafaggiolo. | 1924-1925 | Vol. II, pp. 5-53 |

Number of Documents Indexed to this Person: 4,065

Document ID# 5896

| Shelf | Folio | Date | Sender | Recipient |
|-------|------------|---|---|-----------|
| 1 | 1550 06 17 | Toledo-de' Medici, Leonor de (Eleonora) Firenze / Firenze / Toscana / Italia | Este, Ercole II d' Ferrara / Ferrara / Emilia-Romagna / Italia | |

DOCUMENT EXTRACT:

[...] Con la carta di V. Ecc.a dell'ultimo del passato ricevj e' salamj, le confectionj et il caviale che gli è piaciuto mandarmi [...] certificandoli che li salamj sono eccellenti, le confectionj tanto buone che io che facevo professione d'esse, confesso ingenuamente, che le sue sono di gran lunga migliori', ma il caviale è stato meglio che nissun' altra cosa. Degli asininj Indiani che ha ordinato mandarmj, non posso dirgli altro sino allo arrivo loro, se non che venendo dalla mano di V. Ecc.a, si come sono animalj nuovj et rari in queste parti d'Italia, così non possano essere, se non bellj, et a me carissimj, onde ne la ringratio infinitamente. Invio io a V. Ecc.a per segno di qualche gratitudine [cancelled: paia sei di quanti profumati, certe fodere da guanciali et alcuni pannicelli da naso] ^alcune cose che io fo^ di mia propria mano [...]

DOCUMENT SYNOPSIS:

The sender [Eleonora de' Medici or another woman from the ducal family] thanks the duke of Ferrara for the salami, confections, and caviar she received from him. She awaits the "asinini indiani" the duke has also sent her, and as a sign of gratitude sends him some items she has made herself.

Document ID# 5898

| Shelf | Folio | Date | Sender | Recipient |
|-------|-------|------------|---|---|
| 1 | | 1543 03 09 | Person Name Lost, Not Indicated or Unidentifiable Firenze / Firenze / Toscana / Italia | Medici, Cosimo I de' Toscana / Italia / Europe / World |

SYNOPSIS:

Memorandum relating to various matters: tombs in San Lorenzo; the udienza in Palazzo Vecchio; Cesare Milanese [probably Cesare da Milano "filettatore in oro"] reports on breast-plates "alla todesca" to be had in Milan; leather vestments made for dwarf [possibly Filippino, Lodovico, or Morgante]. ["Signora Maria" is possibly Maria Salviati]

EXTRACT:

[...] *Al Maiordomo [Pierfrancesco Riccio] di V. Ex.a mostrai il capitulo che la mi scrive per conto della muraglia [...] e s'è dato ordine con M.o Giovanni Ungaro di saldare questi conti e si solleciteranno. Ma perchè l'Ex.a V. vole [cancelled: qualche] notizia della presente spesa, però [cancelled: le dico: che all'opera del sepolcro in San Lorenzo, sono duoi maestri e cinque manovali che son quelli che hanno lavorato e lavorano all'audientia della sala grande. Al terrazzo che si fa per la Signora Maria] quale ne mando la nota che sarà con questo. Cesare Milanese mi dice che hebbe risposta con quel maestro in Milano teneva dei corsaletti alla todesca, [cancelled: [unclear] cos]] che [proposed reading: rifachi] alla moderna et dei nuovi, senz'altra notizia del pregio [cancelled: perchè] per la detta differentia della foggia [...] Al nano se tagliato i vestimenti di cuoio [...]*

Document ID# 5900

| Shelf | Folio | Date | Sender | Recipient |
|-------|-------|------------|--|--|
| 1 | | 1542 09 23 | Medici, Cosimo I de' Poggio a Caiano / Firenze / Toscana / Italia | Riccio, Pier Francesco Firenze / Firenze / Toscana / Italia |

SYNOPSIS:

Cosimo I orders payment to Tommaso [Lapi, as identified in related document] for pearls.

EXTRACT:

[...] *Pagerete della cassa a Tommaso [Lapi] da Empoli perle 53 a scudi 65 l'una e li scudi 'anno a essere di moneta e piglierete tante monete ma non vorrei nessuno lo sapessi e tanto direte a Bernardo e a Tommaso, e tutto ne farete ricordo dicendovi le perle averle con me [...]*

Document ID# 5901

| Shelf | Folio | Date | Sender | Recipient |
|-------|-------|------------|--|---|
| 1 | | 1565 11 17 | Medici, Cosimo I de' Firenze / Firenze / Toscana / Italia | Serristori, Averardo di Antonio Roma / Roma / Lazio / Italia |

SYNOPSIS:

Discussion of boxes of stones, possibly jewels or pietre dure.

EXTRACT:

[...] *Quanto alle due casse delle pietre, che sono al porto ricordate dal S.r Iacopo Carrano peraltro l'averete inteso l'ordine che s'è dato [...]*

Document ID# 5902**Shelf****Folio
Date
Sender
Recipient**

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| 1 | 1563 05 24 | Medici, Cosimo I de' Pisa / Pisa / Toscana / Italia | Medici, Francesco I de' España / Europe / World / World |
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SYNOPSIS:

Duke Cosimo, with his court at Pisa, writes to his son Francesco [in Spain]. The duke reports that a Portuguese cardinal visiting the court is recovering from the German measles. The measles also afflicted the duke's son Don Pietro, who has made a full recovery. Neri Rapucci, ducal secretary, will board the galleys about to sail [to Spain]. Discussion of jewels sent [to Spain] at the request of the king [Philip II], a matter presumably related to Francesco's upcoming marriage to Giovanna d'Austria; [Philip II had been entrusted by Cosimo to handle the marriage negotiations].

EXTRACT:

[...] Il Cardinale è quasi interamente libero dalla Rossellia, et comincia a passeggiare per il convento, dove stiamo stato hoggi a visitarlo. Il medesimo male ha ancora assalito don Pietro, il quale se ne mostra fran.co [...] Le galere nostre stanno tuttavia per alzar le vele e sopra di esse s'imbarcarà il seg.rio Neri [Rapucci] dal quale potrete avere largo conto dell'essere nostro [...] Quanto al caso delle gioie, come dovette sapere furno condotte costà di ordine e commessione del Re, così ci parria conveniente che quella Maestà l'assicurasse per ritorno massime potendolo fare senza incomodo suo o pregiuditio di alcuno. Ma quando ciò non si possa ottenere, non saperemmo di qua che modo vi porre [...]

Document ID# 5903**Shelf Folio****Date****Sender****Recipient**

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| 1 | 1573 01 07 | Medici, Cosimo I de' Pisa / Pisa / Toscana / Italia | Landriano, Giuseppe Francesco (Conte di Landriano) Palermo / Palermo / Sicilia / Italia |
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SYNOPSIS:

Don Giovanni [perhaps Don Juan de Austria] has asked Either Cosimo I or Prince Regent Ferdinando for "ingegneri"; Giulio da Thiene is proposed.

EXTRACT:

[...] Molto Ill.re Sig.re, son stato ricercato dal Signor Don Giovanni di due ingegneri di questo mio stato, dicendo volersene servire per occasioni da venire [...] Ho dunque pensato per il maggior servizio che in ciò io potessi fare a Sua Altezza, di proporle il Conte Giulio da Thiene [...]

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|---|----|------------|--|---|
| 1 | 33 | 1552 09 28 | Medici, Cosimo I de' Firenze / Firenze / Toscana / Italia | Siena, Signori di Siena / Siena / Toscana / Italia |
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SYNOPSIS:

Cosimo I discusses the activity of the architect and fortifications expert Giovanni Battista Pelori.

EXTRACT:

[...] Ancor che'io abbia più tempo desiderato avere a' servizi il Peloro [Giovanni Battista Pelori] e che di presente sendo trovato qui avessi disegnato di fermarlo, intendendo che Vostre Signorie se ne vogliono servire [...]

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1563 05 30

Medici, Cosimo I de'
Livorno / Livorno / Toscana / ItaliaMedici, Francesco I de'
España / Europe / World / World**SYNOPSIS:**

Cosimo I, in Livorno, writes to his son Francesco [who presumably is in Spain: see doc 5902]. He informs Francesco that he has ordered 25,000 scudi to be sent to him to cover current expenses, explaining the difficulties of his present financial situation and reminding him of the loan of 80,000 scudi to the King of France [Charles IX]. The duke sends galleys to the Spanish King in support of "il soccorso di Orano" [this port city, a Spanish stronghold on the African coast, was attacked by the King of Algiers in April, 1563, and relieved in June, 1563 by a Spanish fleet that included three Tuscan galleys]. After the Oran mission, the galleys will return to Barcelona, where Francesco will be able to embark on his voyage home. Cosimo reassures his son on the matter of his marriage [to Johanna von Hapsburg-de' Medici].

EXTRACT:

[...] Ill.mo Sig.r Figliolo, con l'occasione della venuta delle galere, e con la tornata di Neri ti dirò quel che occorre per ora, e prima quanto al rimetterti danari, si è dato ordine, e si cambia per costà la somma di 25 mila scudi che con li utili doveranno arrivar a conveniente provision per li bisogni presenti [...] onde per satisfarti, e che honoratamente possi comparir nel partire come nel andare ti 'o provvisto di questa somma non che di qua non ci sia una straordinaria strettezza ricordandoti ancora che si è prestato al Re di Francia scudi 80 mila [...] Le galere vengono con questo ordine di far per il soccorso d'Orano quanto S.M.C. [Sua Maestà Cattolica] comanda, poi 'anno ordine di tornar a Barzelona, e se vorrai imbarcarti aspettar, e far quanto tu li dirai, onde io 'o fatto un mio conto che tu potrai esser spedito di costà e tornartene, o con essi, o con l'altre che venissero insieme per di qua, ti ricordo solo che al tornar venghino cautamente perchè le cose del mare sono un bosco [...] però innanzi che tu ti metti a passar farlo con considerazione e con bon consiglio, e soprattutto nelle cose del mare consigliati con il Machiavelli perchè ne sa tanto che ne satisfacciamo del suo consiglio. Le galere parton ben a ordine come ne arai relatione, e da Neri e d'altri, si per servir S. M. si perchè volendosene servire sieno atte a poterti levare. Subito che arò le lettere di cambio ti spedirò un corriere con esse, e li duplicati di esse con le occasion che verranno poi. [...] quanto al tuo casamento io lo tengo per risoluto, e di costà forse per la via di corrieri di Fiandra saprai prima li particolari e come sapremo cosa che che importi te avviseremo [...]

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NOTE: *The full composite report for Cosimo I de' Medici contains information from all records indexed to him: 4,065 documents as of June 30, 2004.*

Upsizing the *Documentary Sources* system for web delivery will create public access to this significant and rapidly growing mass of historical information. The Medici Archive Project is now collaborating with the Renaissance Society of America and the Information Technology Services of the University of Toronto Library to deliver a test version of the *Documentary Sources* system live-and-online by the spring of 2006.

MAP recently worked with professional web and graphic designers to complete draft images of a browser-based user interface. These drafts are based on a "list → detail" model. They form the starting point for developing an interface for the upsized online system.

The following pages show:

Illustration 10: Web-based interface design (draft) showing Volume list screen

Illustration 11: Web-based interface design (draft) showing Volume detail screen.

Illustration 12: Web-based interface design (draft) showing Document list screen

Illustration 13: Web-based interface design (draft) showing Document detail screen

Illustration 14: Web-based interface design (draft) showing Peoplebase list screen

Illustration 15: Web-based interface design (draft) showing Peoplebase detail screen

This design approach allows the user to drill down from a list of Volumes to specific Documents, to specific Biographical, Topic and Place records, using clickable hyperlinks to move between and among related records.

Illustration 10: Web-based interface design (draft) showing Volume List Screen.

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| 42 | Minute di Lettere e Registri | This field is 30 characters max | 20 characters max | 1550-06-17 | 1550-06-17 | Entry | RAC | RAC |
| 43 | Minute di Lettere e Registri | Minute: Cosimo I e Francesco, | Segretario Condno | 1550-06-17 | 1550-06-17 | Entry Done | BD | BD |
| 44 | Governi di Citta e Luoghi Soggetti | Minute: Ferdinando I | Segretario Condno | 1556-06-17 | 1556-06-17 | Vetting | AR | AR |
| 45 | Minute di Lettere e Registri | Registri: Alessandro | Segretario Condno | 1556-06-17 | 1556-06-17 | Vetting Done | AR | AR |
| 46 | Istruzioni ad Ambasciatori | Alessandro e Cosimo I | Segretario Condno | 1556-06-17 | 1556-06-17 | Entry | AR | AR |
| 47 | Carteggio Universale | Cosimo III e Gian Gastone | Segretario Condno | 1556-06-17 | 1556-06-17 | Entry Done | AR | AR |
| 48 | Relazioni con Stati Italiani ed Esteri | Pier Francesco del Riccio | Segretario Condno | 1556-06-17 | 1556-06-17 | Vetting | AR | AR |
| 49 | Carteggio Universale | Cristiano e Lorenzo Pagni | Segretario Condno | 1556-06-17 | 1556-06-17 | Vetting Done | BD | BD |
| 50 | Carteggi dei Principi | Piero Usimbardi e Antonio Vint | Segretario Condno | 1556-06-17 | 1556-06-17 | Entry | BD | BD |
| 51 | Carteggio Universale | Orazio della Rena | Segretario Condno | 1556-06-17 | 1556-06-17 | Entry Done | BD | BD |

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Illustration 11: Web-based interface design (draft) showing Volume Detail Screen.

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Mediceo del Principato (MdP) #4

Inventario Sommario Series Reference
Minute di Lettere e Registri / Minute: Cosimo I / Segretario Concino

Start Date **1537 January 30**
 End Date **1543 December 16**
 Date Notes

Description

Organizational Criteria: Consecutively numbered in ink. Alphabetical index of recipients by first name or title of some use.

Condition: Some pages have suffered ink corrosion.

Bound: Yes
 Folios Numbered: Yes (560)
 Alphabetical Index: Yes
 Languages: Italian

Some Documents in Cipher: Yes
 Cipher Notes: Some documents have been translated.
 Staff Notes: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed diam nonummy nibh euismod tincidunt ut laoreet dolore magna aliquam erat volutpat. Ut wisi enim ad minim veniam, quis

Correspondents

From: Miscellaneous material, predominantly from the Tuscan Court [various hands including Lorenzo Pagni]. However, there are also copies of spies' reports and other miscellaneous material sent to the Duke.

To: Italy and Abroad (Sovereigns; Princes; Nobles; Gentlemen; Administrators).

Context

Considerable attention paid to relations with Spain, through the correspondence of Averardo Semistori [Ambassador to the Emperor, in Spain]; Piero Strozzi affair; French and Spanish troop movements; Altopascio; Camerino; Piombino; famine and the procurement of grain supplies for the city; the re-establishment of the Studio di Pisa; congratulations for proxy wedding in Naples [March 30] and preparations for arrival of Eleonora da Toledo in Tuscany, June 1539

:: See all **documents** in this volume (75)

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Illustration 12: Web-based interface design (draft) showing Document List Screen

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| DocID# | MdP# | Folio# | Date | From | From Place | To | To Place | Status | ResID | VetID | Updated |
|--------|------|--------|-------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------|--------|-------|-------|--------------|
| 10 | 42 | 42 | 1622 Jan 18 | Medici, Cosimo I de' | Firenze | Austria, Felipe IV de | Madrid | Vetted | LG | RAC | 10/23/02 RAC |
| 11 | 43 | 43 | 1622 Jan 18 | Medici, Cosimo I de' | Firenze | Austria, Felipe IV de | Madrid | Vetted | LG | RAC | 10/23/02 RAC |
| 12 | 44 | 44 | 1622 Jan 18 | Medici, Cosimo I de' | Firenze | Austria, Felipe IV de | Madrid | Vetted | LG | RAC | 10/23/02 RAC |
| 13 | 45 | 45 | 1622 Jan 18 | Medici, Cosimo I de' | Firenze | Austria, Felipe IV de | Madrid | Vetted | LG | RAC | 10/23/02 RAC |
| 14 | 46 | 46 | 1622 Jan 18 | Medici, Cosimo I de' | Firenze | Austria, Felipe IV de | Madrid | Vetted | LG | RAC | 10/23/02 RAC |
| 15 | 47 | 47 | 1622 Jan 18 | Medici, Cosimo I de' | Firenze | Austria, Felipe IV de | Madrid | Vetted | LG | RAC | 10/23/02 RAC |
| 16 | 48 | 48 | 1622 Jan 18 | Medici, Cosimo I de' | Firenze | Austria, Felipe IV de | Madrid | Vetted | LG | RAC | 10/23/02 RAC |
| 17 | 49 | 49 | 1622 Jan 18 | Medici, Cosimo I de' | Firenze | Austria, Felipe IV de | Madrid | Vetted | LG | RAC | 10/23/02 RAC |
| 18 | 50 | 50 | 1622 Jan 18 | Medici, Cosimo I de' | Firenze | Austria, Felipe IV de | Madrid | Vetted | LG | RAC | 10/23/02 RAC |
| 19 | 51 | 51 | 1622 Jan 18 | Medici, Cosimo I de' | Firenze | Austria, Felipe IV de | Madrid | Vetted | LG | RAC | 10/23/02 RAC |

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Illustration 13: Web-based interface design (draft) showing Document Detail Screen

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Document ID# 73

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|-------------|--------------|
| MdP# | 2 | Date | 1537 June 13 |
| Insert or Part# | | Modern Year | 1537 |
| Folio Start # | | Date Notes | |
| Unpaginated | No | | |

Correspondents/People

| | | | |
|------|-------|-----------------------------------|--|
| From | 203 | Medici, Cosimo I de' | |
| | 28665 | Firenze/Firenze/Toscana/Italia | |
| | | This space is for sender notes | |
| To | 205 | Serristori, Averardo di Antonio | |
| | 894 | España/Europe/World/World | |
| | | This space is for recipient notes | |
| Ref. | 251 | Cobos y Molina, Francisco de los | |
| | 250 | Perrenot de Granvelle, Nicolas | |

Extract/Synopsis

Extract
 [...] Li Drappi presenterete, la metà a Covos [Francisco de los Cobos y Molina] con la statua, et l'altra a Granvella [Nicolas de Granvelle], con quelle parole iudicherete convenirsi per arra della bona volontà

Synopsis
 Diplomatic enquiries regarding contact with exiles [fuoriusciti]. Gifts from Cosimo I presented by Averardo Serristori to Nicolas de Granvelle and Francisco de los Cobos y Molina [Covos] in Spain. The former received luxury cloth and a statue, the latter just cloth.

Topics view all

| | | |
|--|-------|-------------------------------|
| 📄 Sculpture | 894 | España/Europe/World/World |
| 📄 Luxury Textiles | 28665 | Firenze/Toscana/Italia/Europe |
| 📄 Luxury Textiles | 894 | España/Europe/World/World |
| 📄 State Gifts from the Medici Court to | 894 | España/Europe/World/World |

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Illustration 14: Web-based interface design (draft) showing Peoplebase List Screen

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Searched **PEOPLE** for: Name Naldini

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| ID | Name | Sex | Birth | Birthplace | Death | Deathplace | Start | End |
|----|-------------------|-----|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--|-------|------|
| 42 | Naldini, Carla | F | 1570 Jan 18 | Firenze/Firenze/ Toscana/Italia | 1622 Jan 18 | Palacio El Prado / Madrid / España / Europe / World | 1570 | 1622 |
| 43 | Naldini, Eleonora | F | 1570 Jan 18 | Firenze/Firenze/ Toscana/Italia | 1622 Jan 18 | Palacio El Prado / Madrid / España / Europe / World | 1570 | 1622 |
| 44 | Naldini, Furio | M | 1570 Jan 18 | Firenze/Firenze/ Toscana/Italia | 1622 Jan 18 | Palacio El Prado / Madrid / España / Europe / World | 1570 | 1622 |
| 45 | Naldini, Groucho | M | 1570 Jan 18 | Firenze/Firenze/ Toscana/Italia | 1622 Jan 18 | Palacio El Prado / Madrid / España / Europe / World | 1570 | 1622 |
| 46 | Naldini, Lorenzo | M | 1570 Jan 18 | Firenze/Firenze/ Toscana/Italia | 1622 Jan 18 | Palacio El Prado / Madrid / España / Europe / World | 1570 | 1622 |
| 47 | Naldini, Maria | F | 1570 Jan 18 | Firenze/Firenze/ Toscana/Italia | 1622 Jan 18 | Palacio El Prado / Madrid / España / Europe / World | 1570 | 1622 |
| 48 | Naldini, Mario | M | 1570 Jan 18 | Firenze/Firenze/ Toscana/Italia | 1622 Jan 18 | Palacio El Prado / Madrid / España / Europe / World | 1570 | 1622 |
| 49 | Naldini, Piero | M | 1570 Jan 18 | Firenze/Firenze/ Toscana/Italia | 1622 Jan 18 | Palacio El Prado / Madrid / España / Europe / World | 1570 | 1622 |
| 50 | Naldini, Rodrigo | M | 1570 Jan 18 | Firenze/Firenze/ Toscana/Italia | 1622 Jan 18 | Palacio El Prado / Madrid / España / Europe / World | 1570 | 1622 |
| 51 | Naldini, Vincenzo | M | 1570 Jan 18 | Firenze/Firenze/ Toscana/Italia | 1622 Jan 18 | Palacio El Prado / Madrid / España / Europe / World | 1570 | 1622 |

Illustration 15: Web-based interface design (draft) showing Peoplebase Detail Screen

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Searched **PEOPLE** for: Name Toledo, Title/0ccupation Duchess

| | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| ID# 73 Toledo-de' Medici, Leonor de (Eleonor) Gender F | | | |
| Date of Birth | 1522 (approximate) | Date of Death | 1562 December 17 |
| Birthplace | España/Europe | Deathplace | Pisa/Toscana/Italia |
| Active Start | | Active End | |

| | | | |
|--|---|---|------------------|
| Roles Categories view all | | Name Forms view all | |
| Major Cat | Nobles | Toledo-de' Medici, Leonor de (Eleonor) | Disp Name |
| Minor Cat | Dukes-Duchesses/Archdukes-Archduchesses | Toledo | Maiden |
| | | Medici | Married |
| | | Eleonora | Given |
| | | Leonor | Given |

| | | |
|--|------------------|--------|
| Titles/Occupations view all | | |
| Duchessa di Firenze | 1539-1562 Dec 17 | Unsure |
| Protettrice dell'Accademia degli Elevati | 1547 | Approx |
| Duchessa de Firenze e Siena | 1558 | |

Notes

Public Notes

Eleonora came to Florence as the bride of Cosimo I in 1539. She bore eleven children in twenty three years of marriage. She was an animal lover and filled the court with pets. She had a proud, nervous character. She was a better and somewhat of a spendthrift for jewelry and clothing. She was also a generous alms giver and quite religious. Some of her biographers judge Eleonora an astute politician. She conceded a chapel in the church of Santa Maria Novella to the Spanish community in Florence. She was a patroness of the Poetic Accademia degli Elevati founded in 1547. The Pitti Palace, destined to become the Medici residence, was purchased for her in 1549. In 1558,

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Relationships | |
| Father | 1308 Álvarez de Toledo Osorio, Pedro (Marqués de la Villafranca) b. 1484 d. 1522 February 22 |
| Mother | 4800 Pimentel Osorio, María d. 1539 October Death date can be identified from the letter sent to her husband from Cosimo and Eleonora to offer |
| Children | 904 Medici, Maria di Cosimo I de' b 1540 d. 1557: 17 at death |

Teachers and researchers will begin using the *Documentary Sources* database, live-and-online, in the Spring of 2006.

The quantity of data in the system will continue to grow in the decades to come, as will this resource's contribution to the advancement of historical scholarship.

Meanwhile, the Project's Fellows will continue to play a crucial role in this ongoing effort. They spend three years onsite in the Florentine National Archive, helping build an important reference tool while perfecting their archival skills and carrying out independent research and writing.

Here are a few snapshots of the Project's Research team with friends and colleagues, in its premises in the Florentine National Archive...

