

The nobles before the death in the Bourbon Lima: 1701-1800

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This work studies the attitudes of the nobles in Lima during the Bourbon period (1700-1821) and how these documents reflect their second-season look about their lives as well as their prospects against eternity.

Wills provide lots of information about the daily lives of these characters, on the basis of which it is possible to recover and rebuild the routine nature of this social group. Wills sets out data on origin places, social status, positions and titles of the testators and their parents. It is also possible to find references to particular devotions and beliefs about the afterlife; marriages and dowries; number of children - as well as its condition-; marriages of children, especially daughters, and dowries given to their husbands. Annotations about the family fortune, economic situation and economic sectors in which have interests; preferences and family legacies; sharing between the heirs; and religious donations such as chaplaincies *mandas pías*, anniversary masses and alms are also included.

The execution of the will -in which the testamentary inventories appear- and the estimation of the assets of the testator -where values, properties, jewels , rights, slaves, and the inventory of goods room by room found in the houses are detailed-. This information allows a privileged study of daily life and material culture of the character in question.