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and resistance of its people. The country is still home to large numbers of Westerners who flocked to Kenya during colonial days because of its climate and political conditions and perhaps because of its natural attractions. These attractions continue to be the focal point of what Kenya offers to the outside world. Essays in this volume trace Kenya's history from precolonial days to the present. The authors carefully chose the illustrious individuals whose lives are highlighted here for the significant roles they played in shaping the Kenyan narrative. Places of interest are also described, showcasing Kenya's attractions and giving international readers a sense of what to expect. This historical dictionary starts with a time line that serves as a quick reference for dates and events. An introductory essay sheds light on the compilation, and the dictionary section features around 500 cross-referenced entries on such subjects as politics, the economy, foreign relations, religion, culture, and important figures. To help students choose specific research subjects, the bibliography is organized into eight broad headings ranging from general information to history to science to Internet resources. This volume is a good starting point for students and researchers interested in Kenya.

Summing Up: ★★ Recommended. Lower-division undergraduates through researchers/faculty.—*H. Arthur-Okor, Lamar University*

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[Internet Resource]

Measuring Worth: Relative Worth Calculators and Data Sets

URL: <http://www.measuringworth.com/index.php>

[Visited Dec'14] *Measuring Worth* was founded in 2006 by Lawrence Officer and Samuel Williamson (both, Univ. of Illinois at Chicago). They are also the founders of the Economic History Association's *EH.net* (CH, May'04, 41-5036). *Measuring Worth* explores alternative ways to compare and measure the relative worth of things. The site includes historical data on economic aggregates from the US, UK, and Australia, and to a lesser extent, Japan and China. The site has three main components: Comparators, Graphs, and Data Sets. The Comparators section provides answers to questions such as what a dollar was worth in 1907. The Graphs tool allows available data series to be plotted in a graph. Data Sets features useful historic economic information such as the Consumer Price Index, Gross Domestic Product, and S&P Composite Stock Index, along with other growth indexes. Using the tools in this section, users can compare the value of money between time periods. This interactive site has a simple design. It makes an important contribution to the history of economics by facilitating an understanding of how much things were worth historically. All of the contributors to this authoritative site are scholars in economics and professors from prestigious institutions such as Harvard, Vanderbilt, Loyola, UC Davis, Oxford, Stanford, and the London School of Economics. The data sets include extensive documentation and are refereed by distinguished economics researchers. *Measuring Worth* has been cited in hundreds of articles and several books. Other websites of interest in this area include the Bureau of Labor Statistics' *CPI Inflation Calculator* (http://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm) and the *Moneysorter Calculator—UK Inflation* (http://www.moneysorter.co.uk/calculator_inflation.html). **Summing Up:** ★★ Recommended. Lower-level undergraduates and above; two-year technical program students.—*L. Camacho, Brigham Young University*

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[Internet Resource]

MEMSO: Medieval and Early Modern Sources Online. Tanner-Ritchie Publishing.. Annual academic subscription starts at \$996.00 for unlimited, simultaneous users.

URL: <http://sources.tannerritchie.com/>

[Visited Dec'14] *MEMSO* provides access to printed and manuscript documents that are key to understanding English, Irish, Scottish, and colonial history from 1100–1800 CE. The range of documents includes state papers, chronicles, laws, church records, correspondence, and diaries. Topics treated cover a variety of interests in cultural, ecclesiastic, economic, legal, political, and social history. New full-text documents are added monthly; 2014 additions included *Holinshed's Chronicles* and the *Rolls Series* for King Edward III. The publishers welcome suggestions from users for new titles to add to the database. Manuscript documents, which come from the National Archives in London, include state papers for Mary, Edward VI, and Elizabeth, as well as state papers concerning Spain and France and the 17th-century Register of the Privy Council of Scotland. Users may browse the indexed series' titles by time period (Medieval, Early Modern), geographic area (England, Scotland, Ireland, and Europe), theme (The Church, Colonial, Genealogy), and format (Manuscripts). The search interface offers phrase, keyword, and book title choices that can be limited by a range of years. It also allows for more precise results with options for proximity, exact word forms, and a fuzzy search. Some of the search conventions differ from the standard (| rather than OR), so librarians need to post that information for users.

All indexed texts have undergone optical character recognition scanning to make them fully searchable. They may be downloaded, viewed, and saved in the User Bookshelf. Users may open multiple books or manuscripts and look at them side by side on the *MEMSO* desktop. Libraries can add records for these titles to their catalogs so that users who are unfamiliar with *MEMSO* can find titles they need and at the same time access a database that will provide much more material for their research. In addition to annual institutional and individual subscriptions, TannerRitchie Publishing also makes short-term access (on a scale from 1 hour to 90 days) available to individuals. *MEMSO* delivers access to well-known historical sources, such as the *Calendar of State Papers*, while providing a rich variety of documents for research in the medieval and early-modern periods. These texts deal not only with British history but also with the European Continent and many parts of the world that the British explored or held as colonies. Given the extensive range of documents and their full texts, students will find *MEMSO* rewarding for the historical questions it can answer. Searches reveal laws about witches, midwives' testimony at legal inquests, a plantation owner's petition requesting pardon for his slave, and inheritances that were diminished because of untilled lands during the pestilence now known as the Black Death. **Summing Up:** ★★ Recommended. Upper-division undergraduates through researchers/faculty.—*M. C. Schaus, Haverford College*

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[Internet Resource]

National Treasures: Selected Artifacts from the Shelby White and Leon Levy Center for National Treasures (Israel Antiquities Authority)

URL: http://www.antiquities.org.il/t/default_en.aspx

[Visited Dec'14] One of the most significant Internet applications for anthropology and archaeology has been the opening of local museum collections to online researchers worldwide through the posting of high-quality color and monochrome images of representative specimens in materials ranging from textiles to pottery, metals, and glass. This colorful, regularly updated website clearly illustrates the potential value of such sites, presenting a selected array of published artifacts drawn from the massive collections of the National Treasures Department of the Israel