Outdoors and home inheritance textiles: clothing and linen in Castile (1750-1850)

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Bills of payment for marriage dowries issued in countryside and Castilian cities during the Ancien Regime show the evolution in rural and urban consumption patterns and its impact on the structure of family demand. The study of these documents and their comparison with the types of goods mentioned in post-mortem inventories during the inheritance process (and with the existences in the shops and second hand markets) and the evolution on sale store systems, provides a lot of information about the 'domestic and family spaces' and about permanent and changing features of personal clothing and household clothes, in that crucial period of changes comprehended between the middle of the Eighteenth Century and 1850.