

Select Bibliography

The following references are intended to cover significant interpretative work published between 1960 and 1966. The former year is approximately when O. R. McGregor's valuable bibliography (in his prefatory essay to the 6th edition of Lord Ernle's *English Farming Past and Present*) was prepared. The present pamphlet was written early in 1967 and in general the literature of that year is neither considered in the text nor included here.

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