

Wikiwitches

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About the term «witch hunt»



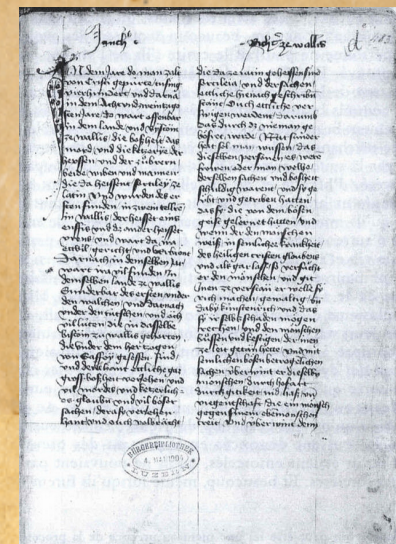
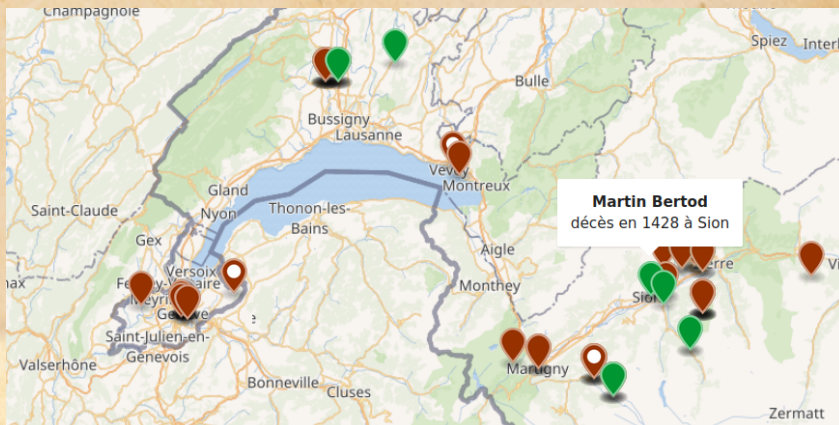
Switzerland has been the land where most witches were executed during the witch hunts.

The phenomenon of witch hunts is very specific as it does not concern the single persecution of one person accused of witchcraft but the persecution and prosecution of many, believed to be forming a sect.

- Witches have been prosecuted legally and executed before this date

1428 : Sion

- The first documented witch hunt took place in Sion in 1428. Hans Fründ wrote a **report** about it around 1431. These took place on the territory of the duchy of Savoie and the **prince-bishopric of Sion**.
- To document witch hunts and find the names of the many persons persecuted we therefore need to look into the legal procedures led against them.
- These **legal procedures** are the heritage of procedures led by the Inquisition against the « heretics». They constitute a progress in the sense that they are documented and follow a procedure which was not the case before.



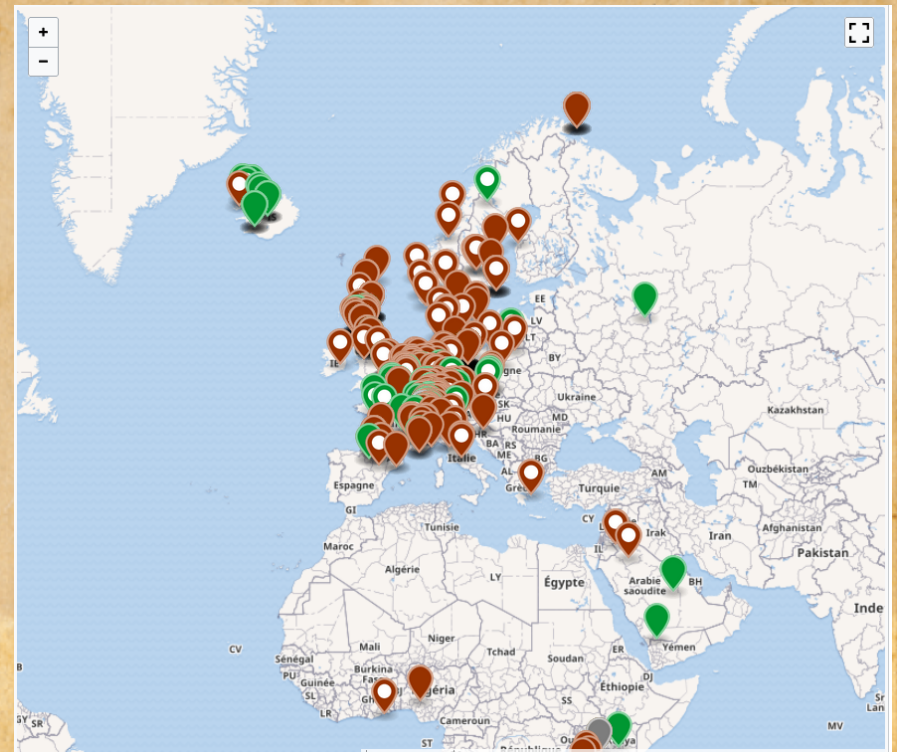
Witch lists maps and more !

- On the French Wikipedia we started by trying to establish a **list of executed witches** but it became cumbersome.
- So **we created a map**. The various dots on the map each represent a wikidata element of an executed person with a geolocalisation of the place of death

Liste de sorcières [modifier | modifier le code] ↑ [wikidata]

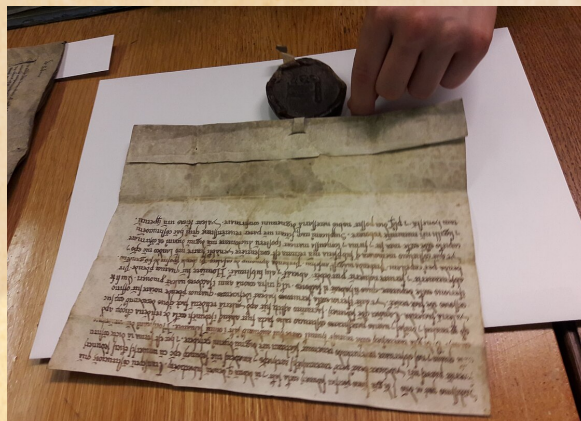
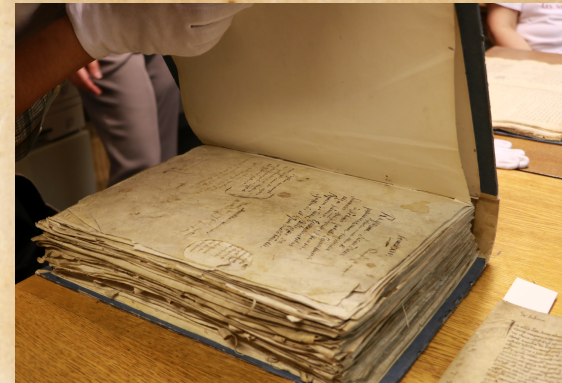
Cette liste n'est pas classée par nom, date ou lieu.

Nom	Date de condamnation ou de décès	Verdict	Lieu actuel	Description
Magda Logomer	1758	peine de mort puis acquittement	Croatie, Križevci	Inculpée pour sorcellerie en 1758 et condamnée à mort, elle est acquittée par Marie-Thérèse d'Autriche. Son cas marque la fin des persécutions en Croatie ¹ .
Prista Frühbottin	1540	bûcher	Allemagne, Witttemberg	accusée d'avoir empoisonné des pâturages par des pratiques magiques
Marguerite Möwel	1582	bûcher	France, Alsace, Bergheim	Jugée pour sorcellerie par le Tribunal des Maléfices de Bergheim le 29 mai 1582 ² .
Anna Weckhenzipfel	1586	bûcher	France, Alsace, Bergheim	Jugée pour sorcellerie par le Tribunal des Maléfices de Bergheim le 28 juin 1586 ² .
Barbara Pförzel	1586	bûcher	France, Alsace, Bergheim	Jugée pour sorcellerie par le Tribunal des Maléfices de Bergheim le 28 juin 1586 ² .
Barbara Wagner	1586	bûcher	France, Alsace, Bergheim	Jugée pour sorcellerie par le Tribunal des Maléfices de Bergheim le 11 juillet 1586 ² .
Catharina Flöss	1586	bûcher	France, Alsace, Bergheim	Jugée pour sorcellerie par le Tribunal des Maléfices de Bergheim le 9 août 1586 ² .
Veronika Ziegler	1586	bûcher	France, Alsace, Bergheim	Jugée pour sorcellerie par le Tribunal des Maléfices de Bergheim le 9 août 1586 ² .
Margaretha Schaffer	1586	bûcher	France, Alsace,	Jugée pour sorcellerie par le Tribunal des Maléfices de



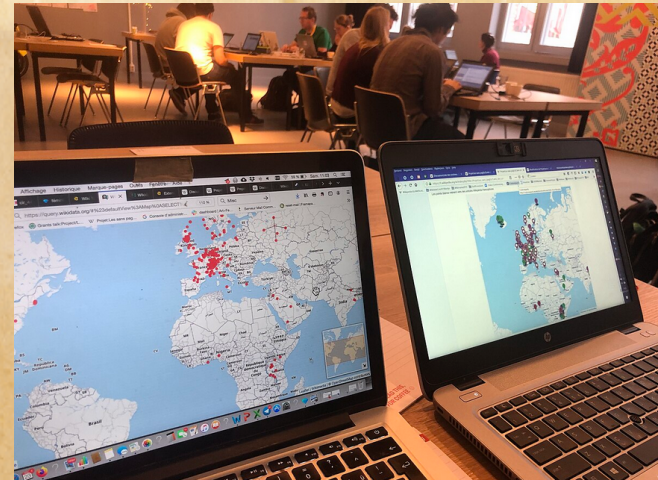
Filling the map !

- Then with the help of Wikimedia CH (and Chantal Aman archivist) les sans pagEs organised events to start filling out the map in Switzerland
- Monthly meetups in Sion
- Witch week end (2019)
- LSP convention in Fribourg (2020)



The wikiwitch project : 2020


- And then the map went bust
- So I went to the wikitechstorm in Amsterdam in 2019 where I met Ciel and we decided to set up a **project on Wikidata** to explain how to use wikidata to fill out the needed information



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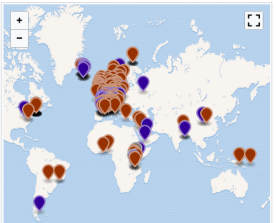
We aim at producing structured data documenting witchhunts, and prosecuted witches on wikidata, or any data related to witches.

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The wikiwitch project : properties

- First we worked on listing **properties** for people and for their trials
- Then we proposed a detail example for people to follow **Alexander Hammiltoun and his trial**

- A trial is something structured chronologically :

- 1) There is a rumor
- 2) There can be an inquiry
- 3) The witch is formally accused
- 4) Arrestation
- 5) Detention
- 6) Interrogation (and possibly torture)
- 7) Sentence
- 8) Execution of the sentence

Each of these steps can be documented by sources or not and will appear in the wikidata items

The wikiwitch project : people



Along our path we discovered that many types of actors are interesting to document in trials not just alleged witches : judges, inquisitors, witnesses notary, executors. So we added them as well

- A person needs to have certain information
 - 1) place of death
 - 2) The witch is formally accused
 - 3) Arrestation
 - 4) Detention (and place of detention)
 - 5) Interrogation (and possibly torture)
 - 6) Sentence delivered
 - 7) Execution of the sentence (never done by an inquisitor)

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Thanks for your attention !
Now it is your turn to work and map
executed witches !

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/GLAM-on-Tour/Ch%C3%A2teau_de_Chillon_2024/Worklist

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