



Annotated Bibliography, 2002-2024.

Supplement to *A Guide to Danish Sources for the History of the Danish West Indies (U. S. Virgin Islands), 1671-1917*, Odense: University Press of Southern Denmark, 2002.

A Guide to Sources for the History of the Danish West Indies (U. S. Virgin Islands), 1671-1917 by Erik Gøbel was published in 2002. It contains a bibliography with literature and publications on Virgin Island history. [Find the Guide at the Danish National Archives website Arkivalieronline.](#)

Since 2002 much research has been carried out regarding the history of the Danish West Indies and the Danes on the Gold Coast. This has resulted in several publications. Therefore, Erik Gøbel has drawn up the following supplement in order to bring the old bibliography up to date. The new list only includes books, not articles, and is briefly annotated.

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Broad Treatments of Danish History

Hilson, Mary et al., eds., *A history of Denmark from the Viking Age to the 21st century*, Aarhus: Aarhus University Press, 2023.

A general account of how Denmark has developed over more than a thousand years, focusing on Denmark's political, social, and international conditions.

Jespersen, Knud J. V., *A History of Denmark*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

A general history of Denmark, which traces the historical roots of the modern Danish state and Denmark's international position today.

Broad Treatments of Danish West Indian History

Bregnsbo, Michael and Kurt Villads Jensen, *The Rise and Fall of the Danish Empire*, Cham: Springer, 2022.

The book examines the Danish empire since the Viking age in Europe, India, Africa, and the Caribbean, including the economic and ideological benefits of an empire structure. This book is a translated and revised version of *Det danske imperium – storhed og fald*, København: Aschehoug, 2004.

Brimnes, Niels m.fl, red., *Danmark og kolonierne*, vol. 1-5, København: Gads Forlag, 2017.

A comprehensive general history of Denmark's colonial history. It is the new standard reference work. The volumes on *Vestindien*, *Vestafrika*, and *Danmark* are mentioned below, the two other volumes on *Indien* and *Grønland* are not.

Brimnes, Niels, *Slaveejerens død 1782*, Aarhus: Aarhus Universitetsforlag, 2022.

Denmark as a colonial power in Asia, Africa, and America. Commodities, institutions, and profits, especially regarding slavery and sugar production in the Danish West Indies.

Gøbel, Erik og Benoît Verstraete, eds., *Koloniale waren. Deens-West-Indië*, Brugge, 2001 (Temabind, Kruispunt vol. 187).

Anthology containing a general history of the Danish West Indies as well as articles on specific topics. Texts are in English and Dutch.

Mulich, Jeppe: *In a Sea of Empires. Networks and Crossings in the Revolutionary Caribbean*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020.

The book explores the interconnected nature of imperial politics and colonial law in the Caribbean, especially regarding the transnational networks involved in trade, slavery, smuggling, privateering, and marronage, emphasizing the border-crossing nature of life in the region.

Olsen, Poul Erik, ed., *Vestindien. St. Croix, St. Thomas og St. Jan*, København: Gads Forlag, 2017.

A significant general history of the Danish West Indies with chapters representing the most actual research results, especially regarding the enslaved Africans and their descendants. It is the new standard reference work with comprehensive lists of literature and archival records.





Pedersen, Mikkel Venborg, ed., *Danmark. En kolonimagt*, København: Gads Forlag, 2017.
A significant general history of Denmark as a colonial power, with regard to administration, organization, and commodities, as well as the legacies of colonialism in Denmark, with chapters representing the most actual research results. It is the new standard reference work with comprehensive lists of literature and archival records.

Petersen, Marco L., red., *Sønderjylland / Schleswig kolonial. Kolonialismens kulturelle arv i regionen mellem Kongeåen og Ejderen / Das kulturelle Erbe des Kolonialismus in der Region zwischen Eider und Königsau*, Odense: Syddansk Universitetsforlag, 2018.

Aspects of the colonial heritage in Schleswig, i.e. the border region between Denmark and Germany.

Rezende, Elizabeth og Anne Walbom, *St. Croix. Historic Photos / Historiske fotos*, København: Dansk Vestindisk Selskab, 2009.

Photo book with bilingual captions in English and Danish.

Rezende, Elizabeth og Anne Walbom, *St. Thomas & St. John. Historic Photos / Historiske fotos 1855-1917*, København, Dansk Vestindisk Selskab, 2017.

Photo book with bilingual captions in Danish and English.

Bibliographies and Guides

Gøbel, Erik, *A Guide to Sources for the History of the Danish West Indies (U. S. Virgin Islands), 1671-1917*, Odense: University Press of Southern Denmark, 2002.

It provides a general introduction to both literature and archival records for the history of the Danish West Indies. [The book is now available online.](#)

Highfield, Arnold R., *The Cultural History of the American Virgin Islands and the Danish West Indies. A Companion Guide*, St. Croix: Antilles Press, 2018.

A comprehensive guide, arranged alphabetically and including references to background literature. The 900-odd articles treat a broad variety of topics, including society, slavery, individual people, events, and important documents.

Roberts, Justin, *Slavery in Danish America*.

Annotated bibliography, only on oxfordbibliographies.com (August 2024).

Simonsen, Gunvor, *The Danish Atlantic World*.

Annotated bibliography, only on oxfordbibliographies.com (August 2024).

Pre-Danish Times

Caron, Aimery, *The Amerindians and their Legacy in the Virgin Islands*, St. Thomas: AdPro, 2013.

A brief history of the pre-Columbian people in the Caribbean.





Caron, Aimery, *Sainte Croix and Saint Thomas through French Documents, 1629-1737*, St. Thomas: AdPro, 2013.

English translations of 77 documents residing in archives in France.

Highfield, Arnold R., *Sainte Croix, 1650-1733. A Plantation Society in the French Antilles*, St. Croix: Antilles Press, 2013.

Thorough history of St. Croix in prehistoric times, during futile attempts to develop the island into a successful colony, and until its transfer to Denmark. Including several historical documents.

Religion and Education

Balslev-Clausen, Erik, *Bristede hjertebånd. Den vestindiske kirkesag 1904-1917*, København: Eksistensen, 2017.

Danish efforts, through 'The Danish Church Cause', to revitalize the Lutheran community in the Danish West Indies between 1902 and 1917.

Cohen, Judah M., *Through the Sands of Time. A History of the Jewish Community of St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands*, Lebanon: Brandeis University Press, 2004.

The Jewish community was established in 1796 on St. Thomas, where Jews have played an important role ever since in the economic, social, and cultural life of the island.

Frendrup, Willy, *Den katolske kirke i de danske tropekolonier*, København: Ælnoth, 2008.

The main focus of this book on the Catholic church in the Danish tropical colonies is on the Danish West Indies, where Catholics at times made up the largest religious community among several others, especially on the cosmopolite St. Thomas.

Johansen, Julie Fryd m.fl., red., *Skoler i palmernes skygge*, København: Dansk Skolemuseum, 2008.

Studies in the history of schools and teachers in the Danish West Indies, as well as the role of education in Danish colonial policy in general.

Sensbach, Jon F., *Rebecca's Revival. Creating Black Christianity in the Atlantic World*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006.

Rebecca Protten, née Freundlich, (1718-1780) was a free colored who became a Moravian missionary, preaching both in St. Thomas and later on the Gold Coast.

Trade and Shipping

Gøbel, Erik, *Under sejl til Asien, Afrika og Amerika. Danske skibe, sejladser og sømænd 1600-1850*, København: Gads Forlag, 2021.

The history of shipping and trade along the triangular slave trade route via the Gold Coast and the direct route between Denmark and the Danish West Indies, c.1600-1850, especially concerning the Middle Passage.





Heinsen, Johan, *Mutiny in the Danish Atlantic World. Convicts, Sailors and a Dissonant Empire*, London: Bloomsbury, 2017.

Description of the social world on board and mutiny on the Danish West Indiaman 'Havmanden' in 1683 as an example of the class struggle which also took place in the Caribbean plantation society.

Nilsen, Tore L., *Blant slaver og sjørøvere. En bergensskippers forunderlige skjebne*, Oslo: Spartacus Forlag, 2014.

Life and times of Jacob Dischingthun (1723-1776), a Norwegian sailor who participated in direct West India voyages, transatlantic slave trade, and died as harbormaster in Christiansted on St. Croix.

Rönnbäck, Klas, *Commerce and Colonisation: Studies of Early Modern Merchant Capitalism in the Atlantic Economy*, Gothenburg: University of Gothenburg School of Business, Economics, and Law, 2009.

A study of development of the considerable profits gained in the Atlantic (and Baltic) trade under the Danish flag.

Sugar Production and Economy

Andersen, Bent Knie, *Sukker og guld. Historien om De danske vestindiske Øer og deres guldsmede indtil 1917*, København: Nationalmuseet, 2015.

A brief general history, in Danish, of the Danish West Indies, and bilingual biographies in English and Danish of all goldsmiths in the colony.

Anderson, David G. et al., eds., *The Archaeology and History of Water Island, U.S. Virgin Islands*, Washington DC: Southeast Archaeological Center, 2003.

The history of the prehistoric and historic settlement of Water Island situated in St. Thomas harbor.

Gøbel, Erik, *Vestindisk-guineisk Kompagni 1671-1754. Studier og kilder til kompagniet og kolonierne med Peder Mariagers beretning om kompagniet*, Odense: Syddansk Universitetsforlag, 2015.

History of the Danish West India and Guinea Company, 1671-1754, including Company Director Peder Mariager's (1696-1764) detailed description of the Company's history, 1671-1753.

Pedersen, Mikkel Venborg, *Luksus. Forbrug og kolonier i Danmark i det 18. århundrede*, København: Museum Tusulanums Forlag, 2013.

Luxury colonial commodities, colonies, and consumption in early modern Denmark, e.g. sugar, coffee, and tropical wood for furniture.

Thurland, Karen C., *The Sugar Industry on St. Croix*, Bloomington: Author House, 2014.

Historical overview of the economics of sugar cane cultivation on St. Croix and the termination of the sugar industry, including oral stories by people involved.



Slavery and Slave Trade

Gøbel, Erik, *The Danish Slave Trade and Its Abolition*, Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2016.

A general history of Danish transatlantic slave trade, including transcription of the comprehensive report of 1791 which led, in 1792, to the royal decree to abolish the transatlantic slave by 1st January 1803.

Hernæs, Per Oluf, ed., *Vestafrika. Forterne på Guldkysten*, København: Gads Forlag, 2017.

A significant general history of Danish forts and factories on the Gold Coast, 1660s-1850, with chapters representing the most actual research results, especially regarding interaction between Danes and local African societies. It is the new standard reference work with comprehensive lists of literature and archival records.

Highfield, Arnold R. and George F. Tyson, eds., *Negotiating Enslavement. Perspectives on Slavery in the Danish West Indies*, St. Croix: Antilles Press, 2009.

Sixteen papers from annual meetings of the Society of Virgin Islands Historians, discussing different aspects of the Danish West Indian slave society.

Hopkins, Daniel, *Peter Thonning and Denmark's Guinea Commission. A Study in Nineteenth-Century African Colonial Geography*, Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2013.

Peter Thonning (1775-1848) was a natural historian and influential government official involved in the vain Danish policy of plantation production on the Gold Coast.

Ipsen, Pernille, *Daughters of the Trade. Atlantic Slavers and Interracial Marriage on the Gold Coast*, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015.

Five generations of interracial marriages between African women and Danish men on the Gold Coast between the early eighteenth century and the mid-nineteenth century created a Euro-African hybrid culture specifically adapted to the transatlantic slave trade.

Jensen, Niklas Thode, *For the Health of the Enslaved. Slaves, Medicine and Power in the Danish West Indies, 1803-1848*, Copenhagen: Museum Tusulanum Press, 2012.

The structure of the medical world on St. Croix, the health policy of the Danish colonial administration, and the power over the health of the enslaved, with a special focus on demography, nutrition, diseases, vaccination, and midwives.

Jensen, Niklas Thode and Vibe Martens, eds., *Slavery, Servitude and Freedom. New Perspectives on Life in the Danish-Norwegian West Indies, 1672-1848*, Oxon: Routledge, 2016 (Special Issue of *Scandinavian Journal of History* vol. 41, no. 4-5).

Five papers on aspects of life of the enslaved in the Danish West Indies plus an overview of literature, published c.1950-2016, on this topic.

Jørgensen, Anne Mette, red., *Danskernes huse på Guldkysten 1659-1850*, København: Vandkunsten, 2015.

Essays on forts, factories, private residences, and plantation buildings erected by the Danes on the



Gold Coast, as well as life around these buildings from the mid-seventeenth to the mid-nineteenth century.

Kea, Ray A., *A Cultural and Social History of Ghana from the Seventeenth to the Nineteenth Century. The Gold Coast in the Age of Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade*, vol. 1-2, New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 2012.

This comprehensive work examines, from an African perspective, the cultural and social history of the Gold Coast by presenting an analytical and theoretical perspective on the Atlantic African side of the trans-Atlantic slave trade, including a study of subalterns.

Lauring, Kåre, *Slaverne dansede og holdt sig lystige. En fortælling om den danske slavehandel*, København: Gyldendal, 2014.

A general history of the transatlantic slave trade under the Danish flag from 1625 to 1807.

Løken, Roar, *Slaveri, kolonihandel og rasisme. Virkningene for Norge*, Oslo: Solum Bokvennen, 2023.

A comprehensive history of slavery, slave trade, and colonial shipping with special regard to Norway.

Nielsen, Per, red., *Fra slaveri til frihed. Det dansk-vestindiske slavesamfund 1672-1848*, København: Nationalmuseet, 2001.

Eight papers from a symposium on emancipation in the Danish West Indies and on the Gold Coast.

Sebro, Louise, *Slaveoprøret på Sankt Jan 1733*, Aarhus: Aarhus Universitetsforlag 2023.

An interpretation of the revolt of the enslaved on St. John in 1733.

Weiss, Holger, ed., *Ports of Globalisation, Places of Creolisation. Nordic Possessions in the Atlantic World during the Era of the Slave Trade*, Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2015.

Ten contributions, most of which deal with interconnection and cultural exchange between Africans and Danes on the Gold Coast and in the West Indies.

Abolition

Gøbel, Erik, *Det danske slavehandelsforbud 1792. Studier og kilder til forhistorien, forordningen og følgerne*, Odense: Syddansk Universitetsforlag, 2008.

The abolition of the Danish transatlantic slave trade in 1803, explained through the edict of 16 March 1792, its antecedents and its effects, as well as the full text of the edict and the Slave Trade Commission's comprehensive report of 1791.

Emancipation

Bugge, Knud Eyvin, *Grundtvig og slavesagen*, Aarhus: Aarhus Universitetsforlag, 2003.

N. F. S. Grundtvig (1783-1872) was a member of the small Danish anti-slavery committee. He



corresponded with the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society and was a member of the Danish parliament.

Social and Cultural Conditions

Armstrong, Douglas V., *Creole Transformation from Slavery to Freedom. Historical Archaeology of the East End Community, St. John, Virgin Islands*, Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2003.

The history of a small black community transformed, through the nineteenth century, from a group of small cotton and provision estates to community-held and family-owned parcels.

Fonsmark, Anne-Birgitte, *Pissarro. Et møde på Skt. Thomas*, København: Ordrupgaard, 2017.

The famous impressionist painter Camille Pissarro (1830-1903) was born and raised on St. Thomas, where he met the Danish painter Fritz Melbye (1826-1869). The two inspired each other and travelled together in the Americas.

Gibney, Eleanor et al., eds., *St. John. Life in Five Quarters*, St. John: St. John Historical Society, 2010.

Selected writings on the history of St. John from the archives of the St. John Historical Society.

Hayes, David, ed., *Christiansted at 275. Celebrating the 275th Anniversary of the Founding of Christiansted, St. Croix*, St. Croix: The Society of Virgin Islands Historians, 2013.

Six papers, including one rendering an overview of the history of Christiansted and five discussing special aspects of the history.

Jensen, Poul Ulrich, *Under solgudens scepter. Lægeberetninger fra 1800-tallets Dansk Vestindien*, Odense: Syddansk Universitetsforlag, 2018.

Reports from medical officers of health in the Danish West Indies, 1823-1910, especially regarding epidemics of cholera, malaria, and yellow fever.

Knight, David W., *Cruz Bay from Conquest to Exploitation. A Forgotten History*. St. Thomas: Little Nordside Press, 2017.

The remote setting of Cruz Bay on St. John and its small harbor led to its relative solitude and to a community dominated by hard work and cooperation by closely knit family networks.

Nørregaard, Ann, *Dollar fo' Dollar. Kulkvinderne på St. Thomas 1870-1917*, Odense: Syddansk Universitetsforlag, 2019.

A sociological portrayal of the female coal-bearers in the harbor on St. Thomas, particularly their strikes in 1892 and 1916.

Ottesen, Doris og Carsten Bach-Nielsen, *Vestindiske spor. Dansk Vestindien i den koloniale og efterkoloniale litteraturhistorie*, Odense: Syddansk Universitetsforlag, 2020.

The Danish West Indies as reflected in Danish fiction from the eighteenth century to c.1970.

Roopnarine, Lomarsh, *Indian Indenture in the Danish West Indies, 1863-1873*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.



The book depicts the not very successful labor policy in the Danish West Indies after emancipation and the introduction of indentured Indians on St. Croix, 1863-1873, most of whom returned to India in 1868.

Sebro, Louise, *Mellem Afrikaner og kreol. Etnisk identitet og social navigation i Dansk Vestindien 1730-1770*, Lund: Lunds Universitet, 2010.

Based on a micro study of the Moravian community in the Danish West Indies between 1730 and 1770, the book discusses whether and how enslaved Africans identified themselves with African ethnic groups and how this played a role in their social life.

Simonsen, Gunvor, *Slave Stories. Law, Representation, and Gender in the Danish West Indies*, Aarhus: Aarhus University Press, 2017.

Account of how enslaved Africans presented themselves before courts in the Danish West Indies, 1755-1848. However, the dialogue between Danish judges and enslaved people did not result very much in influence on the verdicts.

Language

Sabino, Robin, *Language Contact in the Danish West Indies. Giving Jack his Jacket*, Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2012.

The story of the emergence of Dutch Creole, called 'Negerhollands', in the Danish West Indies in the seventeenth century and of the coming of English Creole around the middle of the nineteenth century.

Architecture

Dahl, Klaus, *Det vestindiske møblement. En dansk kolonihistorie i 107 kasser*, København: Gyldendal, 2016.

The history of c.250 pieces of furniture, a handful of paintings, and silver services from government buildings in the Danish West Indies.

Dahl, Thorkel og Kjeld de Fine Licht, *Surveys in 1961 on St. Thomas & St. Croix*, Copenhagen: Kunstakademiets Arkitektskoles Forlag, 2004.

The Danish Royal Academy of Fine Arts' architectural surveys, carried out in 1961, in the former Danish West Indies. This is a translation of the Danish edition: *St. Thomas & St. Croix*, København: Kunstakademiets Arkitektskoles Forlag, 2004.

Lunn, Ulla, *When Architecture Tells the Story of the Virgin Islands of the United States*, Copenhagen: Gad, 2018.

Architectural tradition and style in the former Danish West Indies, illustrated by different sorts of buildings standing today. This is a translation of the Danish version: *Stedet fortæller – om Dansk Vestindien*, København: Gads Forlag, 2016.





Legislation and Law Enforcement

Christensen, Kristoffer Edelgaard, *Governing Black and White. A History of Governmentality in Denmark and the Danish West Indies, 1770-1900*. Lund: Lunds Universitet 2023.

An exploration and comparison of the rationalities through which the Danish state officials sought to govern the colonized Afro-Caribbean population in the Danish West Indies and the state's Danish subjects living in the metropole of Denmark, 1770-1900.

Greve, Vagn, *Træk af kolonistrafferetten i komparativ belysning*, København: Jurist- og Økonomforbundets Forlag, 2012.

Criminal law in the Danish tropical colonies and Greenland, discussed in a comparative international perspective.

Military Matters

Petersen, Karsten Skjold, *Danish Soldiers in the West Indies. The Royal (Danish) West Indian Troops 1755-1851, The (Danish) West Indian Military Force 1951-1907, The (Danish) West Indian Gendarmerie 1907-1917*, Aarhus: Nord Academic, 2024.

Organization, recruitment, service, uniforms, equipment, and arms of Danish soldiers in the West Indies, 1755-1917. Also published in Danish: *Danske soldater i Vestindien. De Vestindiske Tropper 1755-1851, Den Vestindiske Hærstyrke 1851-1907 og Det Vestindiske Gendarmerikorps 1907-1917*, Aarhus: Nord Academic, 2024.

Biography

Garff, Joakim, *Kierkegaard's Muse. The Mystery of Regine Olsen*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2017.

Regine Olsen (1822-1904) was married to Governor J. F. Schlegel and stayed on St. Croix 1855-1860. Her correspondence provides a fine picture of life among the Danes in the Danish West Indies. This is a translation of the Danish version: *Regines gåde. Historien om Kierkegaards forlovede og Schlegels hustru*, København: Gads Forlag, 2013.

Larsen, Alex Frank, *Legenden om Danmark. Den danske slave, der ændrede USA's historie*, København: Gyldendal, 2013.

The enslaved Denmark Levey (1767-1822) came to St. Thomas and later to Charleston, where he became a free person of color. There, in 1822, he was accused of calling for revolt among the enslaved and was executed.

Larsen, Alex Frank, *Kongehusets joker. Fra slavedreng til slotsidol*, København: Informations Forlag, 2017.

Kwasi (1750-1822) came as an enslaved boy to St. Croix but nine years old he was sent on to Copenhagen, and from there he was sent as a gift to the Swedish king. After education and nine years' service at the royal court he became a farmer in Sweden.





Palsson, Gisli, *The Man who Stole Himself. The Slave Odyssey of Hans Jonathan*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2016.

Hans Jonathan (1784-1827) was born a slave in St. Croix, but as a boy was sent to Copenhagen. From there he ran away from slavery in Denmark and escaped to Iceland, where he married and lived as a tradesman and farmer. This book has been translated into Danish as *Hans Jonathan. Manden som stjal sig selv*, København: Rebel, 2017.

Source Editions

Gronemann, Signe Trolle og Rikke Vindberg, *I orkanens øje. Beretninger fra orlogsskibet Valkyriens togt til Dansk Vestindien 1915-1917*, København: Dansk Vestindisk Selskab, 2005.

Accounts by officers and ordinary sailors of the Danish man-o-war 'Valkyrien' on conditions on board during the ship's stay in the Danish West Indies from 1915 to 1917.

Highfield, Arnold R., ed., *Hans West's Account of St. Croix in the West Indies*, St. Thomas: The Virgin Islands Humanities Council, 2004.

Schoolmaster West's (1758-1811) descriptions of population, lifestyle, economy, and natural conditions of St. Croix. This is a translation of a Danish journal article from 1791 and his book *Bidrag til Beskrivelse over Ste. Croix ...*, Copenhagen 1793. West was a fervent voice against emancipation.

Highfield, Arnold R., *Guide to British Documents for the Danish West Indies and the Virgin Islands during the Colonial Period, 1652 to 1739*, St. Croix: Antilles Press, 2010.

This volume offers a review of some of the earliest British sources catalogued in the Calendar of State papers relative to the Danish West Indies and to the British Virgin Islands. These references cover the formative years of these two colonies from the mid-seventeenth century down to the late eighteenth century.

Highfield, Arnold R. ed., *Charles Vanderbourg's Report to Ernst Schimmelmann on the Present Conditions of the Negroes on the Schimmelmann Plantations and the Means of Ameliorating Them*, St. Croix: Antilles Press 2018.

Vanderbourg (1769-1827) traveled to the Caribbean in 1796 at the behest of Ernst Schimmelmann with instructions to observe conditions among the enslaved laborers on the Schimmelmann plantations in the Danish West Indies and then offer suggestions for improvements. The comprehensive report was finished in 1798.

Highfield, Arnold R. and Kristoffer F. Bøegh, eds., *Georg Hjersing Høst's Account of the Island of St. Thomas and Its Governors, Recorded there on the Island from 1769 until 1776*, St. Croix: Antilles Press, 2018.

Høst's (1734-1794) general description of colonization, nature, plantation society, administration, and economy of the Danish West Indies. This is a translation of the first edition: *Efterretninger om Øen Sanct Thomas og dens Gouverneurer ...*, Copenhagen 1791.

Justesen, Ole, ed., *Danish Sources for the History of Ghana 1657-1754*, vol. 1-2, Copenhagen: Det Kongelige Danske Videnskabernes Selskab, 2005.





Translations of all official reports (*generalbreve*), sent from Danish officials on the Gold Coast to Copenhagen, 1657-1754, particularly providing information about local African societies and their relations to the Europeans.

Meier, Gudrun und Hartmut Beck, eds., Christian Georg Andreas Oldendorp: *Historie der caribischen Inseln Sanct Thomas, Sanct Crux und Sanct Jan, insbesondere der dasigen Neger und der Mission der evangelischen Brüder unter denselben*, vol. 1-4, Berlin: Verlag für Wissenschaft und Bildung, 2000-2002.

Oldendorp (1721-1787) was a Moravian missionary who visited the Danish West Indies in the 1760s and wrote a 3000-page report in German. Vol. 1 of the source edition is an introduction to Oldendorp and his work, while vol. 2-4 are the transcribed and annotated report text, including his interviews with enslaved Africans and descriptions of their living conditions and beliefs.

Nørr, Erik og Jesper Thomassen, eds., *Nordatlanten og Troperne. Forvaltningshistoriske kilder fra Færøerne, Grønland, Island og Tropekolonierne*, København: Kildeskriftselskabet, 2007.

The book contains a comprehensive section with transcriptions and introductions to twelve categories of archival sources to the history of the Danish West Indies and the Gold Coast.

Tyson, George F., ed., *Searching for Truth and Justice. The Writings of Ralph D. de Chabert 1915-1922*, St. Croix: Antilles Press, 2009.

The writings of journalist and labor leader de Chabert (1891-1955) sheds light upon labor unrest and the first labor union on St. Croix between 1915 and 1922.

Winsnes, Selena Axelrod, ed., *A Reliable Account of the Coast of Guinea (1760) by Ludewig Ferdinand Rømer*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Rømers' (1714-1776) account of the Gold Coast and the slave trade around 1750 also includes information about the local population's religion and ways of life. This is a conflation of his two books in Danish: *Tilforladelig Efterretning om Kysten Guinea*, Copenhagen 1760, and *Tilforladelig Efterretning om Negotien paa Kysten Guinea ...*, Copenhagen 1756.

Winsnes, Selena Axelrod, ed., *Two Views from Christiansborg Castle*, vol.1: *A Brief and Truthful Description of a Journey to and from Guinea by Johannes Rask*, vol. 2: *A Description of the Guinea Coast and Its Inhabitants by H. C. Monrad*, Accra: Sub-Saharan Publishers, 2009.

Chaplain Rask's (1678-1744) account of his stay at Fort Christiansborg covers the period 1709-1712. This is a translation of the first edition: *En kort og sandferdig Rejse-Beskrivelse til og fra Guinea*, Trondhjem 1754. Monrad (1780-1825) was a chaplain at Fort Christiansborg 1805-1808. This is a translation of the first edition: *Bidrag til en Skildring af Guinea-Kysten ...*, Copenhagen 1822. Both accounts deal especially with natural conditions, the Africans, slave trade, and Danish plantation efforts.

Winsnes, Selena Axelrod, ed., *A Danish Jew in West Africa, Wulff Joseph Wulff. Biography and Letters 1836-1842*, Trondheim: Norwegian University of Science and Technology, 2004.

Wulff (1809-1842) was a trade official from 1836 at Fort Christiansborg on the Gold Coast where he



lived together with the local woman Sara Malm. This is a translation of his letters home and diary, first published as: Carl Behrens, *Da Guinea var dansk ...*, Copenhagen 1917.

The period after 1917

Andersen, Astrid Nonbo, *Ingen undskyldning. Erindringer om Dansk Vestindien og kravet om erstatning for slaveriet*, København: Gyldendal, 2017.

The scanty debate in Denmark on the country's role as a colonial power in the West Indies as a contrast to Caribbean demands for reparations and public excuses.

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