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State corporatism and proto-industry focusses mainly on the Württemberg Black Forest, where a dense, export-oriented worsted industry arose in the 1560s, and dominated the rural economy for the next 240 years. This is an example of what is known as a 'proto-industry': the export-oriented rural manufacturing which became a distinctive feature of the European economy between 1500 and 1800. Proto-industry is often regarded as having broken down traditional society and prepared the way for factories and capitalism. However, although the Württemberg worsted industry possessed all the features of a classic proto-industry, closer scrutiny of this rural industry casts doubt on basic assumptions about European proto-industrialization. Sheilagh Ogilvie shows that in Württemberg proto-industry did not break down traditional social constraints on economic and demographic behaviour. Until at least 1800, corporate institutions – communities, rural guilds and merchant companies – exercised enormous power over the lives of ordinary individuals. Ogilvie argues that this was because of 'state corporatism', a symbiotic alliance in which the expanding state granted privileges to corporate groups, in return for their fiscal, military and regulatory cooperation. She shows, too, that Württemberg was no anomaly; 'state corporatism' prevailed in many other European proto-industries. Ogilvie argues that this early modern European economy – and many others – remained stagnant and poor because privileged social institutions constrained micro-level decisions.

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List of abbreviations

HSAS	Hauptstaatsarchiv Stuttgart
LKA	Landeskirchliches Archiv Stuttgart
PAW	Pfarrarchiv Wildberg
KKP	Kirchenkonventsprotokolle
Bü	<i>Büschel</i> (archive parcel)
Bd	<i>Band</i> (volume)
fol.	folio
r	recto
v	verso
<i>Zettel</i>	loose piece of paper
<i>Rapiatbuch</i>	memorandum book of guild account-keepers

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Weights, measures and coinage

Coinage

1 *Taler* (Rtl.) = 1.5 *Gulden*

1 *Gulden* (fl.) = 60 *Kreuzer*

1 *Batzen* = 15 *Kreuzer*

1 *Kreuzer* (kr., x) = 3 *Pfennig* = 6 *Heller*

1 *Pfennig* (pf.) = 2 *Heller* (h.)

1 *Pfundheller* (lbhlr.) = 20 *Schilling* (sch.) = 43 *Kreuzer*

Weights

1 *Pfund* (lb.) = 467.59 grams = 0.97 pounds

1 *Centner* (C.) = 100 *Pfund*

Cubic measure (grain)

1 *Scheffel* (schf.) = 8 *Simri* = 1.77 hectolitres = 177.2 litres

1 *Simri* (sri.) = 22.15 litres

Land

1 *Morgen* = 0.78 acre = 0.32 hectare = 3151.74 sq. metres

1 *Jauchert* = 1 *Mannsmahd* = 1 *Tagwerk* = 1.5 *Morgen* = 0.47 hectare

1 *Viertel* = 0.25 *Morgen*

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Amt administrative district

Amts flecken, Amtsdörfer the villages in a district

Amtsstadt district town (capital of *Amt*)

Ausschreibgeld 'writing-out' fee, paid when an apprentice is registered by the guild as having completed his apprenticeship

Bauer farmer, peasant (full-time)

Bauernbefreiung peasant emancipation, abolition of feudalism or serfdom (nineteenth-century German agrarian reform)

Beisitz = *Beisitzrecht* permission to reside in a community without full citizenship

Beisitzer 'by-settler', associate, someone with permission to reside in a community but lacking full citizenship

Beuteltuch a coarse variety of worsted used to make sacks for grain (28 ells in length)

Beuteltuchmacher = *Beutelmacher* worsted-weavers who made *Beuteltuch* (a privilege restricted to 20 Wildberg weavers in the eighteenth century)

Bürger = citizen, someone with full citizenship in the local community

Bürgermeister mayor, chief financial officer (a community office-holder)

Bürgerrecht citizenship in the local community

Bürgerschaft citizenry, all citizens of a community collectively

Cadis a variety of worsted (32 *Gänge* x 42 ells)

Calwer Moderation = *Moderation* the regime of privileges and mutual obligations binding together the *Calwer Zeughandlungskompagnie* and the worsted-weavers' guilds of a particular region of Württemberg; also the name given to this region

Calwer Zeughandlungskompagnie Calw Worsted Trading Company (1650-1797), privileged Württemberg merchant company

Centner hundredweight

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Clag complaint, report (e.g. before community court, at guild assembly)
Durchgang lit. 'going-through', in which each person present (e.g. at guild assembly, *Vogt-Rüg-Gericht*) is asked if he has anything to report

Dienstbote servant

Eehalter servant

Eigenbrötlerin lit. 'own-breader' (female), pejorative term referring to unmarried woman who earns an independent living outside a household headed by a male relative or a master

Einschreibgeld 'writing-in' fee, paid when an apprentice is first registered with a guild

Engelseit 'English say', a variety of worsted (21.5 *Gänge* x 42 ells)

Engelseitweber worsted-weaver

Engelseitweberhandwerk worsted-weavers' craft or guild

Fron corvée labour service owed to tenurial lord, territorial lord, or local community

Fürkauf an act of regrating (buying up a good from its producer for resale to customers)

Fürkäufer / *Fürkäuferin* male / female regrater (often pejorative)

Futter fodder

Gang (plural *Gänge*) measure of width for worsteds, equal to 32 threads

Gericht community court, community council (consisting of twelve male citizens)

Gerichtsprotokolle minutes of the community court sittings

Gerichtsverwandte member of the community court or council

Grobgrün = *Grosgran* a variety of worsted (23 *Gänge* x 42 ells)

Handwerk craft, guild

hausieren to peddle (often used pejoratively)

Hausmütter lit. 'house-mother', female head of household

Hausvater lit. 'house-father', male head of household

Heu first cutting of hay

Kammgarn combing-yarn

Kammwolle combing-wool

Kanzlei ducal chancellery (in Stuttgart)

Keller ducal district bureaucrat (equivalent to *Vogt* for small districts such as Wildberg before mid-eighteenth century)

Kerzenmeister = *Obmann* = *Rechner* guild foreman

Kirchenkonvent = *Kirchenzensur* church court

Kirchenkonventsprotokolle minutes of the church court sittings

Kleemeister official knacker, appointed by ducal government, responsible for disposing of offal, carrion and suicides

Kleewasen lawn or piece of grassland belonging to the *Kleemeister* (in

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Landrecht national law code*Landschaft* the (parliamentary) estates*Leggeld* = *Umlag* guild dues*Lehrjunge* apprentice*Losung* redemption (on land sales)*Losungsrecht* right of redemption (on land sales)*Machaier* a variety of worsted (20 *Gänge* x 42 ells)*Marklosung* right of redemption on land sold to non-citizen of community*Meisterrecht* mastership status in a guild*Meisterschaft* mastership, all masters of a guild or craft collectively*Moderation* = *Calwer Moderation* the regime of privileges and mutual obligations binding together the *Calwer Zeughandlungskompanie* and the worsted-weavers' guilds of a particular region of Württemberg; also the name given to this region*Mundtod* in a state of civil death*Oehmd* second cutting of hay*Ordnung* ordinance*Rahm* frame for stretching worsteds (or woollens)*Rat* lower community council in a district town (in Wildberg, consisting of six male citizens)*Rathaus* town hall*Recess* = *Rezess* official agreement between two parties (often corporate groups) under the supervision of ducal officials*Rechner* = *Obmann* = *Kerzenmeister* guild foreman*Reskript* ducal edict or decree*Rüggericht* community regulatory court*Scheffel* measure of volume for fodder*Schultheiß* village bailiff, chief administrator of a village*Scoti* a variety of worsted (75 *Gänge* x 42 ells)*Sibner* 'seveners', auxiliary guild officers*Siegelbuch* sealing-book (record kept by guild cloth-sealers)*Siegler* guild cloth-sealers*Simri* measure of volume for grain*Stadtschreiber* public secretary (a ducal bureaucrat based in the district town)*Städtchen* 'townlet', very small town*Steuerbuch* tax register*Stodi* a variety of worsted*Stube* parlour, living room*Thurnstrafe* local gaol sentence

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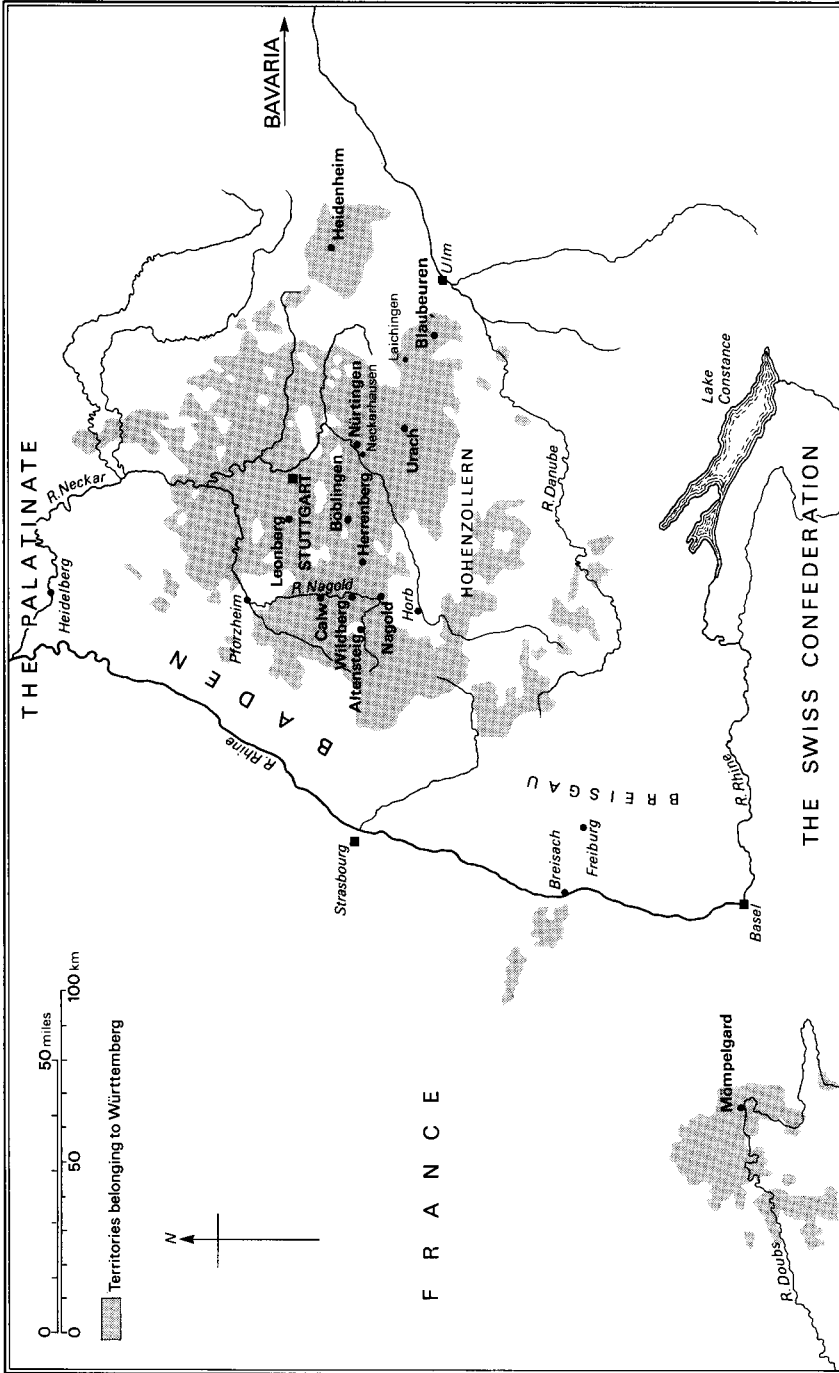
*Glossary**Tuch* woollen cloth*Tuchmacher* woollen-weaver*Tuchmacherhandwerk* woollen-weavers' craft or guild*Umlag* = *Leggeld* guild dues*Vergleich* agreement (often official)*Vogt* district governor (a ducal bureaucrat, chief district official)*Vogtgericht* = *Vogtriiggericht* governor's court, governor's and regulatory court (periodic court of visitation by district governor)*Walkmühle* fulling-mill*Wasen* lawn, grassland*Zehnbund* a variety of worsted (42 *Gänge* x 42 ells)*Zelg* crop rotation category (in the three-field system)*Zettel* a ready-prepared weft (in worsted-making); a loose scrap of paper (in documents)*Zeug* generic worsted cloth*Zeugmacher* worsted-weaver*Zeugmacherhandwerk* worsted-weavers' craft or guild*Zuchthaus* house of discipline*Zug* combed wool*Zunft* = *Handwerk* guild*Zunftsammlung* = *Zusammenkunft* guild assembly

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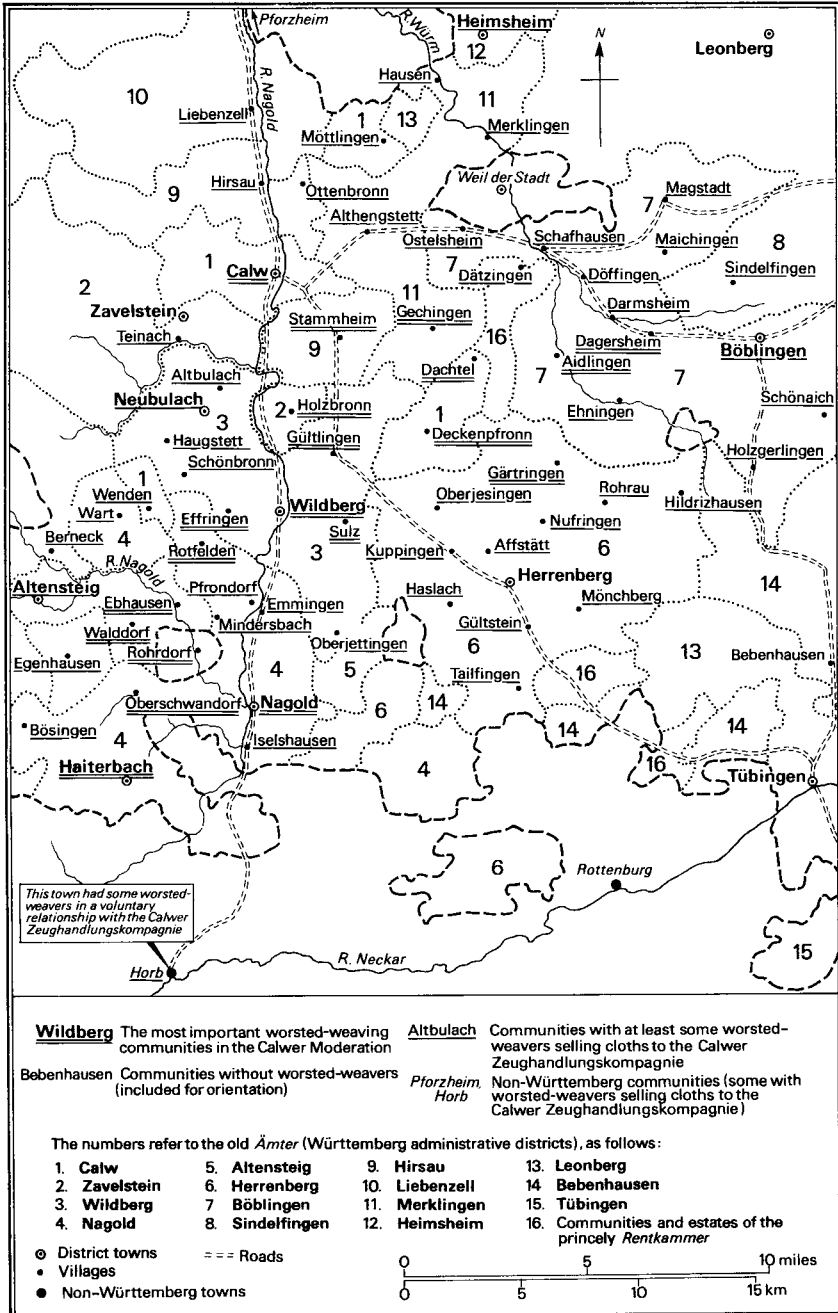
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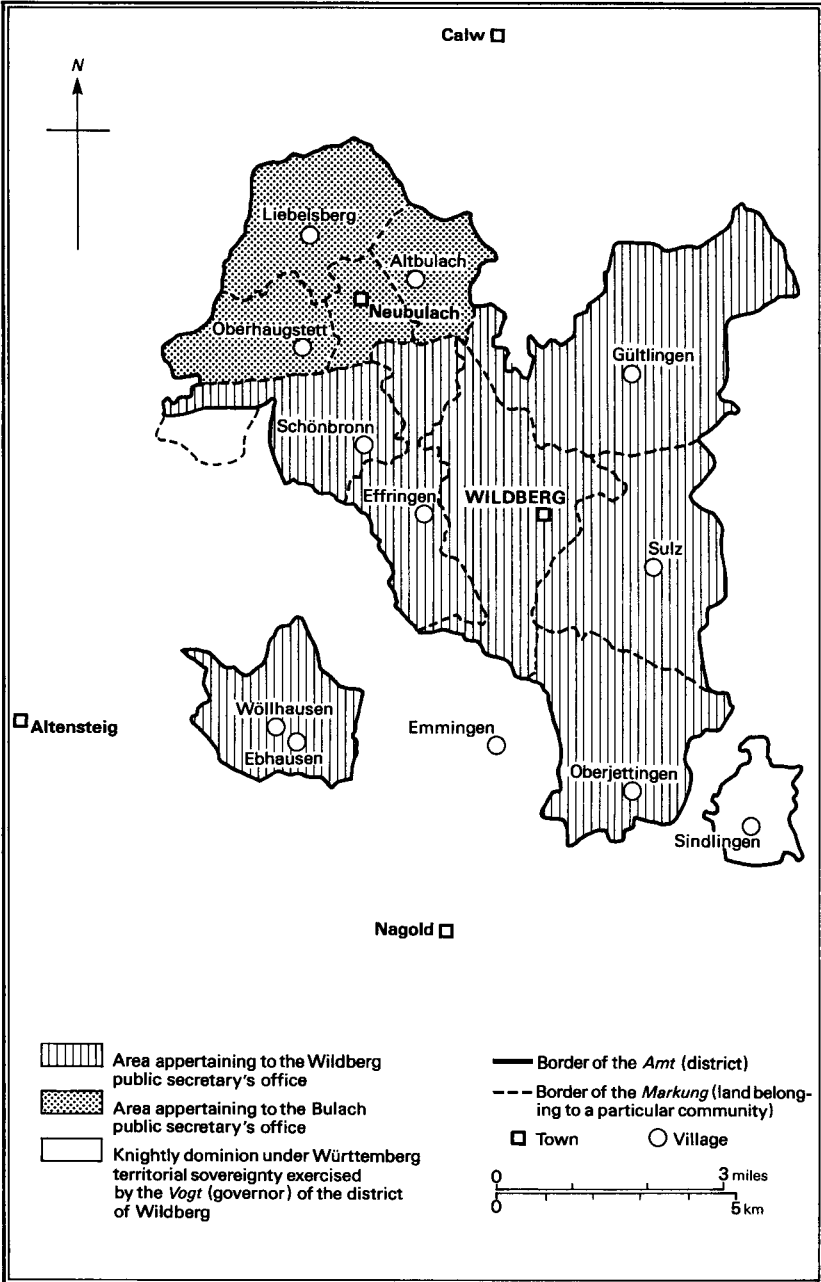
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