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This research work started due to the lack of in-depth investigations of some social and productive aspects in some areas located north of Salerno in IX-XI centuries. For this reason I used documents published in the editorial project called *Codex Diplomaticus Cavensis*. This editorial project aims to be comprehensive publication of the entire diplomatic and documentary corpus kept in the archives of the Benedictine Abbey of the Holy Trinity of Cava de 'Tirreni. Curators of this project have been Mauro Schiani, Michele Morcaldi and Silvano De Stefano for volumes I-VIII and published between 1873 and 1893, Giovanni Vitolo and Simeone Leone for volumes IX and X and published between 1984 and 1990. These ten volumes contain the transcription of 1669 scrolls.

In the Introduction it was analyzed the state of knowledge, the reasons of the use of private *chartae* contained within the *Codex Diplomaticus Cavensis* as well as a summary description of the issue of published sources, the issues related to local historians and the generalization of local phenomena reconnecting with this work those "guidelines" traced by Marc Bloch in the volume *Société féodale* and then continue by George Duby in his *La Société aux XI e et XII e siècles dans la région mâconnaise* up to Pierre Toubert's monumental work *Les structures du Latium médiéval. Le Latium méridional et la Sabine du IX<sup>e</sup> siècle à la fin du XII<sup>e</sup> siècle*.

Turning now to the research itself, I followed four clearly defined policies: the Toponymy, Levels, Sales and Donations.

Inside the 1669 scrolls published and contained in the ten volumes of the *Codex* I have identified 598 relevant documents containing at least one type of information related to one of the main areas being examined. Then I divided my documents according precise chronological arcs of 50 years and distributed between 792 and 1080.

In Chapter 1, defined *Actu et Locu*, I defined not only the five main areas of reference, but also the micro-areas/place names as well as some localization issues of place names themselves. Everything was then outlined in Tables I - VI.

Chapter 2, is devoted to the Levels. I defined general characteristics, types and peculiarities of those leases of land within the category of Levels. Even in this case, all contracts of Level, based on membership in one of the five macro-areas, were then summarized in Tables VII - XII.

Chapter 3 is devoted to the Sales. Given the very diverse nature of the object in question, after defining general characteristics of the legal and most common types of items for Sale, I proceeded to a division by macro ordering, however, the material according to the date and certified grouped in tables XIII - XVII.

The last chapter, Chapter 4, focuses on Donations. After referring to the complexity of the legal transaction, general characters and most common types of donations found, I proceeded to a division by macro ordering, however the material according to the date certified by grouping all the tables XVIII - XXIII.

the Conclusions close this research work, a quick summary about the hundreds of data in our possession, all necessarily useful for reconstructing the history of society and economy of the Salerno area between the ages IX-XI centuries in which, however, not unlike other European regions, set off the premises of the so-called "agrarian revolution" that, in fact, not just intersect the reasons for the same rebirth of cities and new forms of connected economy.