

# Mapping Ottoman Epirus: Region, Power, and Empire

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## Project Summary

How do networks of power and different forms of connections bring different regions and people under the authority of an Ottoman magnate? The project examines the composition of Tepedelenli Ali Pasha's sphere of influence in Epirus (Western Greece) using text-mining and GIS methods to process large amounts of data.

## Sources

Bekir Hatris informs AP that he attacked at the village of Maskoulori in Argyrokastrro "έκανε πατάδι" and he wanted to visit Ioannina to inform AP.

However, the notables of Argyrokastrro did not let him visit Ioannina as the two villages (Maskoulori, Gardiki) in order to negotiate a truce between the two sides. Bekir Hatris insists on his decision.

His plan is to send some people "πατάδι" to conquer a place called "Κιαρέ Μερπέ", where his opponents will be gathering grass from the meadows "Τζαϊρία".

He asks from AP to order a certain Papa Dedo "ΠΑΠΑΔΕΝΤΕΣ" to send people from the villages of Riza to help conquer that place.

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## Ali Pasha's Greek Archive

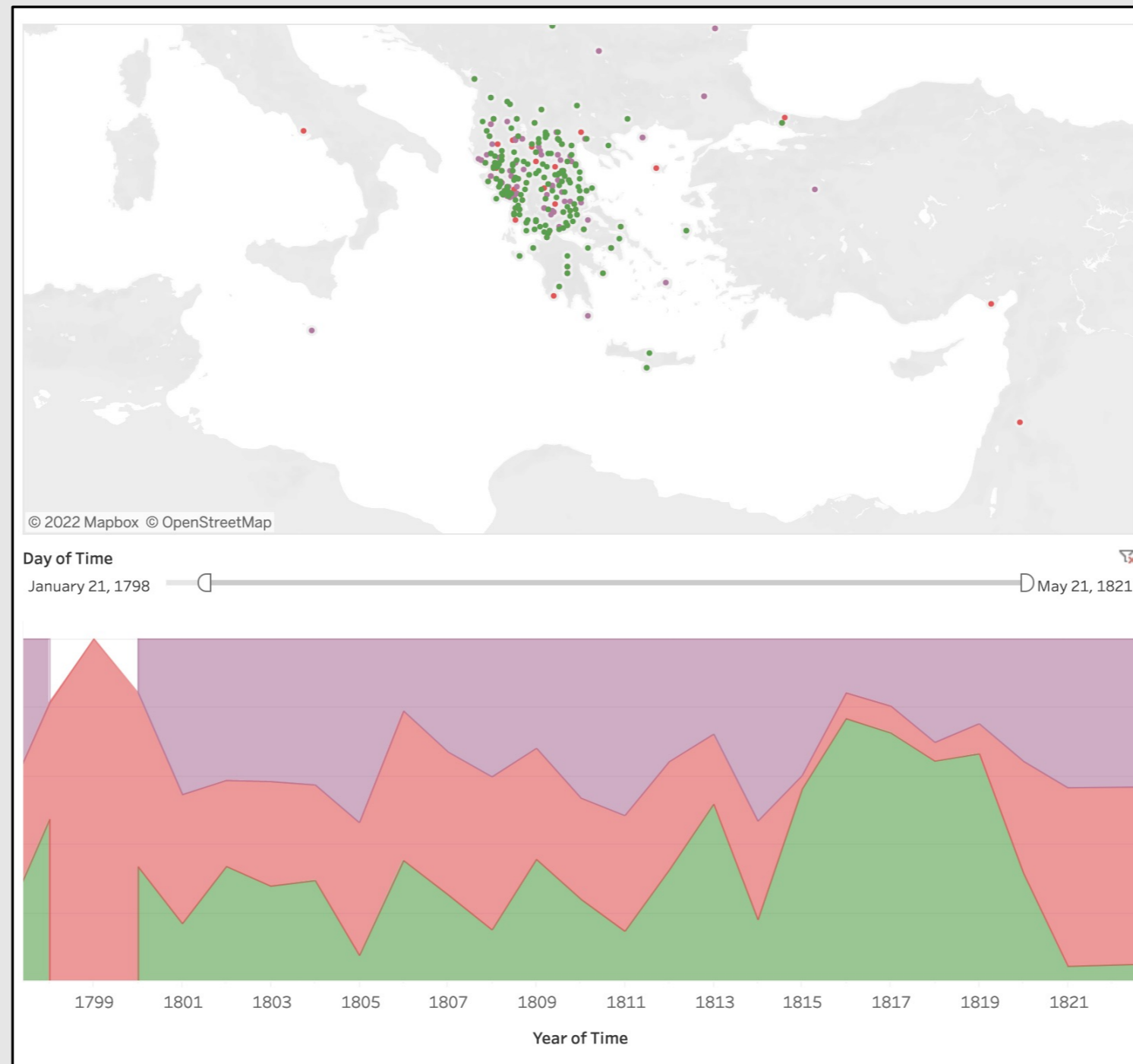
Ali Pasha's probate register collection from Ottoman Archives

## Gazetteer-building

Place name	Alias	Descriptor
492	Άθαρίκος (Άθαρίκος, Ερημιόμένος οϊ-κιςμός Σουλίου 191, 197, 631, 640)	Documents
	Άθαρίκος, ταφλάκι του Βελή πασά, ε-παρχία Τριφυλίας 1079, 1365	Present day name: "see"
	Άθαρίκος, θλ. Ναναρίου	Present day name: "known today as"
	Άθαρίκος, σήμ. Μελαϊτιά, επαρχίας Διομοκού 927 772	Province
	Άθαρίκος, ήτοι δύο Ποιρίδες ταφλάκι "i.e."	Page number
	του Βελή πασά, θλ. Ποιρίδες	"estate"
	Ασθέλλα, επαρχίας Τρεβενών 462, 938, 1301	People alias
	Ασθέλλωτες (Ασθάλω-τες) 462, 938, 1301, 1378	People from this place
	Άθρετ Χιασρ (Τιάρ), σήμ. Νέο Γυναικόκαστρο, επαρχίας Κιλίκης 62, 549	
	Άγγελκατσο, επαρχίας Μεσολογγίου 930 785	

Text-mining from the place-index

## Analysis



### Prosperity in times of peace?

Locations from and to of correspondence categorised by topic (map) and distribution over time (graph)

## Illustration of Network Relations in Ali Pasha Archive

Note: Connections to Ali Pasha are excluded from the visual due to his disproportionate role; connections are only shown if relation was identified more than once

