

## **Abstract**

This dissertation on the *History of Emigration from the Czech Lands to Brazil in the 19<sup>th</sup> century* focuses on the evidence of Czech nationals in Brazil in a much deeper and more extensive scope than can be found in existing works and research. The topic of this paper describes in detail the life stories of individuals as well as whole families whose origins are Czech, yet whose awareness of “being Czech” has partially or completely faded over time.

Czech emigrants left for Brazil (regarding the period my work deals with) as citizens of Austria, or Austria-Hungary, as the union came into existence in 1867. Moreover, many of them were ethnic Germans living in Czech, who later mostly joined German colonies in Brazil. The vast majority of papers concentrates on the issues of emigration in the context of countries where German was spoken, without elaborating further on the countries themselves, despite Austria, later Austria-Hungary, being a multinational state. The country covered a territory comprising several nations of various cultures as well as various official languages.

The aim of the dissertation is to single out individuals from the “German group” whose origins can be clearly proved by birth in the Czech Kingdom, or to be more precise, in the territory of today’s Czech Republic. In addition, the work intends to point out the considerable number of individuals as well as families active in the current Brazilian political and cultural spheres. Many of those families became fairly successful in Brazil as early as the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, followed later by another wave of emigration in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when a large number of people left the Czech lands and many became successful and established in their new homeland.

The topic of this paper is not explicitly “Czech emigration” but emigration from Czech lands as a whole. This means the work deals with all emigrants that left the territory of Czech Kingdom for Brazil in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, regardless of their nationality. Apart from Czechs, this group included a large proportion of German nationals. To date, emigrants who were German nationals from Czech lands were included in German emigration. This paper targets this group in its own research, where the country of origin plays a fundamental role. A specifically targeted research brings new and more accurate information and what is more, this paper may be beneficial to the thousands of our compatriots in Brazil as well as to our country when strengthening their mutual relations.

## **Keywords**

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