

Abstract

In the region of Jablonec, Czech republic, two unique types of industrial buildings used to be built, in which local craftsmen grinded and pressed glass. Nowadays, some of those objects have been already torn down, however the rest of them is currently serving for recreational or even residential purposes. The aim of this thesis is to document the remaining buildings and their users, and also to describe the life and the work of the local craftsmen. The buildings used for glass grinding were built all across the Czech republic, however in the region of Jablonec their appearance was very specific. In the ground floor, a row of small windows was usually present, providing enough light for the working craftsmen. Some of those buildings were also water-powered. The buildings used for glass pressing were, compared to the buildings for glass grinding, built only in the region of Jablonec. The first part of this thesis is dedicated to the history of the glass-making industry and the production of the fashion jewellery in this region, the second part is then focused on the main theme.