

Abstract

The diploma thesis deals with description of the distribution of diphthongization $y > ej$ in Moravian Books of Testimonies of the 16th–17th century, which represent important sources for description of the period language. The material basis of the work consists of editions of *Smolná kniha Nového Města na Moravě*, *Smolná kniha velkobítešská*, *Černé knihy práva loveckého na hradě Buchlově*, *Smolná kniha města Lipníka* a *Krevní kniha městečka Bojkovic*. All expressions containing *ej* from the original *y* as well as expressions in which the secondary hardened *y* was diphthongized (cases such as *vozejk*) and finally words with the preserved original *y* were excerpted, recorded in the *Microsoft Excel* and manually tagged. The distribution of diphthongization was described on the basis of selected linguistic and non-linguistic variables. Finally, the results were compared with the results of previous research and the place of the books of testimonies within the period manuscript and printed production was specified.