

## **Abstrakt (in English)**

This thesis focuses on the life of Ferdinand Hildprandt and the development of the town Blatná at the time of his life. Ferdinand Hildprandt, who lived between 1863 and 1936, was a nobleman and a member of house Hildprandt von Ottenhausen, the owners of the castle Blatná. He also owned the neighboring homestead and plenty of ponds, forests and fields. He was a district mayor from 1914 to 1919. He strived for prosperity, development and economic growth of the town. He supported education, established a fund for the poor and he built an orphanage. The most important step was the construction of a railway which connected Blatná and the surrounding world. This led to the increase of population in Blatná as well as to major developments in the industry. Hildprandt was active in politics, too. He was a member of the local assembly and a defender of Czech historical law.

The focus of this thesis primarily lies on the House of Hildprandt itself. It mostly focuses on the life of Ferdinand Hildprandt in particular, on his attitudes, opinions in the period of Habsburg monarchy and the so-called First Republic. Furthermore, it also revolves around cultural history of the period.