

Our work deals with the old Bohemian noble family of Waldstein. In the first part it follows the family of Markwartingian, from which the Waldsteins had separated. It describes the ascension of the Markwartingians as beneficiary aristocracy during the reign of Přemyslid princes and also their later acquisition of territory around the river Jizera, which they extended within the frame of medieval colonization. Our work also deals with the most important Markwartingian ecclesiastical foundation of Hraditín nad Jizerou monastery. It follows the most remarkable members of Markwartingian family, among them surpassing all Havel z Lemberka and his brother Jaroslav z Hrutice, the direct ancestor of the lords of Waldstein.

The second part of our work deals with genealogy of the Waldsteins family and their property. It divides the family into three basic stems, the lords of Rotstein, the lords of Dětínice and the lords of Waldstein. The lords of Waldstein are then divided into three consecutive stems: that of Lomnice, that of Waldstein and that of Těpanice. The work also describes the gradual decay of the first two stems and, on the contrary, the increase of the last of them.

The third part of the work follows the political activities of chosen members of the Waldstein family within the Hussite wars and shortly after them. Namely it deals with the increase and fall of Hynek of Koltejn, the Hussite diplomat and one of the supporters of the idea of Zikmund Korybut to become the Bohemian king. The work is more interested in the short and quick career of Haek of Waldstein, an army-leader and politician, in service of the power-coalition of the Praguers. Later he, quite surprisingly, came across with the emperor and became faithful to the party of moderate Catholics till the end of his life.