

The presented thesis aims to approach the development of sawmills and mills in the political district of Čadca in the period between 1918 (the establishment of the Czechoslovak Republic) and 1950 (the closure of most companies). The object of the research is primary water-powered devices, but in a broader context also companies with other forms of propulsion. The work describes their technical development, the process of their modernization, technology transfer. At the same time, it examines the impact of natural and economic conditions on these forms of business in the period under review. Finally, it also aims to map the objects of former sawmills and mills. The information obtained in this way is intended to supplement the inputs from archival research, especially in the issue of the technical equipment of individual plants. Source work draws on map materials I. II. and III. military survey and documents stored in the Čadca archive, a branch of the State Archives in Žilina.