

**Abstract:**

This diploma thesis deals with the history of Rokytnice nad Rokytnou, a small town situated in the Bohemian-Moravian Highlands ten kilometres from the town of Třebíč. The focus is on the first half of the 20th century, which brought significant events in this village. The thesis itself deals with the history of Rokytnice nad Rokytnou from many points of view. The demographic development and development of the municipality, the functioning of local self-government, the activities of emerging associations and the operation of two age-old institutions, namely the school and the parish, are examined. There is also an insight into everyday life in the local village. The destinies of many Rokytnice families were also influenced by war conflicts and two totalitarian regimes. Rokytnice is largely affected by events from the early 50's in the Třebíč region. In connection with the so-called Babice case, the priest Jan Bula and the twenty years old Drahoslav Němec were executed, and nine of Rokytnice citizens and one native were also sent to prison. The diploma thesis also deals with the impact of the mentioned events on local citizens. The events in Rokytnice nad Rokytnou also influenced each other with the surrounding villages, especially Chlístov, Markvartice and Římov. For this reason, these villages are also mentioned in the work. To complete the context, I also shortly discuss key events in the district town of Třebíč. The aim of this diploma thesis is to provide a contribution to the regional history of the Třebíč region and at the same time to bring insight into the life of a medium-sized Moravian village in the first half of the 20th century.

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