

The present thesis deals with the use of a German dialect in Medzev in Eastern Slovakia. In this respect it provides an overview not only of the current situation, but also of the development in recent years. One concrete family of Carpathian Germans and all its three generations are in the focus of this thesis. Individual language biographies enable a detailed description of the changes in the usage of individual languages in the speaker's repertory during his life. Furthermore, the language biographies also provide a description of factors influencing these changes. We predominantly focused on changes in the usage of the dialect. The thesis also maps the development of the usage of the dialect from the oldest to the youngest generation in the given family.