Marie Magdaléna Trčková of Lípa

The present paper deals with the personality of early 17th century Czech noblewoman Marie Magdaléna Trčková of Lípa (1569 – 1633). Based on the available sources and literature, this work attempts to reconstruct the life and career of this important aristocrat. Unfortunately, the preserved sources are very scant. Trčkov archive as such does not exist. Thus the present paper had to be based on various editions of the sources, especially on works by Josef Pekař and Josef Janáček. Marie Magdaléna, born to the Lobkowitz family, has been married to Jan Rudolf Trčka of Lípa. Both spouses were economically very active and skilled managers. They never used to be politically active before the battle of Bílá Hora, and they attempted to assume a neutral and cautious attitude after the Prague defenestration. The individual chapters of this work deal with the family life, children, friends, economic activity and political attitudes of Marie Magdaléna Trčková in the context of the end of 16th century and the first few decades of the 17th century. Periods of her life are sorted chronologically, from her youth, marriage, family life, and her attitude both before Bílá Hora, as well as, more importantly, after the battle, when the house of Trček became greatly enriched by purchasing the confiscates. In its finishing part, the work also deals with the nature of her communications with Albrecht von Wallenstein, with whom the Trčeks are usually said to have been associated in this period.