

Annotation:

This thesis deals with the activity of the county family of Wilczek in the area of Ostrava. The county family of Wilczek was one of the most important family in Silesia. The first member of this Silesian family moved to Těšín principality in the fourteenth century. Within the following centuries the family purchased many estates and they gained a huge land fund into their possession. In the eighteenth century, coal was found on the estate of Slezská Ostrava and they started to mine. Although nowadays they are rather unknown, their behaviour has influenced many people in the area of Ostrava.

Life conditions of colliers were really bad. They had to work almost ten hour per day and they got not enough money for it. This situation leads to many stoppages. Jan Maria Wilczek, the most important member of this family wasn't popular because they didn't take care of their employees.

County family of Wilczek purchased their estates until 1945. After the Second World War was all of the belonging nationalize. Nowadays they live in Austria.