Abstract and key words:

The work deals with the social status of executioners in modern times as a group of people who were considered to be dishonourable. The bachelor’s thesis attempts to watch contacts of executioner’s families and general public, their financial situations and especially to find out how much the society discriminates against hangmen. It is given emphasis to the issue of Modern honor and its interpretation in the context of an executioner and their families. Moreover it is primarily focused on family of Zelinger, that lived in the late 17th century in Pardubice and surrounding areas. Thanks to studying of Jiří Zelinger’s life and local conditions in Pardubice it is possible to make comparison with historiography. The conclusions of the thesis are based on studying mainly czech historiographical literature and sources of city administration of Pardubice.

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