

## **Abstract**

The thesis deals with the development of a village later a town called Neratovice in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century, especially with regard to the formation of the chemical industry. The introduction briefly presents the parts of the town and also points out an interesting history of Lobkovice, the part which was up to the 80s of the 19<sup>th</sup> century more important than Neratovice. After that, the work continues chronologically in a description of life in Neratovice, at first to the end of 19<sup>th</sup> century and then it elaborates on the period of the two world wars. The next part is fully focused on the expansion of chemistry, in particular it discusses events based in Spolana, the well-known local plant whose existence has undoubtedly influenced and completely changed the image of the town. The paper also includes information about historical monuments and famous personalities that are connected with the town.

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