

Abstract (in English)

This work depicts history of Pecka from the earliest time of municipality government in the half of the 19th century throughout the following 20th century, until 1990. To get better oriented, the book has been divided into three parts (according to historical periods). Each of them describes life in the town from administrative, economic, investment, educational, cultural, club, social, health care and religious points of view.

The first part focuses on a period between 1848 and 1918; most of its attention is paid to local trades and clubs. The second chapter specialises in the times after the First World War (1918–1945) and comprises three sub-chapters: the first one shows the earliest years of independent Czechoslovak Republic, the second sub-chapter concentrates on the time of economic growth and successive financial crisis. The third sub-chapter writes about “the second republic“ and the Protectorate. The final part of the book is aimed at after-war situation, municipality changes (into national municipality) and forty years of communistic era. As usual, division of this part follows important events (1948 – start of communistic regime, 1968 – Soviet occupation, 1989 – Velvet Revolution).

The text itself is accompanied by numerous photographs as well as footnotes that complement information and provide with the sources of given data. At the end of the text, the reader also finds a list of mayors with dating, a graph showing the demographics of the local population, lists of abbreviations, sources and literature, indexes. To write this publication, the author used data and photographs from the following archives: Státní okresní archiv Jičín and Semily, Státní oblastní archiv in Zámorsk, materials of parish office, municipality and castle in Pecka. Private documents of Matěj Pešta complete the list of used archival materials. Other sources include publications on history with regional relevance, varying from books to magazines and newspapers.

Klíčová slova (in English)

[Pecka, municipality, townlet, national municipality, self-government, history, trade, industry, construction, education, culture, clubs, parish]