Abstract

The theme of this thesis is the building activity of Jan Rudolf Chotek in the region of Nové Dvory. The main attention is paid to the classicist château of Kačina, to the process of its construction, its appearance, inner structure and both of its pavilions which contain the library, the theatre and the incomplete chapel. A large park in English style is covered as well as some of interesting landscape components inside. The attention is paid to some other building projects of count Chotek which are not as important as Kačina chateau but they help to create a picture of the count in his role of enthusiastic constructor. The chapter about the development of the family of Chotek cannot be eliminated, because it shows an environment which Jan Rudolf came from. The chapter about the history of the region of Nové Dvory is important too because it influenced Jan Rudolf and inspired him to his building activities. The task of this thesis is to introduce Jan Rudolf Chotek as a constructor with a compact conception which he realized for all his life.