

Abstrakt:

This thesis attempts to map the history of the Buben of Litice family. It describes its history since the end of the 14th century, its property ownership, and its social status. However, the thesis focuses on the second half of the 19th century, the first half of the 20th century and the person of count Michael Mario Otakar Bubna of Litice (1864-1949).

Count Michael Bubna of Litice was the head of the family Buben of Litice precisely in this period. He became the last owner of the Doudleby Castle and the surrounding domain before the communist takeover. Count Michael belonged to the old generation of aristocracy, which had been raised in the obeisance to tradition and dignity. During his life, he witnessed the collapse of old-fashioned values of Austria-Hungary, the public disclaim of its old traditions and principles, and, furthermore, the consecutive loss of the family property.

This thesis describes the position of the Buben family among the Austro-Hungarian aristocracy, its fate in the postwar era, as well as in the time of the World War II, when the son of count Michael Bubna of Litice, Mikuláš, became the minister of agriculture in the Protectorate government of the general Alois Eliáš.

Key words:

Nobility, aristocracy, the Buben of Litice family, history, count Michael Bubna of Litice