

This thesis aims at analysing from various perspectives the Rome part of a travel diary written by Heřman Jakub Černín of Chudenice, presenting a picture of how the Grand Tour was experienced by himself, and assessing it in a European context.

The first part is primarily an analysis of the sources, but it also draws attention to other related sources in the yet-to-be-explored Černín Family Archives. I was able to identify the scribes' hands in all versions of the travel diary. The second part summarizes the current knowledge about Grand Tours in general, which is mostly found in foreign (non-Czech) books on this issue. It also comprises extensive information about the life of Heřman Jakub Černín with extra emphasis on his Grand Tour and the connections of the Černín family to Italy, as seen for example from the two visits paid by Heřman to his mother Diana Marie Hippoliti di Gazoldo, who stayed in Mantua after she and her husband split.