Abstract

This diploma thesis, entitled „Testamentary Practice of Prague Jews Based on Analysis of the Books of Testaments from 1681–1850,“ deals with the Jewish books of testaments which arose from the office of the King’s Prague Old Town during the years 1681 and 1850 and nowadays are deposited in Prague City Archives. The text relates to conclusions presented by previous bachelor thesis and its main aim is the analysis of Jewish last wills from years 1773–1850 from various points of views – for instance typology of records, testators, language, contents and other. Also analysis of chosen records are attached to the practical section of the work – last wills and related writings of Abraham Offner, Philipp Eidlitz and Löwi Gisternitz are introduced. Collected datas are consequently compared with facts extracted from Jewish books of testaments from years 1681–1773. Detailed summary, diagrams, as well as the photographic attachment are the integral part of the text.

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