Abstract

The bachelors thesis focuses on the castle Zvíkov and its surrounding domain in the time of late Middle Age and early Renaissance. I would like to focus on the period between the first contact of the Zvíkov domain and the Rožmberk family in 1307 to its sale to the Švamberk family in 1473. The castle was built on the rock above the confluence of the Otava and Vltava rivers in 13th century. Position on the top of the rock was advantageous against potential threat. The Castle architecture is connected with the reign of the kings Wenceslas I. and Otakar II. In the beginning of the 14th century was the castle under influence of Jindřich of Rožmberk. Later at the time of Charles IV. was Zvíkov selected as temporary storage of the Crown Jewels. The most important period in Zvíkov history is the time of Oldřich II. of Rožmberk. Oldřich was extremely interested in the castle and in the end used forged papers to own it. The castle was part of the Rožmberk domain till its sale to Bohuslav of Švamberk in 1473. Together with the history of Zvíkov I would also like to focus on the cultural development, political and economical situation of the castle and the surrounding domain.