Abstract

The rigorous thesis *Testaments and Survivorship Inventories of Prague Jews until the Half of 19th Century* deals with the testamentary practice of Prague inhabitants of Jewish descent. It recapitulates outcomes of the research of Jewish books of testaments which arose from the office of the King’s Prague Old Town during the period 1681–1850 and nowadays are deposited in the collection of manuscripts of Prague City Archives. The thesis incorporates partial studies presented during the previous university education – both undergraduate and graduate. Two of manuscripts that were not presented yet (the book of testaments from years 1773–1784 written in Hebrew and the book of inventories from years 1773–1783) are newly included into the research project. Theoretic section introducing mainly the historical context (for instance history of Jews in the Czech Lands; last wills in the Jewish tradition; Jewish testamentary practice in the Czech Lands; boroughs of Prague; legal regulations etc.) is followed by the practical section (presentation of concrete historical documents). All seven manuscripts are analysed both from formal and contentual points of view. Synoptic tables are attached at the very end of the paper.

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