

## **Abstract**

Jan Palacký (1830–1908) was the first associate professor of geography at the Prague University and, after university division, the first professor of geography at the Czech Charles-Ferdinand University. He worked as a scientist for more than fifty years. He was well known abroad and represented the Czech Kingdom in a perfect way. His family was one of the most important families of Czech history. Jan Palacký was not as successful a politician – as his father František Palacký or his brother-in-law František Ladislav Rieger. He could not keep the family property which he lost as a result of the failed Chabrus elections in 1872. The aim of this thesis is to map the life of Jan Palacký in his life roles through this new perspective and using unused sources to point out Palacký's personal national identity. The focus of the thesis is the analysis of sources relating to Jan Palacký. The thesis is focused on Palacký family life, his scientific work and activities at the university, educational and charitable activities. The thesis also draws attention to the extensive scientific correspondence stored in the Literary archive of the Museum of Czech literature.

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