

Abstract

The topic of the diploma thesis „*Social security and leisure activities of the employees working in textile company JITKA in the period of so-called normalization and transformation*” is now a defunct plant, which has been an important employer for decades for both Jindřichův Hradec and its surroundings. The thesis presents an insight into the everyday life of the company employees. Its aim is to describe the social conditions of employees and the cultural, sports and recreational opportunities available to them within the company. The work uses narrative sources obtained by the method of oral history, supplemented by classical written sources, especially the corporate periodicals and documents of an institutional nature. The methodological part contains the basic theoretical framework of oral history research and the author's practical experience with this method. In the chapter devoted to the historical context of the issue, a brief history of Jindřichův Hradec and textile production, dating back to the Middle Ages, is outlined. This chapter is followed by the historical development of the company, which also represents an imaginary conclusion of the long history of textile industry in Jindřichův Hradec. The empirical part is focused on selected areas of everyday life of employees with the help of acquired interviews.

Key words: textile company JITKA, oral history, normalization, transformation, everyday life