

Abstract

The aim of this thesis is to provide insight into the lives and stories of female prisoners kept in the convent of Congregation of Sisters of Mercy of St. Borromeo in Prague's Řepy, at the turn of the 1930s and 1940s.

The thesis consists of analysis of the prisoners, based on their nationality, social position, type of crime, length of sentence, and religion. Another focus is on the aims of the prison, educational means applied on women, and the respect of the prisoners to these means and the staff as such. The thesis describes everyday life in the convent, including activities done by the prisoners. It follows the behavior of the residents, their mutual relationships, the hierarchy between the women and the process of dealing with each other.