

This master's thesis introduces the Bohemian peasant František Jan Vavák and aims to reconstruct his unique views of the significant events and political changes ocured within the reign of the Queen and Empress Marie Terezie, in particular the resulting reforms she introduced. It also focuses on reconstructing the key elements of the mentality of the second half of the 18th century. It is based on a detailed analysis of Vavák's Memoirs (1770 – 1780).