

## **Abstract**

This Master's degree thesis deals with the life of the important builder Hubert Svoboda from Brno, who was after the Second World War sentenced to two years in prison. The structure of this thesis is based on two interdependent chapters. In the initial study there is presented the story of Hubert Svoboda, from his birth to his death. The reader will learn what stood behind builder's collaboration. The following chapter describes the historians path to reconstruct the history of the present. There were made subchapters concerning the history of the present, which take part on scholar's interpretation. According to the usage of the oral history method, the next chapters are devoted to the validity of narrator's statements, to compare the validity not only of the witnesses, but of the archival source too. This work is based on my own methodological approach, which I have created during my research and in the same time it's the only one, which reflects the history of the present in the historic work.