

## **Abstract**

The bachelor thesis called Construction activity of Václav Antonín Chotek – significant ancestral residence deals mainly with the construction activities of the V. A. Chotek and his sons in the Baroque era.

The thesis is divided into two parts. The first part mentions the history of Chotek family, the fortress Bělušice and the Veltrusy Castle which both belong to the main construction activities of Count Chotek. This part also briefly describes other family residences which were maintained, built or reconstructed in Baroque period.

In the second part, I want to present more specifically the residences, whose names were mentioned in the first part and which exist mainly thanks to the brothers Jan Karel and Rudolf Chotek. Therefore the second part represents a kind of catalog. All the descriptions are accompanied by pictorial documentation. I also focused here on other builders who participated in constructions or renovations. There are mentioned buildings as the castles in Chlumín and in Třebešice, the estate of Nové Dvory near Čáslav and the castle Myslibořice. Here I will also mention the House U Zlatého melounu which is located in Prague.

In the final part, I would like to compare the former form of the settlements with the current one. At the end I summarize if the target from the initial part of the thesis has been achieved.

## **Keywords**

Veltrusy, castle, Chotek family, baroque, park, Vaclav Antonin Chotek, Belusice, Jan Karel, Rudolf