

Abstract

The life of the associations and the history of the town museum

The aim of the diploma thesis is to reconstruct the history of the founding and the first two decades of the existence of the Museum of Nové Benátky. The local museum was founded with a considerable time lag compared to other similar urban institutions. Although the date of its foundation dates back to 1935, the efforts to establish the museum are much older. A key role in the creation of the museum was played by the activities of associations in the Benátecko region and by some exceptional personalities, such as the husband and wife team of Jindřich and Marie Soukal. The thesis is based on original research of surviving archival sources and available secondary sources. Primary collections will also be taken into account.