

Abstract

The thesis aims to construct a model director of the Schwarzenberg primogeniture estate in the 19th century. This construction will serve as a means to learn about and evaluate three important Schwarzenberg directors, i.e., Franz Horský (1801-1877), Franz Kutschera (1819-1899), Josef Šusta (1835-1914), and the administrator Leopold Maria Zeithammer (1834-1905).

The researcher also seeks to understand the extent to which the central economic activities of these officials were linked to educational activities on behalf of the peasants.

A significant part of the thesis is devoted to the analysis and interpretation of the official Franz Kutschera's *Über die Ziele eines Gutsherrn* (1884). This is Kutschera's concentrated experience in managing a large estate and his recommendations on how the owner should act. The addressee of the file was Hereditary Prince Jan Nepomuk II of Schwarzenberg (1860-1938), grandson of Jan Adolf II. Schwarzenberg.

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