THE BOHEMIAN GENEALOGISTS AND THEIR HERITAGE: A LITERARY HISTORY OF THE BOHEMIAN GENEALOGY OF THE NOBILITY AND HERALDRY

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The author of this short outline of a literary history of the genealogy of the nobility in the historic lands of the St. Wenceslaus crown - Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia - presents in chronological order data on pertinent authors and specialists (irrespective of social station and nationality) from the 16th century to the present; the exact titles of their books, collections or manuscript legacies are cited. Details on the content and scope of these publications, combined with critical assessments, enhance the value of this work for historical scholarship. The author has drawn his material from the most varied sources - some of them not easily accessible or not even explored heretofore - and presents the first complex account of the theme, thereby creating an important auxiliary tool not only for interested genealogists and heraldists, but for those concerned with the whole cultural history of the Bohemian lands.