

THE FORMER JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF WESERITZ IN THE SETTLEMENT HISTORY OF WESTERN BOHEMIA

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This study shows that the intensive cultivation of the district of Weseritz and its development as an area of settlement was essentially the deed of Czech settlers, but that they would not have been possible without the technical and cultural progress that the German side contributed to the work of colonization. The German element

was a relative latecomer to this area, but at the latest from the mid-17th century and until the mid-20th century, this judicial district was populated predominantly by Germans. The situation suddenly changed drastically, however, after the Second World War with the expulsion of the German inhabitants. The thin network of settlements today shows that the resulting population losses have yet to be compensated for.