

MIROSLAV TYRŠ (FRIEDRICH EMANUEL TIRSCH),  
1832—1884: HIS DEATH IN THE ÖTZTALER ACHE IN  
THE LIGHT OF HITHERTO UNKNOWN SOURCES

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Miroslav Tyrš founded the Czech „Sokol“ athletic organization in 1862. After working for twenty years in this organization, which was so important in the national struggle of the Czechs, material and health reasons compelled him to relinquish all his functions. He went to Tyrol to recuperate and died there in 1884 under tragic circumstances. On the occasion of the centenary of Tyrš's death, the author reconstructs his last days, among others, on the basis of hitherto unknown documents from the Tiroler Landesarchiv in Innsbruck, and does not exclude the possibility of suicide.