

## SUMMARIES

### WITCH TRIALS IN THE BOHEMIAN CROWNLANDS

#### Origin and Development of the Persecution of Witches

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Due to the special religious-political development of the Bohemian Crownlands, the persecution of witches began relatively late there. Until the late 1600s, there were only individual trials; mass persecution remained the exception. Following the Thirty Years' War, there were two mass persecutions: from 1639 to 1652 in the Silesian principality of Neisse and from 1679 to 1696 in Gross-Ullersdorf and Mährisch-Schönberg. Detailed material on the second wave of trials written by the witch judge Franz Heinrich Boblig is extant. Only a few trials took place in the eighteenth century. This work is based for the most part on sources which Bedřich Šindelář and others have already interpreted, town chronicles or so-called "Black Books", which contain trial records, confessions, and sentences of the criminals. Written by judges and town clerks, these documents thus require painstaking interpretation.