

SUMMARIES

A MEMBER OF THE STAUFER DYNASTY IN THE COURT AT PRAGUE: KUNIGUNDE OF SWABIA

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Relations between Bohemia and the Stauffer dynasty became intense, though not free of tension also in the first half of the thirteenth century. The marriage of the daughter of King Philip of Swabia, Kunigunde (1202–1248), to Wenzel I (1205–1253), the son of Přemysl Otakar I, is placed in the context of these relations. Due to the dearth of sources, it is very difficult to reconstruct the life of the Bohemian Queen Kunigunde. What little information remains in the Bohemian annals, as well as the documents issued by the queen alone, or together with her husband, show her as a devout donor. The author presents a cultural-historical sketch of Bohemia in the first half of the thirteenth century, in which the influence of Kunigunde of Swabia also appears: with the foundation of the Cisterian cloister Marienthal in 1234, she took her place among the ranks of Bohemian benefactresses.