

Confirmatory documents of rulers for Silesian towns until early 15th century

Abstract

The subject of the paper are the documents in which the ruler confirms older documents for a given town. The first part deals with confirmatory documents in general, their origins, content and typology. The second part deals with Silesian documents. The author gives a chronological survey, identifies their groups depending on the issuers and receivers, analyses formularies, discusses various types of confirmatory documents, uncovers the connections of places of issue with the itineraries of rulers, and studies the language of the documents. The problem of specific features of those documents in particular towns is also treated at length. The final part summarises the results and attempts a comparison with the situation in Bohemia and Moravia.

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