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Abstract: Merchants' Accounting Books and Registers in the Czech Lands in the Middle Ages

Merchants' accounting books and registers (or, if we wish, private diaries) count among important sources of information on medieval trade, trade practice and the mentality of inhabitants of medieval cities. These types of resources allow us to study the details of medieval trade, as well as the types and even techniques of trade practice. The key goal of the current essay is to point to the preserved manuscripts of merchant books and registers originating in Bohemia and Moravia from the medieval era up until the early Modern Age. We will also focus on fragments of manuscripts and on indirect proofs of the fact that even in the era in question, some burghers already had their own merchant registers that were not preserved to this day.

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