

Manuel Swatek, Ein „kurzer Wiener Bürgerbrief“ aus dem Jahr 1472. Zur Bestätigung des Wiener Bürgerrechts im Spätmittelalter

Abstract: A „short letter confirming citizenship“ (Bürgerbrief) from 1472. On the confirmation of Viennese citizenship in the late Middle Ages

This small study sheds light on the practice of granting citizenship in late medieval Vienna. A „Bürgerzettel“ from the year 1472, which was issued to confirm Viennese citizenship and is now preserved in the Vienna City and Provincial Archives, is the starting point for consideration of both the document and its source type. The form of this document is registered as a „short citizen’s letter“ in the „Viennese Crafts Ordinance Book“, a collection of normative texts on individual crafts and of oaths to be taken before the Inner Council, created around 1430. This points to a connection between the oaths of new citizens and the issuance of corresponding confirmations of citizenship.

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