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Abstract: Wills of Catholic Exiles from Hussite Cities (1421–1454)

The study analyses the last wills and testaments of Catholic refugees from Hussite towns in Bohemia, which were created during the Hussite Revolution and its aftermath (1421–1454). Particular attention is paid to the analysis of the content of the documents which deal both with the available property in the exile locality and especially with the inaccessible, confiscated property left behind in the place of original residence. We also try to identify the persons mentioned in the texts, both the beneficiaries of the bequeathed property and the witnesses and executors of the wills. On the basis of this data, personal and institutional links to other exiles and permanent residents of the exile locality are examined. Finally, attention is given to testamentary disputes, attempts at restitution proceedings and their institutional support.

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