



Old maps of the Czech Lands and their cartographic language

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The oldest preserved maps of the Czech historical lands come from 16th and 17th centuries. These works of individual cartographers, with their high informative value, were necessarily compiled using a background of older map resources published within the Central Europe. The paper presents a comparison of selected map symbols used on the investigated old maps of Bohemia (of Claudianus, Criginger, Aretin, Vogt) and of Moravia and Silesia (of Fabricius, Kaerius, Comenius, Coronelli, Helwig). The aim is to identify and assess the regularities in successive evolution of cartographic language of these maps, dated before the famous Müller's mapping in 18th century.