

Summary

JEAN DE CARRO, KAREL A. VINAŘICKÝ AND THEIR MUTUAL LATIN CORRESPONDENCE FROM 1829–1843

This article deals with the mutual correspondence (with its part written in Latin) of a Carlsbad spa medical doctor coming from Geneva, Jean de Carro (1770–1857), and Karel A. Vinařický (1803–1869), a Czech poet, writer and translator of ancient texts, who worked as a ceremoniary of Prague archbishop and later as a parish priest in Kovář near Mladá Boleslav. Both scholars exchanged forty-two letters written in Latin between 1829–1843, and their correspondence represents thus unique evidence of using Latin as a communicational language in the Czech lands of that time. The article brings information on the life of both men, it summarizes the contents of their correspondence and comments on their relationship to Antiquity as reflected also in the references to it in their mutual letters. As appendix, letter of Jean de Carro and so-far unpublished Vinařický's reply from 1843 are edited at the end of the article.

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