



Prague - Depiction of town in old maps

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Face of Prague city has been intensively changed since medieval times. Rapid development and expansion of Prague capital started in the first half of the 19th century. Historic separate boroughs of Prague have been merged under the authority of a common city council. Some regions of original boroughs were rebuilt, but the most important changes took place behind the town walls. New suburbs have been rapidly growing up till the present times. Old maps depict former situation of urban area. Comparison of situation on various old and present maps reveals sequential development of Prague urban area. Paper presents case studies focused on some areas of Prague which have been intensively changed. One studied area is Old Jewish Town, which was completely rebuilt at the end of the 19th century. Other areas of interest are places in current Vinohrady and Smichov districts. These studies profit on findings of research dealing with old maps and views of Prague. During this project couple old maps were georeferenced to make a comparison among them easier.