

# **HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY**

# The oldest map monuments

- **primitive geographical sketches**

## **Pavlov Map - 24,000 BC**

- engraving into a mammoth tusk, situational map of the camp of mammoth hunters
- found in 1962 in Pavlov in southern Moravia
- Institute of Archeology AV in Brno, copy NM in Prague

## **Other findings:**

- Switzerland (cave)
  - Siberia (Jenisej)
  - Lake Ladoga
- ... carvings into bones or drawings on rock walls, depicting watercourses, campsites, hunting trails



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- **maps of the oldest cultural nations**
- Babylonia, Egypt – building plans, first survey for tax and land reclamation purposes (clay tablets, later papyrus)
- Egypt – annual flooding of the Nile – need for re-surveying of land – development of practical geometry
- building pyramids – levelling and astronomy
- Egyptian map from the 14<sup>th</sup> century BC, depicts a part of the desert with settlements, quarries and mines for gold mining – the oldest geological map; stored in a museum in Turin, Italy





# The oldest map monuments

- The Greeks – considered the Earth to be a sphere, determined its dimensions, introduced geographical coordinates and the sexagesimal division of the circle, the foundations of mathematical cartography
- Alexandria (Hellenic Egypt) – Euclid, Pythagoras, Archimedes, Eratosthenes (dimensions of the globe),  
**"father of cartography" Ptolemaios** – concepts of geography, topography, hill method of relief drawing, the meridian of Ferro as the western border of the known world  
*Eratosthenes world map (3rd century BC)*



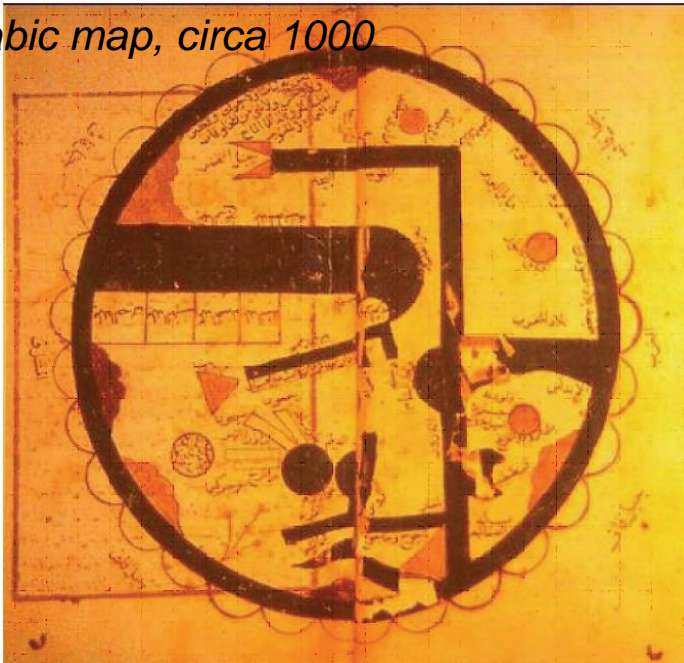
*Ptolemy's world map (2nd century BC)*



# Cartography in antiquity and the MA

- the influence of the church on cartography – the Bible as the only source of knowledge, the Ptolemaic idea of the world (Earth – the center of the universe, the shape of a round plate with the center in Jerusalem)
- medieval maps – from about the 8<sup>th</sup> century, mostly oriented to east (east is up)  
maps in the form of a circle - **so-called O–T maps** (Orbis Terrarum)

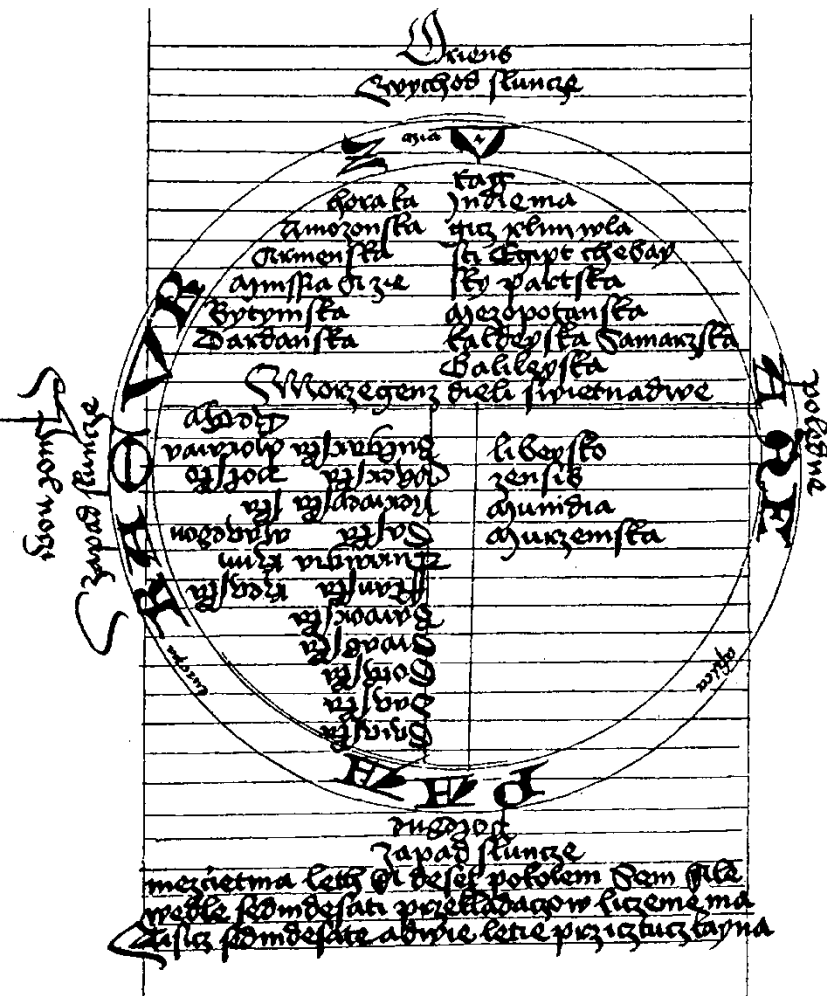
*Arabic map, circa 1000*



*13th century  
Ebstorf map*





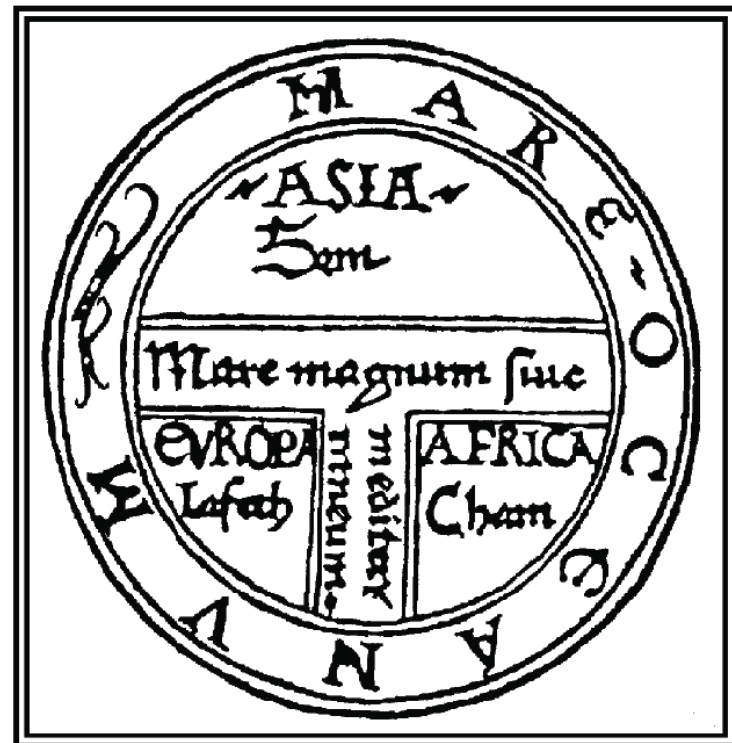


## Map of Vavřinec of Březová

– our oldest map monument, the end of the 14th century.

included in the chronicle of Vavřinec of Březová (1370 – 1434)

example of OT map



# The development of cartography in the modern age

- developing commercial seafaring – 13th and 14th centuries – detailed maps of the sea coast
- **compass** (Portolan) maps – essentially navigation maps, a network of directional roses, ship navigation according to azimuth (Italians, Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, French...)  
compass maps were still used in the 18th century
- renaissance of cartography – return to the scientific basis (heliocentric system), M. Copernicus, G. Bruno, G. Galilei, **invention of printing (15th century) and copper engraving**
- **period of discovery - 15th and 16th centuries** – revival and development of cartography (Columbus and others)
- development of atlas cartography, mathematical cartography  
**Gerhard Mercator** – Dutch cartographer, father of modern cartography (16th century)

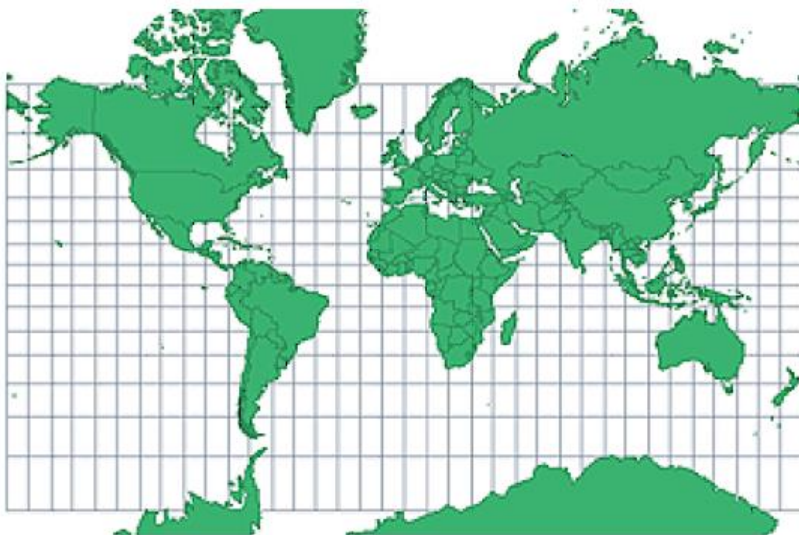


compass (portolan)  
maps





## Mercator's Atlas



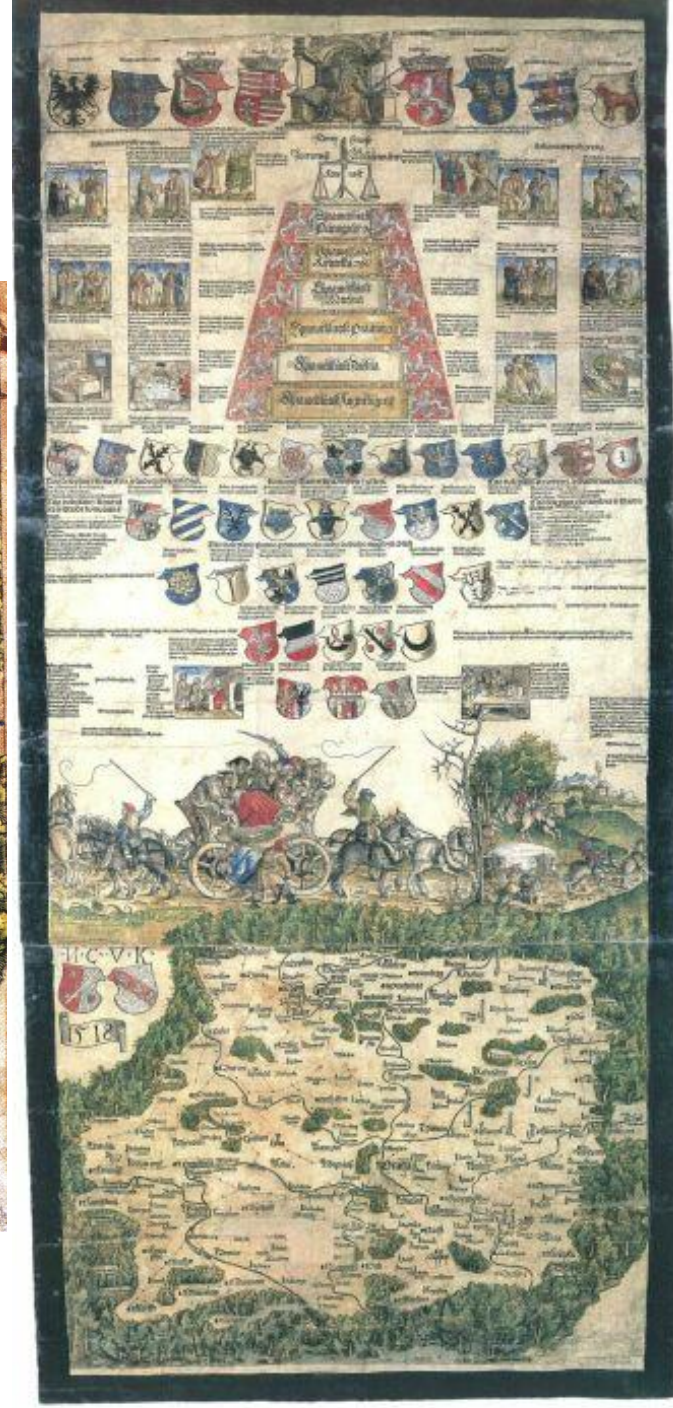
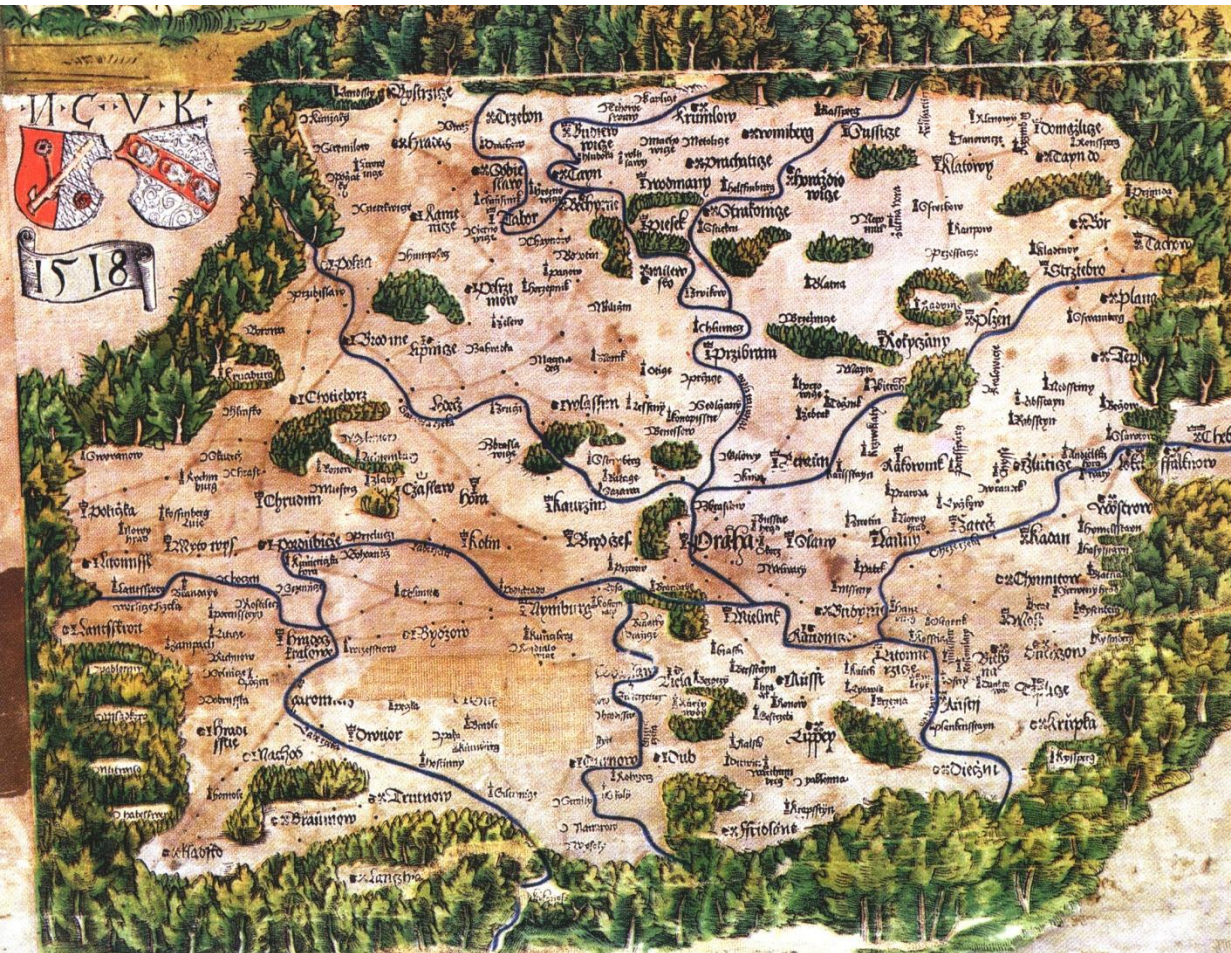
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# Our oldest maps

- **Klaudyán's map of Bohemia 1518** - Mikuláš Klaudyán, book printer from Mladá Boleslav. scale approx. 1 : 637,000, 126×64 cm, wood engraving, hand-colored print glued to canvas (Litoměřice). In the upper part of the coat of arms of countries, important families and cities, two allegories.  
In the lower part, the map itself - orientation to the south, 280 signs and place names (cities, castles, monasteries), mountains displayed with a repeated symbolic sign of leafy vegetation, country roads with dots.
- **Fabricius's map of Moravia 1569** - Pavel Fabricius, mathematician and personal physician of Emperor Rudolf II, 1:288,000, 95×85 cm, Moravia and part of Lower Austria.
- **Helwig's map of Silesia 1561** - Martin Helwig, rector of the church school in Wroclaw. scale 1 : 550,000, approx. 82×67 cm, south orientation, 242 residences, monasteries, castles, disproportionate drawing of mountains, colored map.



# Klaudyas's map of Bohemia



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# Fabricius's map of Moravia - cut-out





# Helwig's map of Silesia - cut-out



# Historical topographical mapping of the Czech lands

18th-19th century – industrial revolution, development of scientific fields, measuring devices and tools, military – artillery, requirements for accurate and detailed maps

- **Müller's mapping ( 1708–1720 )**
- **I. military mapping (Josefské, 1763–1787)**
- **II. military mapping (Františkovo, 1807–1869)**
- **III. military mapping (1870–1883)**
- Provisional Military Mapping (1923–1933)
- Definitive Military Mapping (1934–1938)

# Müller mapping

**Jan Kryštof Müller ( 1673–1721 )** – military imperial engineer, professional astronomer, topographer and cartographer  
– first map of Hungary 1:550,000 (published 1709)  
map of Moravia 1 : 166,000 (1716)

**Müller 's map of Bohemia** – his most important life work, was made on the basis of his own measurements between 1712 and 1720. Lengths measured by the number rotations of carriage wheels, directions by compass, position of selected places determined astronomically.

- scale 1 : 132,000, 25 sections of format 557x473 mm (2.8x2.4 m)
- decorated with Reiner's engravings
- the division of Bohemia into 12 regions, a map of about 12.5 thousand settlements
- relief using the hill method, description in German.





# Müller 's map of Bohemia



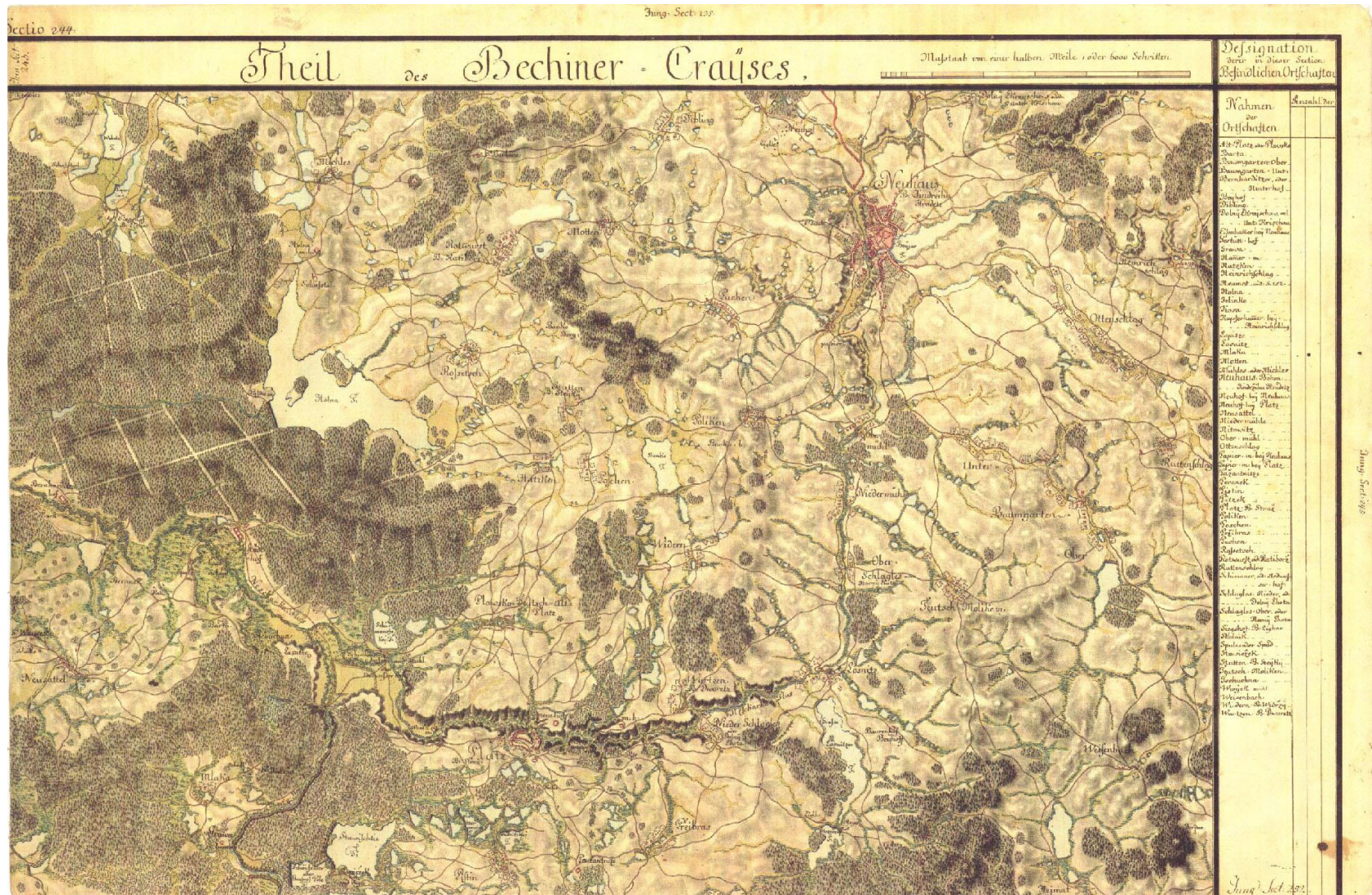
# I. Military Mapping ( 1763–1787 )

started under Maria Theresa, lost war with Prussia, completed under the reign of Joseph II. (therefore Josefské)

- **scale 1 : 28,800** (based on the fathom measure)
- sketch of the situation to the enlargement of Müller 's map
- à la vue method (by eye, from the saddle), **without geodetic foundations**
- one map sheet (section) showed an area of 209 km<sup>2</sup>
- 5400 sections on the territory of the monarchy
- roads, brick buildings, stone bridges, meadows, pastures, forests, waterways
- elevation chart using hatches
- significant positional deformations, inaccuracies
- use: study of landscape development, revitalization
- originals in Vienna
- scanned map sheets can be viewed at [www.geolab.cz](http://www.geolab.cz)



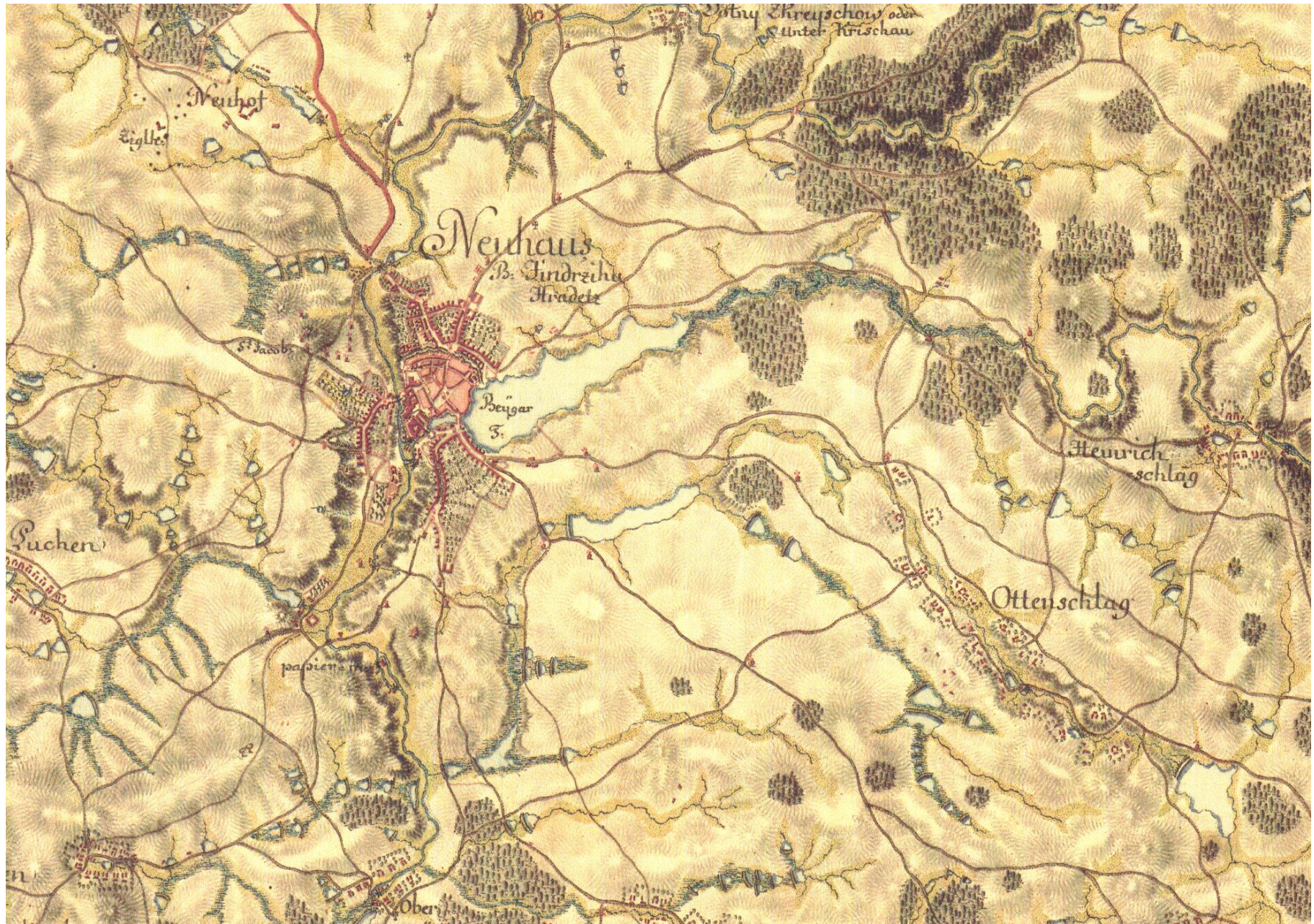
## I. military mapping – example



## Historical topographic mapping



# I. military mapping (near Jindřichův Hradec)





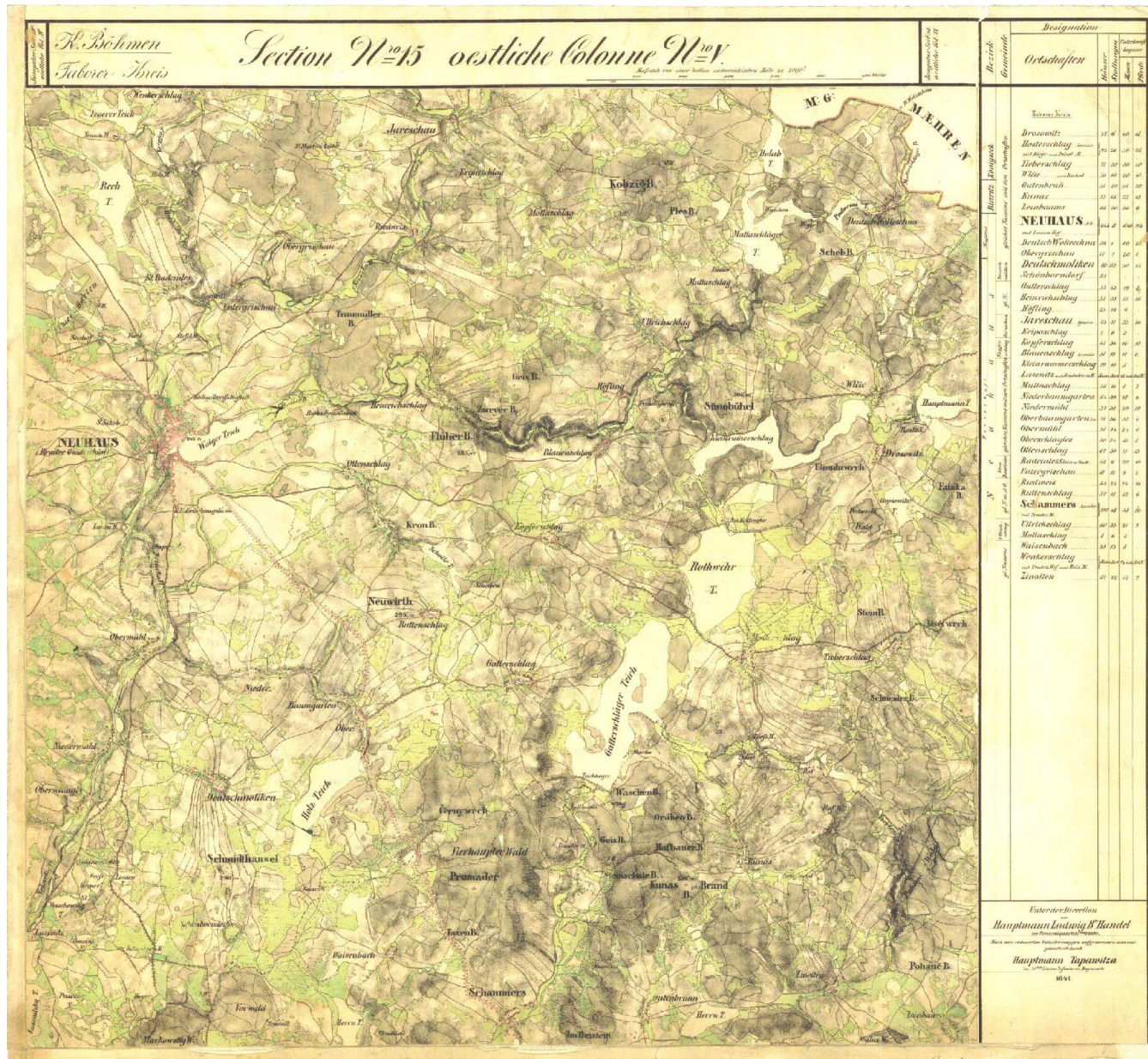
## II. military mapping ( 1807–1869 )

Františkovo - Emperor Francis II., Napoleonic Wars,  
stable cadastre 1817, 1 : 2880, basis

**scale 1:28,800** or 1:14,400

- coordinate systems, Gusterberg – Bohemia, vol. Štěpán – Moravia and Silesia
- simple measurement methods (graphic intersection)
- on a geodetic basis (cadastral mapping)
- in terms of content as I. mil.map., in addition altitudes (fathoms), altitude chart with slope hatches
- measurement took a long time (finance)
- increase in accuracy compared to I.mil.map.
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## II. military mapping - sample





## II. military mapping (around Jindřichův Hradec)

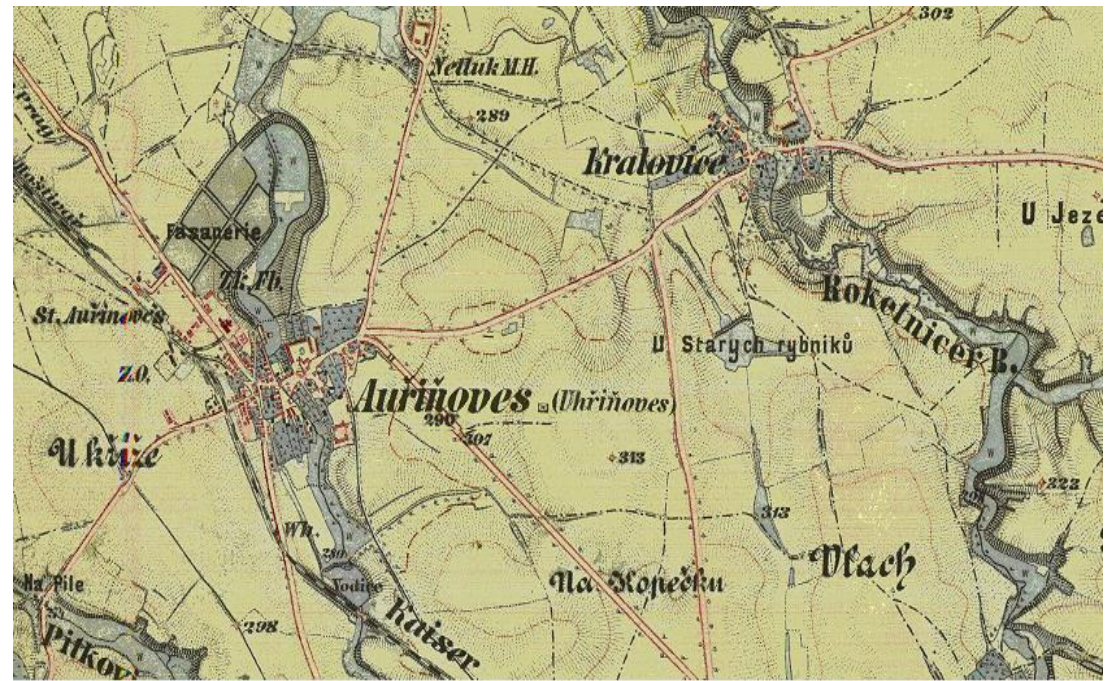
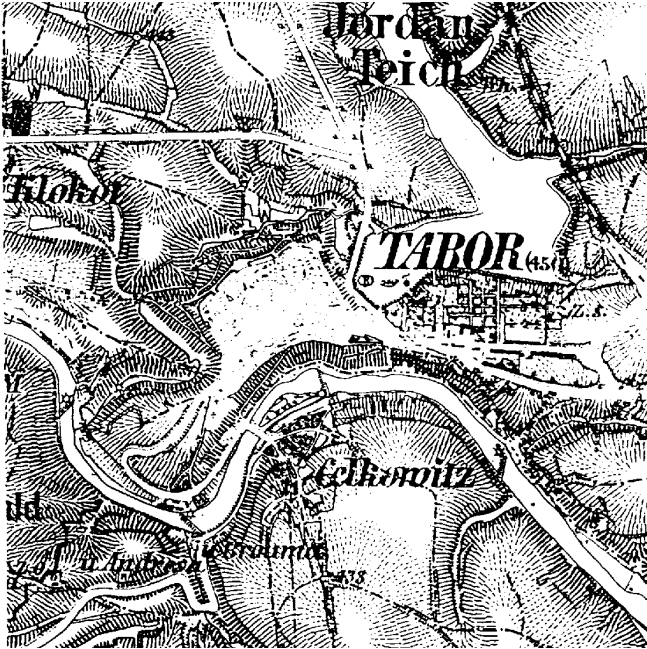




### III. military mapping ( 1870–1883 )

- lost Austro-Prussian War 1866, artillery requirements for accurate maps, industrialization - building roads, railways, river navigation
- **scale 1:25,000** (transition to metric scale 1871)
- coordinate systems Gusterberg – Bohemia, St. Stephen – Moravia and Silesia, Bessel ellipsoid, Adriatic high. system
- polyhedral display (4 sections 1 : 25,000 formed a sheet 1:75,000)
- derived maps
- **Special map 1 : 75,000** – the most popular historical map work of Austrian cartography, used for tourist purposes
- **General map 1 : 200,000**
- after the establishment of the Czechoslovak Republic – reambulation of maps taken from Vienna, Czech and Slovak nomenclature, four-color design, reprint of the S–JTSK network
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### III. military mapping – sample





- Provisional Military Mapping (1923–1933)
  - only 3% of the territory (1:10,000, 1:20,000)
- Definitive Military Mapping (1934–1938)
  - only 7% of the territory (1 : 20,000)

# Historical topographical mapping of the Czech lands – an overview

