



Téma: Havlíčkův Brod - History

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History of the name

- 1. Brod – a ford across the river. An old settlement was founded at the end of the 12th century along a trading trail called Haberská stezka.
- 2. Smil's Brod – Smil of Lichtenburk probably founded the town in 1256.
- 3. Německý Brod – most inhabitants were Germans.
- 4. Havlíčkův Brod – since 1945.

The old settlement

Brod – Ford in English was surrounded by town walls in the shape of a square.

There were two possible entrances –

- the Upper Gateway, the Lower Gateway
- A Horse Market was on the west side of the square – Smetana's Square today.



Německý Brod

- The history of the town is connected with silver mining.
- Silver ore was mined by German miners.
- Mining slowly declined at the end of the 13th century.
- Mines were closed and Germans left to Kutná Hora to mine newly founded silver.

Havlíčkův Brod

- It is a district town located in the Bohemian – Moravian Highlands.
- The number of inhabitants is about 25,000.
- The town lies in the Sazava valley about 400m above the sea level.
- The climate is relatively cold, rainy, windy.

