

The Medieval Castles of the Canton Zürich

Summary / Zusammenfassung

1895 appeared the first and until now last work about the medieval castles of the Canton Zurich (Zürcher Burgen by Heinrich Zeller-Werdmüller in Mitteilungen der Antiquarischen Gesellschaft in Zürich 58/59, 1894/95). Since then a lot of excavations took place and were published. The analysis of this works is one basis of my thesis. The other is the inventory of the castles which the archaeological service of the Canton, the “Kantonsarchäologie Zürich”, is about to make out. Other informations about the castles as buildings are contained in written sources.

In my thesis I will analyse the archaeology of the castles, their architecture, water supply and many other subjects. Other open questions are the beginning of castle building, the reciprocal influence between towns and castles and the use of the castles after the medieval time. To find answers to this questions it will be necessary to look also in other neighbour regions.

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