

PRESENTATION

SPATIAL-COMPOSITIONAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SOLUTIONS OF ZEMGALE MANORS

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The plain in the southern part of the Zemgale region of Latvia is characterised by the most fertile arable land with a dense network of small rivers forming the basin of both banks of the Lielupe River. The natural substrate thus fostered a strong economic development with an intensive network of manors, churches, inns, breweries, stockyards, mills, and country roads leading to markets. Grain, gardens, livestock breeding, trade, especially the economic boom of the mid/late 19th century, developed new architectural stylistic trends in the construction of manor complexes and the extension of existing parks. The position and composition of the manor buildings were in harmony with the adjacent waterfront, the valley, and the historical country road. This is reflected in the compositional schemes or examples of several manors (Bornsmünde, Kautzemünde, Mesothern, Elley, Wilzen, Blankenfeld, Dannenthal).



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