

Summary

TERESA TYLICKA, JACEK TYLICKI (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń) / An 18th century virtual journey through time and space. Pastor Johann Jacob Haselau from Torun and his collection

The text discusses the collection of Johann Jacob Haselau (1736–1791), a long-time pastor in the Old Town Evangelical Community of Torun, a member of a narrow circle of local Lutheran intellectuals and an avid bibliophile. Compiled by this clergyman, a collection of prints and drawings, maps and plans, panoramas and views of cities, preserved almost complete in the State Archive in Torun in four volumes bound in 1774, testifies to his extensive geographical and historical interests. The atlas under the title *Tabularum topographicarum secundum seriem alphabeticam dispositarum collectio quinque voluminibus comprehensa Thorunii* contains successive representations of towns with names in alphabetical order from A to Z in four preserved volumes; the fifth volume has probably been dispersed. After Haselau's death his collection was put up for auction in 1792. Cartographic works and vedute, accompanied by numerous handwritten erudite comments by the collector, create an image of an enthusiast spending time with his treasures, which substituted for his actual journeys made in his youth and prevented later by his numerous duties and progressive illness.