

SUMMARY

The culturological research of Laukuva town and Juodainiai settlement architecture

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The paper discusses the results of culturological research carried out in Laukuva town and in Juodainiai village settlement in the summer of 2001. The historical–urban development of Laukuva since the middle of the 17th cent. till now is briefly reviewed in the first part. The annual change of town population and farmstead number during the whole historical–urban development period is presented in the paper. The paper considers Laukuva town’s planned and spatial structure changes and its compositional expressiveness in the landscape. The survived valuable architectural heritage of the town is described in the paper.

The second part of the paper deals with the results of culturological investigations carried out in the settlement of Juodainiai village. It was established during the investigations that the present settlement began forming in the second half of the 20th cent. Earlier Juodainiai settlement of individual farms existed here. New farmsteads were forming among the 19th cent. traditional Samogitian individual farmsteads. The ethno architectural features of Samogitian farmsteads are considered in more detail in the paper. The physical state and cultural value of the survived in Juodainiai 19th cent. farmsteads are described.