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The town of Bohorodchany was mentioned for the first time in 1441, as the property of Jan from Buczacz, the Elder ([starosta](#)) of Terebomlia ([Istoriia Bohorodchaniv](#), 81). Since the second half of the 15th century, the town belonged to the [Potocki family](#) ([Istoriia Bohorodchaniv](#), 81). The first Roman Catholic Church was built in Bohorodchany in 1691 by Konstancya Potocka (d. 1714), the widow of Dominik Potocki (1646-1683), the King's Treasurer ([podskarbi nadworny koronny](#)) and the Elder ([starosta](#)) of Chmelnik. At the same she also established a Dominican monastery ([Słownik](#), 1:287). The current buildings of the church and the monastery were built between 1742-45 ([link](#)). The date of the establishment of a Greek Catholic (Uniate) church in Bohorodchany is unknown. However, it existed already in the 1870s ([Słownik](#), 1:287).

On August 17, 1744, the forces of the Carpathian [opryshky](#) of [Oleksa Dovbush](#) (1700-1745) captured the town and ravaged its castle ([Hrabovets'kyi](#), 106-8; [Babii, Zamki](#), 5-9). It is reasonable to assume that Jews also suffered greatly during this invasion.

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