

INFRASTRUCTURE WATER SUPPLY IN BAURU: HISTORICAL REFLECTIONS

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ABSTRACT

The water is an important element in the formation of cities at all times, no different over those of the western state of São Paulo / Brazil, created in the mid-nineteenth century, during the coffee expansion and consequent rail outbreak that populates the state's territory.

Analyze constitution of water supply services is of great relevance for understanding the process of occupation and urban beautification of these cities, including Bauru which is the case study of this research.

This paper addresses the historical question of the production and distribution of water in town, since the creation of its religious heritage in 1886 until the 1930s, the central analysis being guided by the ratio of water, sanitation and urban socio-spatial history of Bauru.

This investigation, we attempted to analyze, from a historical point of view, the changes in the supply system, its design and the fundamental importance of railways installed in this process city. The explosive urban growth brought by the railway function while that enriched the city brought serious problems due to the spread of diseases and the absence sanitation starting to be implemented only in 1912.

Methodology: the survey was conducted through the bibliography raised in historical archives, documents and data collected in local newspapers.

As a result, it was noticed that the water and sewage infrastructure was a means to minimize the related issues with urban hygiene Bauru, enabling its growth a little more organizer way, however favoring the upper classes at the expense of the poorest.

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