

RESULTS OF PROCESSING THE MUNICH SECTION OF STOCKS

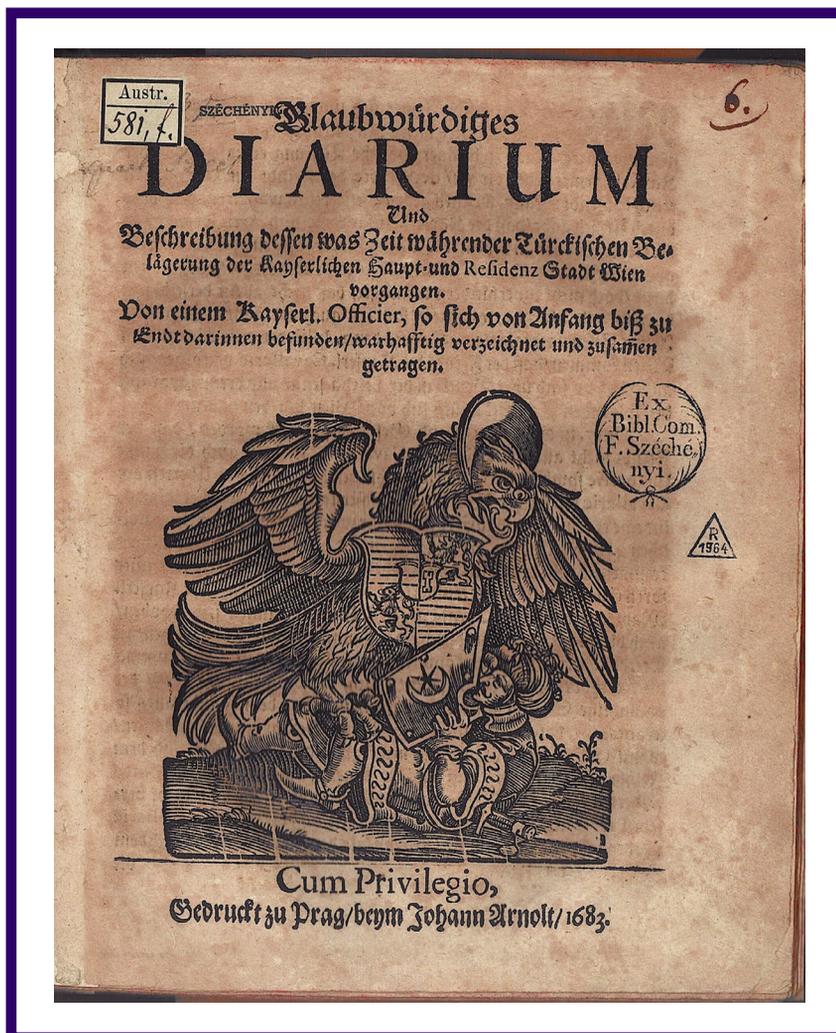


Following a preparatory stage in 2010¹, the NSZL Retrospective Processing Department started re-cataloguing the “Munich collection”.² Based on autopsy, the Department’s mission is to process electronically the part of stocks that entered the core collection before 1926 and were catalogued according to the Munich principles. This section of our core collection has already been through several selection rounds. Early prints, antique pieces, items related to Hungary linguistically, geographically, personally and most of the ones related in content, as well as maps, cuts and manuscripts have been placed in the appropriate special collections. Nevertheless, the collection to be reprocessed is still rather varied in language, document types and dates of publication: The some 152 thousand items fall into 112 categories.

Our project proceeds by categories. So far we have processed Brit. (*Historia Britanniae*), Hung.j. (*Hungaria juridica*), Hung. o. f. (*Hungaricae orationes funebres*), Med. g. (*Medicina generalis*), P. o. angl. (*Poetae et oratores anglici*), P. o. hisp. (*Poetae et oratores hispanici*), P. o. it. (*Poetae et oratores italici*). In addition, special attention is given to certain collection sections. For example, the collection donated by the library founder is a priority (the documents stored in a closed cabinet on the fifth floor) and has been almost fully processed. It is another priority to restore the former private book collections of Miklós Jankovich, István Horváth, István Illésházy, Ferenc Kölcsey, Móric Sándor and others.³ We started collecting and re-cataloguing Kölcsey’s books with Munich marks in February 2011.⁴ It is a pleasure to report that descriptions of our

outstanding poet’s books are now searchable in the NSZL online catalogue.

In addition to a high degree of searchability and the attempt to reconstruct private collections, one of our vital tasks is to extend the Hungarian National



The title page of the pamphlet published in Prague

Bibliography. We hope to identify numerous works partly or wholly filled with national content, and we might happen on a few 18th century works by authors in Hungary published abroad and not yet known to the literature.

In the course of description, we should concentrate

on content as well as form. For example, among the books with parchment bindings there are some prints whose bindings use pages of codices, such as Justus Lipsius's work from 1607 published in Amberg (Munich mark: Brit. 275) and according to the original catalogue sheet, first possessed by Miklós Jankovich. In such cases, it is the Fragmenta Codicum workshop of the Res Libraria Hungariae research group that uncovers the content of codex pages, and their short description is filed in our record for the master book that contains it.

Occasionally, pre-1711 works with Hungarian implications crop up in the processing. As we are able to take the documents into our hands, we have found a copy of the so-called Cassell Bible⁵, published in 1704 whose possessor was our founder Ferenc Széchényi. Probably because by mistake the year 1774 is indicated on the spine, for long years it stayed in the core collection. Although the Collection of Old Prints already has a copy of the Cassell Bible, the discovery was a great pleasure, and the multiple copy of the valuable print went into the special collection.

We also collect pre-1718 Hungarian leaflets with Hungarian implications. So far we have found two that enrich our collection. Both came out in 1683 as two different issues with the same content, which is not at all surprising if we consider the features of this type of publication. The Collection of Old Prints already had another 1683 edition of the same.⁶ One further version of the 1683 leaflet (Austr. 581b) without indicating its place of publication is available in the VD17 database. Another version came out in Prague (Austr. 581f) and seems to have stayed unregistered to this day.

In the year 2011 we processed nearly ten thousand items earlier stocked with Munich marks. In the course of our undertaking, we hope to get hold of further precious, occasionally unique, items. Last but not least, we express our thanks and gratitude to all orga-

nizational units and directorates that continuously assist us in our project.

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¹ About procedures, methods and goals, see Szabolcs Dancs: *Az Országos Széchényi Könyvtár müncheni anyagának rekatalógizálása*. [Re-cataloguing NSZL's Munich stocks] = *Könyvtári Figyelő*, 2011. No. 4, 721-732.

² This section of the stocks takes its name from the categorization developed for the Munich-based Hof- und Staatsbibliothek, whose adapted form was introduced in the National Library. See Gabriella Somkuti: *Az Országos Széchényi Könyvtár újraszervezése 1867–1875. A müncheni szakrendszer bevezetése [Reorganising NSZL in 1867–1875. Introducing the Munich system]* = *Yearbook of the National Széchényi Library*. 1986/1990. 221-276.

³ For details see Rita Fucsik: *Kölcsy Ferenc könyvei a nemzeti könyvtárban*. [Ferenc Kölcsey's books in the national library] = *Könyvtári Figyelő*, 2011. No. 4. 741-746. and Zoltán Oszkár Szóts: *A Széchényi-gyűjteményhez tartozó dokumentumok azonosítása*. [Identification of documents belonging to the Széchényi collection] = *Könyvtári Figyelő*. 2011. No. 4, 733-740.

⁴ The starting point for this was the work in the NSZL 'National Stocks' series: Zoltán Szabó G.: *Kölcsy Ferenc könyvtára és olvasmányai*. [Ferenc Kölcsey's library and readings] Bp, OSZK-Gondolat, 2009.

⁵ Cf. Gáspár Károli *Szent Biblia. Az-az Istennek Ó és Új Testámentomában Foglaltatott egész Szent Írás*. [Holy Bible. Old and New Testaments] Translated into the Hungarian language by GÁSPÁR KÁROLI; The seventh edition in a larger size than the sixth but otherwise identical with it, with the Book of Psalms put to French tunes, printed in Cassel at the expense of János Ingébránd in the year 1704.

⁴ Old Testament. 863. – Apocryphal books 221. – New Testament p.296. – Psalms of Saint David (with its own title page) 134 pages. – Front: title page for reader and 3 lists, back: content page unnumbered. (RMK I. 1685)

⁶ In the leaflet collection of the Collection of Old Prints: *Glaubwürdiges Diarium und Beschreibung dessen was Zeit während der Türkischen Belagerung der Käys. Haupt- und Residenz-Stadt Wienn vorgangen, Nürnberg, 1683*. (Hubay Item 768)