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MY MILITARY IDOL – ERNŐ HOLLÁN

In my thesis, I introduce Ernő Hollán, a key figure in Hungarian history whose work inspired my own path in the technical field. He is Ernő Hollán, my military idol. In my application I studied how a military leader can transition into a politician. I explore the stages and achievements of his career across technical, scientific, military, and political domains. I am highlighting his lifelong service to his country. His strong connection to his hometown, Szombathely, remains significant, as the city still honors his memory. And not without reason, since, among his many merits, he contributed greatly to the city's image as we know it today.

BALÁZS TANGL:

THE HOLLÁN FAMILY –
ORIGINS AND CAREERS

On January 13, 2024, was exactly 200 years since Ernő Hollán, one of the most distinguished figures of 19th-century Hungary, was born in Szombathely. While Hollán's life has been extensively studied, little information exists about his family background. Thus, this study aims to offer a detailed account of the origins of the Hollán family, the careers of his father and brothers, and a brief overview of Ernő Hollán's own life.

LÁSZLÓ KULCSÁR:

RECENT OCCURRENCES OF INVASIVE
PLANTS IN VAS COUNTY

In the publication, the author describes the occurrence data of 16 invasive plants in Vas County. Among them, 11 species are planted in Hungary as ornamental garden plants, which appeared either spontaneously or through human mediation in the flora of the county. The published data will further enrich the knowledge of adventitious plants in the county and draw attention to the ways in which human activity is shaping the flora of its natural environment.

LÁSZLÓ HORVÁTH:

LAND HOLDINGS IN THE
VASI-HEGYHÁT, ŐRSÉG, AND
SZENTGOTTHÁRD REGION

In researching the ancestral estates of the Nádasd family, we observed a certain regularity in the land survey data of the settlements and estate sections. Accurately measuring these estates requires significant expertise and experience. Using historical records and contemporary data, we have reconstructed the estate and settlement structure of the Vasi-Hegyhát, the neighboring Őrség, and the former Cistercian Abbey of Szentgotthárd as a trio of interconnected areas. This analysis, which bridges historical geography and spatial organization, may facilitate the consistent application of spatial information in further research.

SÁNDOR NÉMETH:

SZOMBATHELY'S 35-YEAR-OLD
APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION
FOR COUNTY TOWN STATUS

The categories of “county town” and “town with county rights” have existed in various legal and practical forms within Hungarian administration since 1930. The author identifies four types within this settlement category, each evolving over time, and examines them in detail in the study's first part from legal, statistical, and demographic perspectives. The political regime change of 1989 abolished the category of county towns, making the original purpose of Szombathely's application obsolete. Nevertheless, analyzing this document remains a valuable professional endeavor, as it not only reveals the socio-economic status of the city at the time but also allows comparison with current conditions, highlighting and assessing the key development trends and turning points in Szombathely's past thirty-five years.

ÁGNES JOBST:
„ANNUS MIRABILIS" 1989 –
WONDERS AND OBSCURITIES

The fall of the Iron Curtain was a pivotal moment in the historical transformations of 1989. Following the lifting of the technical border closure and Hungary's accession to the 1951 Geneva Refugee Convention, citizens of the German Democratic Republic (GDR) seeking to permanently leave their homeland began arriving in large numbers. To allow their departure, it was necessary to terminate the earlier bilateral agreement with the GDR, dated 20 June 1969, as it conflicted with the principles of the Geneva Convention. While GDR citizens awaited permission, many attempted illegal border crossings, creating an untenable situation in Győr-Sopron and Vas counties. This study examines the events that unfolded along the latter section of the border, drawing on archival documents.

LORETTA KUCSERA –
ZOLTÁN HORVÁTH:
THE POTENTIAL OF CULTURE-
DRIVEN ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
SOCIAL INTEGRATION
IN A HUNGARIAN SPA TOWN
THE ROLE OF THE NÁDASDY
KULTURÁLIS KÖZPONT
(NÁDASDY CULTURAL CENTER)
IN SHAPING SÁRVÁR'S CULTURAL
LANDSCAPE

Today, public education systems are not merely expected to manage local cultural communities and offer programs to the public. They are also viewed as essential components of the creative industry, which both generates revenue and fosters business settlement. These institutions connect with businesses and actively participate in community development processes. Our research involved a public survey of a public cultural institution in Sárvár, a Hungarian spa town, to assess its impact on local society and economy.

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