The original of Hymn in National Széchényi Library

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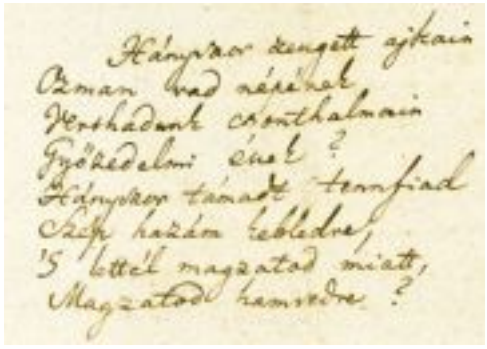
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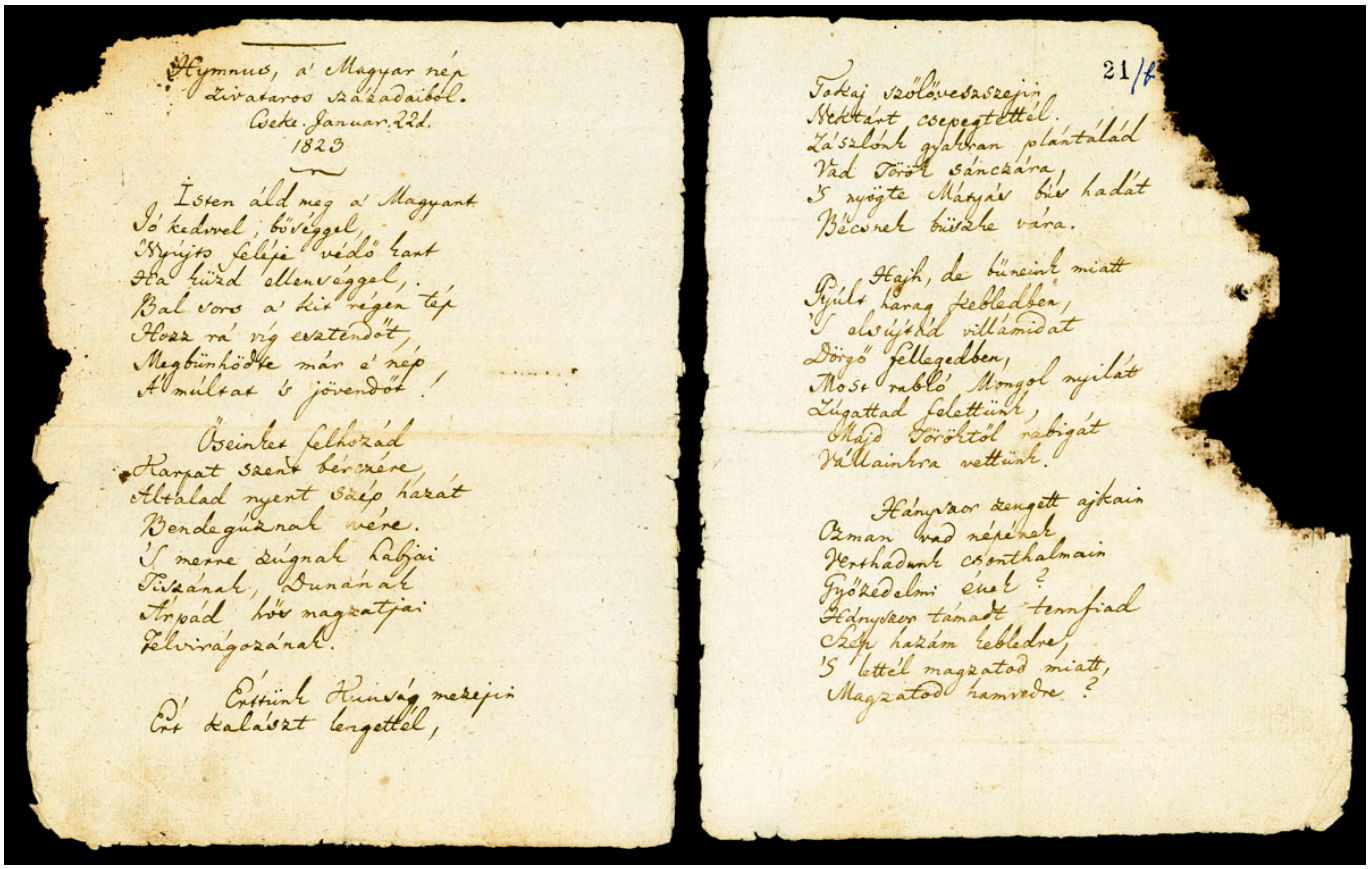
Ozman vad népének,
Verthadunk csonthalmain
Győzedelmi ének?
Hányszor támadt tenfiad
Szép hazám rebledve,
'S lettél magzatod miatt,
Magzatod hamvedre?

On July 3, 2017, escrow contract of the autograph manuscript of *Hymnus (Hymn)*, a poem by Ferenc Kölcsey will be renewed during a renewal ceremony in National Széchényi Library.


Hymnus, a' Magyar nép
Zivataros századaiból.
Cseke. Januar. 22d.
1823

Isten áld meg a Magyart
Jó kedvvel, bőséggel,
Nyújts felette védő kart
Ha küzd ellenséggel,
Bal sors a' kit régen tép
Hozz rá víg esztendőt,
Megbünhődte már a' nép
A' múltat s jövendőt!

Őseinket felhozád
Karpat szent bérczére,
Általad nyert szép hazát
Bendegúznak vére.
'S merre dúgnak habjai
Tiszának, Dunának
Árpád hős nagyatjai
Felvirágozának.

E' Égtünk Hunnág mezején
Ért kalászt lengettél,

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Tokaj szőlővesszejin
Nektárt csepegtettél.
Zászlónk gyalmán plántálád
Vad Dörög sánczára,
'S nyögte Mátyás bús hadát
Bécsnek büszke vára.

Hajh, de bűneink miatt
Fújt harag fellegben,
'S elsújtád villámidat
Dörgő fellegedben,
Most rabló Mongol nyilát
Zúgattad felettünk,
Most Töröktől rabigát
Vállainkra vettünk.

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It has been less known to the public that the stock of National Széchényi Library, holding several million documents, includes documents which are not actually *owned* by the Library. And it has been almost entirely unknown that the autograph manuscript of *Hymnus (Hymn)* [2], one of our greatest national relics, also belongs to this category.

After Ferenc Kölcsey's death (1838), autograph manuscripts were inherited by his half-orphan, underage nephew Kálmán Kölcsey, and the fate of these manuscripts was managed by Kálmán Kölcsey's widowed mother, Mrs. Ádám Kölcsey, née Josephine Szuhányi. In the decades that followed, the valuable bequest was split into several parts. Some of the documents were acquired by

the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and National Széchényi Library, but a bundle of the precious manuscript verses, including *Hymnus (Hymn),* has been owned by the family ever since. *Hymnus (Hymn)* had been hiding, and until the middle of the 20th century, literary historians did not know anything about it. In the summer of 1944, however, one of Kölcsey's collateral relatives Magda László, prompted by the responsibility of preservation, put the irreplaceable autograph manuscript in escrow in National Széchényi Library where it has been kept ever since.

Prompted by the responsibility of preservation, owner family is going to confirm their former decision. **At 1 p.m. on Monday July 3, 2017**, Parties – on behalf of the family, Péter Fáy and on behalf of National Széchényi Library, László Tüske – will solemnly sign the renewed Escrow Contract in the building of National Széchényi Library. On this occasion, visitors will have an opportunity to look at the autograph manuscript of *Hymnus (Hymn)* by Ferenc Kölcsey.

Venue: Buda Royal Palace, Wing "F", Floor 6, Ceremonial Hall

The event is open to press but preliminary registration is required. We kindly ask you to notifiy us at pr@oszk.hu [3].

Site on Hymnus (Hymn) at NSZL's content service on Ferenc Erkel [4]

Image report of the event [5]

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