

times. The peaceful foundation villages seem to have attracted the population in the area. The people living in the four settlements were all Hungarians, with very few exceptions bearing foreign names.⁵⁴

The purpose of the foundation is unknown. Some suspected that its owner established it "for maintaining the Kasım pasha *camii*' in Pécs founded by him as the pasha of Buda".⁵⁵ Since the four villages were registered as *vakıf* estates already in 1546, presumably the original purpose is to be searched for in connection with the construction and maintenance of the *mescid* of Eszék, the chronogram of which was given by Evliya Çelebi as 966/1558-59.⁵⁶ However, it also cannot be excluded that building activity on the *camii*' of Pécs started earlier, during his tenure of office in Mohács-Pécs. Former opinions differ about this; even Győző Gerő, who is well-versed in this topic, has provided different dates.⁵⁷ On the basis of the sources it can be added that there were five single-wheeled foundation mills established for the supply of Kasım bey's *zaviye* in Pécs in 1546,⁵⁸ and this was the case also in 1552.⁵⁹ So by 1546 at the latest the convent had been completed or at least it was near completion. This proves our supposition that the construction of the *camii*', which fulfilled more important religious functions than the *zaviye*, cannot have been