

instructive analogical examples for getting acquainted with the emergence of the Hungarian tribal union.

Another unperishable product of his scientific activity is connected with the treasure of Nagyszentmiklós. He succeeded in tracing the meaning of the Turkic inscriptions: he found that they contained texts in the Pecheneg language and with approximate accuracy he also determined their age of preparation.

In the thirties Németh began studies on the Turkish dialects of Bulgaria. He spent summer holidays in Vidin, in order to collect dialectical texts. He had clarified the division of dialects and published his rich documental material on the linguistic and ethnic description of the Turks in Vidin.

In 1957 it happened that on the back of a document dated from 1422 a presumably Pecheneg word list hit upon in the Hungarian National Archives. Németh deciphered the text and concluded that it was written in the language of the Hungarian Jazygians, this being the only written Alan linguistic monument.

After his retirement in 1965, Németh set a forth his studies in the field of the Osmanli language. He worked on the Turkish manuscript grammarbook of Miklós Illésházy from the year 1668, and through this he illustrated what the Turkish language was like when spoken in Hungary at the end of the 17th century. Meanwhile he constantly kept working on his main theme, the problems of Turkic tribal naming.

Gyula Németh's more than half-a-century scientific activity resulted in several new phases and new starting points, not only in the field of Hungarian but also in international turcological studies. These unperisheble merits of his urged the Faculty of Arts to propose the Eötvös Loránd Universty confer upon him the degree of honoris causa doctor in 1970.

His scholarly library was purchased by the University of Szeged in 1978, and was placed at the Altaic Studies Departmental Group.

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