

Short communication

**ABOUT THE SUPPOSED SKELETON OF SÁNDOR PETŐFI FOUNDED
IN SIBERIA**

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The famous Hungarian poet SÁNDOR PETŐFI was born in 1823.

According to historical sources he was killed in action at Segesvár in 31st July 1849. Legends were told of his burial place. One of these suppositions says that he wasn't killed at Segesvár but he was taken prisoner and carried to Siberia.

Notwithstanding that this legend is still not reinforced an unofficial expedition carried out an excavation in Barguzin (in the Buriat Republic, U.S.S.R.) in order to find the skeleton of SÁNDOR PETŐFI.

The place of excavation was pointed according to the story of the Soviet engineer Vinokur.

In 17th July 1989 a skeleton of Euroid type was brought to light from the grave no.7.

One of Hungarian anthropologists (I.KISZELY) thought that the skeleton belonged to SÁNDOR PETŐFI owing to sufficient criticism.

In his report he referred to the identification of two American (C.SIMPSON and B.LATIMER) and a Soviet (A.BURAEV) anthropologists, but they never said that the skeleton is that of SÁNDOR PETŐFI.

The committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (two experts in forensic medicine, two anthropologists and an archaeologist) studied the skeleton in Moscow between 5th and 11th January 1990.

The established sex ratios of the skeleton parts (by the method of HARSÁNYI, ACSÁDI and NEMESKÉRI) are the following:

1.metric data of skull	-0.31
2.morphologic data of skull	-1.11
3.metric and morphologic data of skull	-0.74
4.metric data of the postcranial bones (except pelvis)	-0.50
5.metric data of pelvis	-0.84
6.metric data of the postcranial bones	-0.72
7.morphologic data of the postcranial bones	-0.60

8.metric data of the complete skeleton	-0.63
9.morphologic characters of the complete skeleton	-0.93
10.82 metric resp. morphologic characters of skeleton	-0.71

We mention that among 82 observed characters 45 were feminine, 22 indifferent and 25 masculine.

As the comparison shows, the finding can be determined as woman in every respect and the identification is fundamentally wrong and false.

At last we can conclude that the skeleton found in Barguzin in grave no.7 can't be identify with that of SÁNDOR PETŐFI!