

Jozef Miroslav Hurban

(19 March 1817 in Beckov, Kingdom of Hungary - 21 February 1888 in Hlboké, Kingdom of Hungary), was a leader of the Slovak National Council and the Slovak Uprising in 1848/1849, a Slovak writer, journalist, politician, organizer of Slovak cultural life and a Protestant priest. He first supported Ján Kollár, but later turned to Ľudovít Štúr. His son Svetozár Hurban-Vajanský followed his father's footsteps both as a writer and nationalist.



The city of Hurbanovo in southern Slovakia and asteroid 3730 Hurban are named after him.

Legend says:

That if you look out of the Hurbanovo observatory in the east-western direction, you can calculate the Hurban radius. It is the distance between Beckov, the place of Hurban's birth, and Hurbanovo, a place which Hurban has never visited. The distance between these two town is said to be as many kilometres, as Hurban had walked to codify the Slovak language.

Legend says:

That Jozef Miroslav Hurban, during one evening's walk, contemplated about the fate of Slovak nation so much, that he got completely lost, which at the time, combined with the short-sightedness of the era and non-existence of mobile networks, was very dangerous. Hurban only found himself one morning of September 1848, right at the head of a revolution