

## PRESENTATION

The lexicographic index cards written by Tomàs Forteza y Cortès (Palma 1838-1898) is made up of 6,386 documents.<sup>7</sup> He greatly influenced Antoni M. Alcover's folklore and lexical research. With these materials, Forteza intended to edit an etymological dictionary. However, the project did not come to fruition.

Alcover had already given an account of the index cards in the obituary that he dedicated to him:<sup>8</sup>

no s'aturava de fer papeletes pel diccionari etimològich català que tenia pensat (1898: 31)

And also, a few years later, in his *Pertret per una Bibliografia Filològica de la Llengua Catalana*:<sup>9</sup>

*Pertret per un diccionari etimològic de la llengua catalana.* Prop de NOU MIL CÉDULES a on s'apunta l'etimologia d'UNES SIS MIL PARAULES CATALANES. Aquesta obra l'anava fent el Mestre Forteza a poc a poc (p. XLIV).

After being unlocated for some time, the lexicographic index cards were acquired by Joan Puig Malet, whom I thank for his generosity in giving them temporarily to be reproduced and transcribed, and thus being able to incorporate them into the project.

Of the set of the index cards, there are 226 that were filled out by Alcover and some were drawn up by other hands, hitherto unknown.

The index cards have a reduced size and variable dimensions (10 x 4 cm, 8 x 2.5 cm and 10 x 8 cm). They have been scanned in groups and, after being incorporated into a database, through a query screen, it is possible to carry out searches by various fields, so that their content can be associated with the corresponding image.

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<sup>7</sup> See for a description, Maria Pilar Perea (2021) "Noves cèdules d'Antoni M. Alcover: una primícia i un pretext", en *Ad perennem magistri memoriam. Germà Colón Domènech. Fesomies i texts*, Castelló: Universitat Jaume I, 353-422.

<sup>8</sup> *A la bona memoria d'en Tomàs Forteza, Mestre en Gai Saber, eminent filòleg i benemèrit de la llengua catalana, mort dia XXI de maig de l'any del senyor M.DCCC.XCVIII.* Palma: Estampa de Sanjuan, Germans.

<sup>9</sup> *Bolletí del diccionari de la llengua catalana*, VIII, 1915, 113p.