

**DINASTIE DOMNEASCĂ SAU FAMILIE BOIEREASCĂ  
– OPȚIUNEA LUI MATEI BASARAB PENTRU LOCUL  
ÎNMORMÂNTĂRII SALE**

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**PRINCELY DYNASTY OR NOBLE FAMILY  
– MATEI BASARAB'S CHOICE FOR THE PLACE OF HIS BURIAL**

*Abstract*

In the 17th century, several descendents of Craiovescu family aroused to the throne of Wallachia, among them, an important personality being Matei Basarab. Although he constructed his political legitimacy by presenting himself as Neagoe Basarab's heir, Matei did not choose to be buried in Curtea de Argeș, near Neagoe, or in Comana, near Radu Șerban – another prince descending from Craiovescu family – but in the monastery Arnota, near his father, the boyar Danciu Brâncoveanu. Therefore, he was interested in demonstrating that, after his death, his noble origins were more important than a princely dynasty.

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