

**MATEI BASARAB ȘI RECONSTRUIREA BISERICII
SF. DUMITRU DIN CRAIOVA
LA JUMĂTATEA SECOLULUI AL XVII-LEA – O IPOTEZĂ**

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**MATEI BASARAB AND THE RECONSTRUCTION
OF THE CHURCH ST. DEMETRIUS FROM CRAIOVA
AT THE MIDDLE OF THE 17th CENTURY – A HYPOTHESIS**

Abstract

At the middle of the 17th century, the church St. Demetrius from Craiova was rebuilt during Matei Basarab's reign. The historical sources did not record the necessity of the reconstruction neither from architectural, nor from administrative point of view. Matei Basarab chose to rebuild the ecclesiastic foundation from a symbolic and dynastic motivation, as he was and he considered himself a descendant from Craiovescu family and from Neagoe Basarab, the prince who owned the estate on which the church St. Demetrius was built.

Cuvinte cheie: *domn, biserică, Matei Basarab, secolul al XVII-lea, reconstruire*

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