

BUZAU IN THE TIME OF TUDOR VLADIMIRESCU - GHEORGHILAŞ PANDUR, THE OUTLAW FROM THE CURVE OF THE CARPATHIANS

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Abstract. Through his activity, Tudor Vladimirescu left a strong impression on his contemporaries from Buzau and their descendants. Because they were at the crossroads connecting Muntenia, Moldova, Transylvania and Dobrogea, the people of Buzau suffered deeply from the chaotic confrontations between Arnauts, Etherists and Turks.

However, aware of the importance of the ideas promoted by Theodor from Vladimiri, beyond the immediate failure of these principles, the inhabitants of Buzău honored the great hero, attributing his name to schools and boulevards, mentioning him in official historical speeches and popular ballads.

Pandurul Gheorghilaş, who became an outlaw, continued the spirit of actions covered by the need for justice and fairness of Tudor Vladimirescu's social program, in the mountain area of Buzău county

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200 years ago, "Prince Tudor" from Vladimiri, led his panduri² troops in what we call the *Revolution led by Tudor Vladimirescu*, the heroic historical epic that shook the minds and souls of his contemporaries and led to the rebirth of Romanian society from end of the Middle Ages. His revolutionary program announced the great reforms of the "century of nationalities" and contributed to the shaping of the Romanian nation.

The general southeastern European framework of the time was dominated by the struggle for the national ideal of Romanians, Serbs, Bulgarians or Greeks (the latter through the liberation movement called Eteria, supported by Tsarist Russia). Tudor Vladimirescu, an officer in the Russian army, also initially joined Etherie, but noticing the great danger represented by it for the Romanian people, he will approach Turkey, in order to achieve at least partially the goals of the movement led by him.

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² Our note/o.n. *pandurii* - were a new category of soldiers that appeared during the reign of Alexandru Ipsilanti (1774-1782), who at that time had military, police and border guard duties, being organized in battalions, composed of captains. The officers were recruited only from among the pandurs, and there was a real family tradition among them. The training was done in special camps for six months.