

IN THE NORTHERN DOBROUDJA A HYHPOTETICAL IDENTIFICATION OF THE FORTRESS GENUCLA

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Abstract: One of the "enigmatic" fortified Getic towns of the Northern side in Dobroudja (Eastern Romania) was GENUCLA and it is mentioned, few times, for being involved in some big military and commercial issues, on the lower Danube. It was not possible to locate yet the location of GENUCLA, because on the shores of Danube, on the last two hundred kilometers of its flow, the archaeological research found a few vestiges of former fortresses, but all destroyed, as a mark of the large scale military confrontations there in the ancient times. Mr. Nicolae, a local historian and leader of the "GETIA MINOR FOUNDATION" from Tulcea, summarize a short picture of historical and archaeological research in the area, including references to the stormy military history of the last centuries BC, and concludes with a hypothetical identification of the ancient Genucla (by himself, with the support of the members of his foundation). Actually, even their research is not interfering with the specific archaeological activity, the conclusions and the facts expounded by Mr. Nicolae Nicolae can be helpfull to a productive archaeological research.

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In 1853 one of the founders of so-called *Prehistory*, Jacques Baucher de Perthes, in a trip trough Delta of Danube have ask if in the big river alluvial deposits were found also deposits of *Antediluvian*; a question without an answer at that time. Later, like in 1910, after some dredging into the heart of Delta (on the top of a bank ridge, in Caraorman), were collected mammoth bones, a few bones of rhinoceros, wild horses, etc., all of them *Paleolithic fossils* (more exactly: from *Pleistocene*). In 1927 starts the sound digging at Topalu (*Pestera*); there is a fossil fauna assigned to *the Middle and Upper Paleolithic*. Ion Băncilă made diggings at Cap Midia and Mamaia-Sat, where he found relics of flint, assigned to *Musteriane*. Other Romanian archaeologists have organized a systematic research at Peștera Liliecilor, Peștera Bursucilor, Gura Dobrogei, Adam Clisi, etc. Alexandru Păunescu have got remarkable results at Poarta Albă, Saligny, Făclia, Mircea Vodă, Tichilești, Garvân, Enisala, some zones with many *Paleolithic* settlements and some *Mesolithic* dwellings. (Soon the archaeologist branch will see those "special type" of building all around Dobroudja!). We point out here only a small part of those detections which show in all bearings the way of Dobroudja, from a deep past to the new historic times.

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