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LA BESSARABIE DANS LA CHRONIQUE MOLDAVE DE CRACOVIE

BESSARABIA IN THE MOLDAVIAN CHRONICLE FROM KRAKOW

- Abstract -

The present research focuses on examining the Moldavian Chronicle from Krakow, a new narrative source, discovered and published by the known Romanian historian Constantin Rezahevici, source which concerns the first lords of Moldova, starting with Bogdan I “The Founder” and a possible division of the territory of Moldova in 1368 between his two nephews, one of them, Ștefan, receiving the throne of Bessarabia. The careful analysis of the information contained in the given source, tested with other testimonies, do not allow us to conclude that in 1368 the country included Bessarabia as well. Most probable, it is a conscious error of the anonymous Polish writer who sought to prove to the European courts in the 30s of the 17th century, when the Chronicle was written, Poland’s rights over Bessarabia. The fairly recent analysis made by V. Ianin, a Muscovite historian, of another historical source, *The List of near and far Russian Towns*, attests that Bessarabia and even Cern borough beyond the Dniester became an integrant part of Moldova in the years 1375-1381. The truth was, definitely, well-known to the author of the chronicle, contemporary with an indisputable political situation.

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