

GIERA

Local Council Office: Giera no. 192, telephone/fax 0256/415401;

Coordinates:

45°24'24" N lat;
20°59'36" E long.;

Historical landmarks:

- 1332 - Giera is the property of the **Cenad** family, under the name "**Geur property**";
-1667 - an orthodox church exists in Giera;
-1717 - the inhabitants of the village are Serbs, arrived at the end of VIIth century and has 12 houses;

-1760 - the village Ciavoș (Grănicieri) becomes property of the Endrődy family, who brings in German settlers;

-1760-1770 - the village Toager is colonized by serfs from the domains of the Zagreb Roman-Catholic diocese;

- 1795 - Giera is transferred into the property of Gyertyánffy family and its name is **Gyr**;
-1853 - waters from the old riverbed of Bega heavily flood the village of Ciavoș (Grănicerii);

- 1890 - it is seat of commune and has a population of 1,161;

-1924 - Ciavoș is named **Lichtenwald** (the village Comeat belonging to commune Bogda was named Lichtenwald, too);

-1936 - Giera has a primary school, a Serbian confessional school, a choir, a credit union and a soda factory;

-5 March 1936 - **Florentin Iosif** is born in Giera; well known singer of popular music from Banat;

-1952 - Giera is part of Deta district;

-1956 - the village is part of Ciacova district;

-2002 - Giera has a population of 1,321;

Total population on 1 January 2010:

1,277 persons, of which:

- male = 645 persons

- female = 632 persons

Total number of households on 1 January 2010: 517**Member villages:**

Giera, Grănicieri (former Ciavoș - mentioned



in the XIIIth century as property of the "erariu" - The Austrian state financial administration - then the Csávossy family), Toager (1760-1770);

Educational institutions: Primary and Elementary School: Giera; Primary School: Grănicieri and Toager; Kindergartens with normal hours: Giera, Grănicieri and Toager;

Health facilities:

Medical Clinic: Giera; Dental practice: Giera; Veterinary clinic: Giera;

Cultural institutions:

Community Centers: Giera, Grănicieri and Toager; Library: Giera (founded in 1974);

Fitness and sports facilities: Sports ground with grandstand and floodlight: Giera, Grănicieri and Toager; Playing ground and park: Giera, Grănicieri and Toager;

Churches: Romanian orthodox church: Toager (the first church dates back to 1779, the present day church was built in its place in 1909); Serbian orthodox church: Giera (1913); Roman-Catholic churches: Giera (1955) and Grănicieri (1896); Baptist churches: Giera (1990), Grănicieri; Pentecostal church: Toager;

Annual Church Festival: The Romanian village celebration: Toager (Easter), Giera (15 August - Assumption of Mary); The Serbian village celebration: Giera (Pentecost); The Hungarian village Celebration: Grănicieri (21 July - all Saints' day) and Giera (8 September - Birth of Mary).

Citizens of Honour: Sava Țăranu

CITY HALL AND LOCAL COUNCIL OF GIERA

Hotean Victor	Mayor	Iovan Ioan, LC Member	DLP
Vajda Șandor	Vice Mayor	Paionschi Dalibor-Sașa, LC Member	SDP
Burla Neculai, LC Member	DLP	Nicolin Marcel, LC Member	NLP
Fanu Constantin, LC Member	CDNPP	Vicol Radu-Ionel, LC Member	DLP
Grigore Aurelia, LC Member	CP	Zdrencov Zorca, LC Member	NLP

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THE RICH GYERTYÁNYFFY FAMILY

Between the XIVth and XVIIIth century Giera domain, together with Ciavoș and Toager, had several owners. In 1795, Giera ended up in the property of the Gyertyánffy family. The head of the family, Lukács Gyertyánffy, was determined to remain there for a long time, so, as soon as he received the property title, he built a mansion, on the plot no. 142, which was demolished later on. Lukács built up another mansion in 1829, on the plot no. 44, still in place nowadays. The



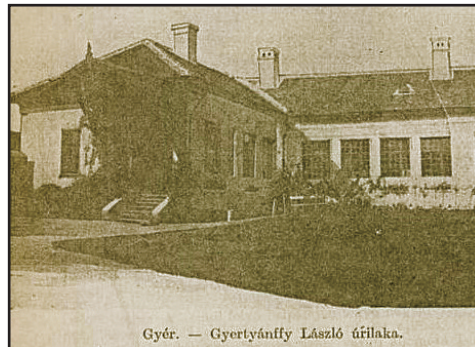
1948. After 1989, "The Granary" was returned to Maria (Bogoiu), and the former mansion from Giera no. 44 was returned to the grandson of Elisabeta, Cristian M. Unfortunately, the buildings from Giera are in an advanced state of degradation, and the beautiful mansion from Ciavoș (Grăniceri) tumbled.



"The granary", historical monument, XIXth century, Giera no. 91. He had a capacity of 700 tones.

Gyertyánffy family also owned the "Gradacz" (Idivor) forest, and a mansion in Grăniceri (Ciavoș).

The last Gyertyánffy, László, lived until 1947. His assets were split between his three daughters, Maria, Elisabeta and Gabriela, but the buildings that had been the family property for over a century and a half were nationalized by the communist authorities in



The mansion from Giera, built on plot no. 44, in place nowadays.

FLORENTIN IOSIF

He was born on 5 March 1936, in Giera. At the age of 9, he sang together with his three brothers (the Fiț brothers) at the Community Center from Toager, under the guidance of the head of the "Călușeri" group, Nicolae Mării and the teacher Gheorghe Culea, also from Toager.

In 1957 he was already in Bucharest, working with the conductors **Ionel Budișteanu**, **Valentin Predescu** and **Ion Mărgean**. The same year, he becomes the lead singer of the orchestra Doina Banatului from Caransebeș, and in 1975 he was the lead singer of "Timișul" band from Timișoara. He recorded

several songs at Timișoara Radio: the ballad "Who passes over the hill" (1965), and after 1975 the ballads **"Saturday morning"**, **"Mary from Banat"** etc. He went on tours in Serbia, France, Germany, also in our country and songs like **"Money, Money"** or **"Dear, how much I love you"** were very successful.

He made his debut on the Romanian television in 1963 in a show hosted by **Maria Tănase**; in 1964 he sung in Cluj with **Ioana Radu**. He recorded several albums of folk music, especially songs from Banat. The Golden Music Library of Timișoara Radio station preserves recordings of the artist's songs, thanks to the efforts of the late **Lucia Boleanțu**.