

LOVRIN

Local Council Office: Lovrin no. 206, tel: 0256/381002, fax 0256/381207;

Coordinates:

45°58'11" N lat.;
20°45'58" E long.;

Historical landmarks:

-1446 - Lovrin is first mentioned in documents under the name **Lóránthalma**;

- XVIth - XVIIth century - the settlement is referred to under the name **Lóránt** or **Lórántfalva**;

-1529 - the village is plundered and burnt by the Ottoman soldiers led by Bali beg;

-1561 - 1582 - the village is inhabited by Romanians and Serbs;

-XVIIth century - the village is uninhabited;

-1717 - Lovrin has 17 houses;

-1760 - the old village is settled by Serbian population again;

-1770 - Bulgarian families settle in and Lovrin's name becomes **Lovriniac**;

-1785-1792 - German colonists are recorded, thus the village has a mixed population of Serbs and Germans;

-1789 - the Serbs start to leave the village because of the German colonists;

-1791 - 1792 - the Bulgarian residents leave for the same reason, and a part of them settle in Theresiopolis (Vinga);

-1792 - emperor **Leopold II** offers Lovrin and Gottlob as a gift to general **Anton Lip-tay**;

-between 1831 and 1866 Lovrin is ravaged by plague (64 dead);

-1895 - **Emmerich Bartzter** is born, composer, conductor, teacher (d. 1961);

-13 November 1924 - Ferdinand I, King of All Romanians, visits the village and is welcome by the deputy **dr. Emeric Reitter**; the king enters the house of an ordinary man from Lovrin, **Peter Krausz**;

- 4 April 1926 - birth of **Richard Bartzter**, composer and pop music orchestrator (d.12 January 1998)

- 1929 - **Nikolaus Koch** wrote the Monograph of the commune of Lovrin in German

(with Gothic writing style);

-20 February 1938 - **Anne-**

marie Podlipny-Hehn is

born, art and literary historian;

-1943 - **Walter Kindl** is born,

musicologist, organ player,

conductor, teacher, orchestrator;

-15 May 1943 - **Ilse Hehn** is born, plastic artist and arts history teacher;

-2002 - Lovrin has a population of 3,812;

- 2009 - **Ioan D. Șandru**, Ph.D, published the study "Lovrin - Monograph";

2011 - the new and modern agrofood marketplace from Lovrin, set-up in 2007, became operational (2-3000 visitors, on Sundays);

Total population on 1 January 2010:

3,763 persons, of which:

- male = 1,883 persons

- female = 1,880 persons

Total number of households on 1 January 2010: 1,259

Educational institutions: "Romulus Parascivoiu" Vocational High School; Kindergarten with extended hours;

Health facilities: Medical practices: (three); Human Pharmacy; Veterinary practice; Veterinary pharmacies: (two).

Cultural institutions: Community Center; Library (founded in 1974);

Fitness and sports facilities: Gymnasium; Lovrin Recreational Center (thermal pool); Handball and Football fields;

Churches: Romanian orthodox church (1982); Roman-Catholic church (1838);

Pentecostal church; Baptist church;

Annual Church Festival: 29 June - Saints Peter and Paul;

Citizens of Honour: Iulian Pușcă, Titu Sumba, Romulus Parascivoiu, Petru Milităroiu.



CITY HALL AND LOCAL COUNCIL OF LOVRIN

Graur Vasile	Mayor	Marincuș Adrian, LC Member	DLP
Truță Eugen	Vice Mayor	Ruda Nicolae, LC Member	DLP
Clamba Ioan, LC Member	DLP	Mateăș Mihai-Gabriel, LC Member	SDP
Coroban Martin, LC Member	DLP	Molcuț Constantin, LC Member	DLP
Costea Ioan, LC Member	DLP	Petran Alexandru-Viorel, LC Member	DLP
Furdui Ciprian, LC Member	SDP	Pulverea Mircea, LC Member	SDP
Huțan Viorel-Dafinel, LC Member	DLP	Vîrdea Cristian, LC Member	DLP

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THE ACADEMIC COUNSELLOR

Viorel Roman was born on 20 March 1942 in Lovrin. He attended "Eftimie Murgu" High School from Timișoara between 1949-1960, and conductor **Diodor Nicoară** and printer engineer **Ioan Aurel Laslău** were his classmates. In 1965 he graduated I.S.E.P. Bucharest. He was an alumnus of the University of Bremen, in 1986, when he earned the Ph.D. in philosophy and history. Editor and correspondent (1968-70) for Radio Timișoara and Bucharest, between 1970-72. Researcher and assistant professor at the University from Timișoara, 1972-84, doctor and reviewer at the University from Bremen, 1984, academic counsellor at the University of Bremen, 1985. Correspondent for "Voice of America", 1991. Manager of EU-Tempus Transfer-(Romania) project, 1992. Expert of the United Nations Program for Develop-

ment, 1992, Associate professor of A.S.E. București, 1993, Associate professor of the University from Timișoara, 1993. Associate professor of the Academy of Economic Studies from Chișinău Moldova, 1994.

Associate professor of the University from Baia Mare, 1996. Member of honour of the Senate of the University from Baia Mare, 2000. Member of the Romanian-American Academy (ARA), Montréal.

He published several books, two of them in Timișoara: "**The Empire, the Jews and the Romanians**" and "**Orthodox Capitalism**".



"THE GOLDEN TEAM"

The 1969-1970 edition of the Romanian Handball Championship, Division B, first series, was won by Politehnica Galați. The winner of the second series was the team from Lovrin, Știința, which advanced into the Division A. The handball court from Lovrin was visited in 1970-1971 by the great teams of those years: Politehnica Timișoara, Steaua or Dinamo. The photo shows the handball team "Știința Lovrin" at the beginning of the '70, a photo received from the former member of "the golden team" from Lovrin, **dr. Mihai Constantinescu** (upper row, third from the left).



THE GENERAL'S MANSION

In early 1792, the emperor Leopold II offered Lovrin and Gottlob villages as a gift to lieutenant general **Anton Liptay of Kisfalud**,



for his mastery in the battles from Palanca Nouă against the Ottomans. Anton Liptay built the castle which bears his name today. Apparently, that is the place that preserves the Ottoman flag, won in the battle from Palanca Mare (Serbian Banat), a deed rewarded in 1789 with the biggest order of the Habsburg Empire, namely the Big

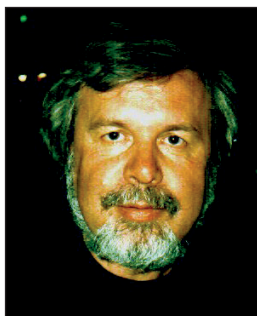


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Military Cross Order (made of gold and silver, ornated with diamonds, sapphires, emeralds and rubies, photo-right). Anton Liptay built a baroque castle in Lovrin. In 1819, the general's son, **Friedrich Liptay**, built a beautiful English garden in the castle's yard, including a small pond. At that time Lovrin had 2,700 inhabitants; 2,644 were Roman-Catholic and 56 were Serbs. Friedrich Liptay is also the person to thank for donating the clocks in the Roman-Catholic Church tower, just like his father, Anton Liptay, for granting important funds for building the church from Gottlob. Currently, the Liptay Castle is the headquarters of the Agricultural and Educational Research Center from Lovrin.



THE ACTION GROUP FROM BANAT



Richard Wagner was born in 1952 in Lovrin. He followed German studies at the University from Timișoara. He is a member of a generation of German language writers (**William Totok, Herta Müller, Johann Lippert**) who continued their liter-

ary and journalistic careers after settling in Germany. Given his membership to the **"Action Group from Banat"** he was under investigation by the Securitate (1972-1975). He was forbidden to write or publish between 1983 and 1985. In 1987 he emigrated in the German Federal Republic, together with his wife, **Herta Müller**. In Germany he published

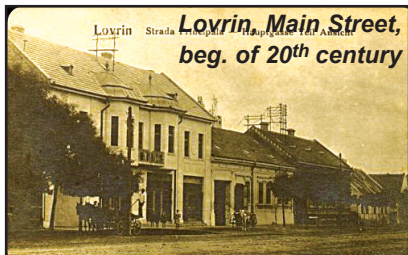
"Miss Bukarest" (novel, Berlin, 2001), the story of a former security agent, **"Schuller"**, who left Romania before 1989, together with his German wife. The former agent ended up involved in the German underworld where former security agents were acting undercover.

Other books signed by Richard Wagner: **"Viena, Banat"** (novel, 1998), **"Emigration application, welcome money"** - short stories, Berlin, 2002, **"Traps"** - novel, 2004, **"German Horizon. About the destiny of a good country"** - essay, 200) etc.

When the journalist **Dani Rockhof** asked how he coped with his status as a German in his native country and that of Auslander in Germany, Richard Wagner confessed: **"On one hand I am a German, on the other hand I am a foreigner in Germany. I am both. This is a delicate and conflicting situation"**.

EDUARD FICKL IS HOME

The biography of a Swabian from Banat. Born in Lovrin. He has been a dental technician all his life. After retiring, he settled in Karlsruhe, Germany, a city inhabited by many Swabians from



Timiș, most of them natives from Biled village. Herr Eduard Fickl comes in Romania in spring, and returns to Germany in autumn. He is afraid he might slip on the icy village streets and then, he is



also upset with all the unnecessary paperwork which

burdens our society. He isn't specific. It's just the paperwork experience, in general... He travels around on a motor-scooter. He keeps coming back to Lovrin, for his friends from the village. **"As a matter of fact"**, says herr Fickl, **"I wish to spend my last years in my parent's home from Lovrin"**.