

## FIBIȘ

**Local Council Office:** Fibiș no. 94 A, telephone/fax 0256/232095;

**Coordinates:**

45°58'25" N lat.;

21°25'19" E long.;

**Historical landmarks:**

-1234 - the first mention of the **villa Fives** settlement (according to Remus Crețan); the historian **Borovaszky** claims that the settlement was founded around 1380;

-1446 - the locality of Fibiș was recorded in documents as belonging to Arad district (county), under the name of **Fyes**, then **Alsó and Füves**;

-1717 - appeared under the name of **Fibesh**, with 20 households;

-1777 - the Romanian orthodox school was recorded in historical documents;

-1815 - the settlement belonged to **Carol Schwarzenberg**;

-1821 - the village had a population of 1,300 inhabitants, of which 260 were German;

-1845 - the locality was the property of the baron of Hodoș and Chizdia, **George Sina**;

- in 1891 the school with instruction in German was built;

-1913 - a school in Hungarian begins to function;

-1924 - Fibiș had 2,300 inhabitants, most of them Romanian, although German and Hungarian families also settled here over time;

-1935 - **Ioan Lotreanu**, in "**Monograph of Banat**", volume I, wrote about the existence of a "**sacred water**" (mineral water) spring in Fibiș that, "**although it is not taken care of, it is still sought by the local people**".

- the village had Romanian, Hungarian, German schools, a mixed choir, a cultural centre, a self-financed aid cooperative, a bank, a monument dedicated to the heroes, peasants' mills, a train station and a post office;

-1936 - the village of Fibiș had 2,170 inhabitants and 541 houses;



-25 July 1939 - **Dorin Crainea** was born in Fibiș, teacher, former headmaster of "C. D. Loga" High School from Timișoara;

- 1967 - until that date Fibiș functioned as a commune, after that it became a member village of the commune of Mașloc;

- 13 March 1995 - the gas station "Nitrobenzen" belonging to Vasile Mihai from Fibiș and to Walter Papp from Mașloc was inaugurated;

-2002 - Fibiș village had 1,678 locuitori;

- 2004 - the commune of Fibiș was re-founded after its separation from the commune of Mașloc (having 1,532 inhabitants);

-2010 - the drinking water supply network is brought into service;

**Total population on 1 January 2010:**

1,595 persons, of which:

- male = 784 persons

- female = 811 persons

**Number of households on 1 January 2010: 638**

**Educational institutions:** Elementary Schools (I-VIII): Fibiș; Kindergartens with normal hours: Fibiș;

**Health facilities:** Medical practices: Fibiș; Drugstores: Fibiș; Sanitary-veterinary practices: Fibiș;

**Cultural institutions:** Community centre; **Churches:** Romanian Orthodox Church (1810); Roman-Catholic Church; Baptist Church (1921);

**Annual Church Festival:**

- 5 weeks after Easter.

## THE CITY HALL AND THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF FIBIȘ

<b>Carcea Gheorghe</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	Oprea Ion, LC member	SDP
<b>Ignat Ioan</b>	<b>Vice Mayor</b>	Seculici Ionel-Gheorghe, LC member	CP
Coman Marius-Lucian, LC member	NIP	Mihai Vasile, LC member	DLP
Hidișan Bogdan-Grigore, LC member	NIP	Mihali Ștefan, LC member	DLP
Laiu Gabriel, LC member	SDP	Miheiți Maria, LC member	DLP
Oană Ștefan-Daniel, LC member	SDP	Urșic Dorel, LC member	DLP

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THE OLD VILLAGE

John Frey and Jody McKim were born in USA. They live in the state of Georgia (Atlanta), but they are looking for their roots in Banat. They have found them: John's grandfather came from Mașloc - Blumenthal, and Jody - from Carani - Mercydorf. As a coincidence, John's grandmother, Elisabeth

Stenge, was born in 1881 in Blumenthal (Austria-Hungary) and died in 1968 in... Blumenthal, Romania! Jody McKim has travelled many times to Banat, has taken pictures of houses, places, people and has given them to

the websites of organisations of Swabians from the Danube, so that their memory may live on (Mrs. Jody McKim requested some of the photos published in the "Agenda C.J. Timiș" newspaper - for instance, the picture of the Roman-Catholic Church from Pișchia which did not have a cross between 2007 and 2008 - in order to use them for the program "Swabians from the Danube" called "Villages in Banat").

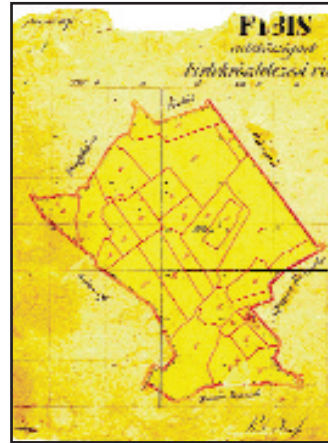
One of the projects of John Frey and Jody McKim consists of the transcription of a large size coloured map dating from 1878. The map contains details about the locality of Fibiș, but also about the neighbouring localities, like Mașloc, Charlottenburg, Setschan (Seceani), Deutschbenschek (Bencecu de Sus), Férégyház (Firiteaz) etc. For the transcription of the map, Frey and McKim have requested support through the internet, stating that the map from 1878 "is written in Hungarian, but the names and the places written on it can be easily read".

The names of the persons written in the legend of the map of Fibiș from the end of 1878 are in Hungarian, German and Romanian. These names are thoroughly mentioned together with the numbers of the houses. The Romanian names were altered by the Hungarian writing, proof of the forced Magyarisation practiced by the authorities of the time in Banat: **Belintzan Simion, Padurean Gyorgy, Russu Maria, Muntjan Similiana, Karabaș Gyorgy, Butean Szima** etc. There are also names of places well marked on the map

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which are written in Romanian: **Satul bătrân, La Sumanda, Valea Mare, Rechițe, Bitu Mare, Ogașu, Valea Fibiș** etc.



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## HERITAGE:

Remnants have been discovered on the territory of present-day Fibiș ever since ancient times. Such remnants are the copper axe from the Bronze Age, the Roman wall with traces found in different points of the settlement, like Maghiarod Pusta, Valea Borduș or Răchiți. The most recent one was found at approximately 50-100 metres NW of the locality. The ruins of a monastery can be found near the neighbouring locality of Seceani ("The Monastery next to the Black Water"), presumed to be an orthodox monastery founded in the XVI<sup>th</sup>-XVII<sup>th</sup> centuries.



Pastry contest - Fibiș, 1967

*The documents of the time record the founding of the first confessional school from the locality in 1777.*

*The image presents the graduation picture - class of 1960 - of the seven-year elementary school from Fibiș.*



*The Roman-Catholic Church*



## CRAINA &amp; SON

**Dorin Craina** was born in Fibiș on 25 July 1939. He graduated the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics in 1960. He was a tenure teacher, with the first degree, at "Eftimie Murgu" High School, then at the "Constantin Diaconovici Loga" College. He was the headmaster of the C.D. Loga College. He was awarded the commemoration medal with "Diploma" - 1984, and he was appreciated as a teacher in 1985 receiving the title of "Profesor evidențiat" ("Eminent Teacher"). He was awarded the Diploma of the Timiș County School Inspectorate, for the first place obtained in the school competitions between 1984 and 1985. He was also awarded the Knight's order of "the Star of Romania" after 1990. His son, **Marius Craina**, studied medicine in the capital of Banat and became a primary doctor of obstetrics and gynecology, an associate professor at the "Victor Babeș" University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timișoara. He was the manager of the Emergency County Hospital no. 1 of Timișoara between December 2007 - August 2009.

