

## THE "BUILT CAVE" FROM PIATRA CETII

### ABSTRACT

Piatra Cetii is situated north of Alba Iulia, in Traseău Mountains. At the base of the rocky Walls, there is a cave fortified with a stone wall and the villagers call it the "Built Cave". Prehistoric pottery fragments - belonging Coțofeni and Wiettemberg cultures, as well as late feudal ones, were found inside the cave and around it.

There are similar caves in Transylvania - at Turda Gorge (jud. Cluj), Mada Gorge, Paroș Cave (jud. Hunedoara) and Veterani Cave by the Danube.

The fortification of the caves was done in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, as a result of the guerrilla war by the "Kurutzi" led by Rákóczi II against the occupation of Transylvania by the Habsburg Empire.

### EXPLANATION OF FIGURES

**Pl. 1.** - Pottery fragments belonging to Coțofeni and Wiettemberg cultures.

**Pl. 2.** - Pottery fragments from the late Middle Ages.

**Foto 1.** - The "Built Cave" from Piatra Cetii.

**Foto 2.** - The "Balica Cave" (Cetățeaua Mică) from Turda Gorge.