

**VECHI VORBE DIALECTALE PRINTRE CUVINTE MĂRTURISITOARE
DIN ȚINUTURILE HUNEDOAREI**

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***Abstract:**In our intervention, we propose to discuss about some old dialectal words, identified in several microtexts integrated in a chrestomathy symbolically named **Cuvinte mărturisitoare** ‘Shriven Words’, published twenty years ago. This volume accommodates within its pages a series of private notations found in a considerable number of cult books which have travelled in the South-West of Transylvania, more precisely in the lands of Hunedoara, located in the North and South of Mureș river.*

Beyond the fact that they represent testimonials of Romanians’ quotidian, social and religious life, the notations designed by erudite, priests or this world’s simple inhabitants consist of an important number of words which have travelled in days of yore and which present a great interest for linguists, considering that many are novel, and others depict older attestation than those registered in our main lexicographic papers. These particularities have determined us, furthermore, to emphasize them in this study.

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