

DOVEZI ALE PRACTICĂRII AGRICULTURII ȘI A UNOR MEȘTEȘUGURI CONEXE LA APULUM

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Abstract: *At municipal work in the spring and summer 1981 near the current Rescue Station Alba Iulia, in an area northwest of the legionary camp, near the second Roman necropolis from Apulum, was unveiled a Roman building with five rooms which had the following dimensions: chamber 1 - 5.7 X 5.5 m; chamber 2 - 5.7 X 5.5 m; chamber 3 - 4.5 X 3 m; chamber 4 - 4.5 X 3.75 m. They were not specified the chamber size 5 because it was partially destroyed by the barracks construction site workers. Foundations were preserved walls made of mortar broken stones. Superstructure was made of bricks, which apparently were used and the floor of the building was preserved only in a room. As inventory were discovered several iron tools or other iron objects: nails, spikes, knives, sickles, knives and a hook. At 15 m north-west of the first house was spotted another building, much smaller in size, kept in one room 7.5 X 6.75 m, foundation walls with the same structure and dimensions of the above. It was dated in the first half of the third century A.D., on several silver coins (denarii) issued by Septimius Severus, Elagabalus, Iulia Mamaea and Severus Alexander. Knowing that nearby the first building was discovered another roman house dated in the first half of the IIIrd century A.D., we can say that in this situation we can stays the same chronological classification of the first building, where they were discovered the agricultural and domestic tools. In 2004 a building was investigated by elevation of brick that have kept the two rooms, with two phases of housing. It was situated in the first terrace of the Mureș river. Of this building were recovered three agricultural or household tools: a hoe, a sickle and a knife made of iron found in one of the first phase of living rooms dating up until the third quarter of II century A.D., On a bronze knee-brooch, an earlier version (Cociș type 19a1b1a). Unfortunately, after more than a century of archaeological research Apulum, agricultural tools are few, and information about the practice of this occupation are still lacking.*