

# ancient\_house

"Having set out into the world, the elder brother stopped in a kingdom where he proclaimed himself king. When word spread through the land about the so-called new king, the whole people rose in revolt. A narcissistic herald, angered by the intruder's deed, swore never, for as long as he lived, to set foot on the land touched by the so called king. And one day, as he pondered how to gain recognition from the heralds of the south, the north, and the east, he decided to name his fortress in his own honor. Said and done. He hung the coats of arms of all the houses in his fortress, but among all these houses, only one stood out: the house whose emblem bore three red beads.

What is the name of this house?"

When first reading about heralds and kings I thought about the medieval era, so I searched for coats of arms with "three red beads" from that timeframe, but none of them matched the one in the attached photo. I looked at the symbols in the photo and searched on Google for coats of arms with those symbols but again, none matched. After looking more carefully at the coat of arms in the photo I noticed that it looked just like the ones from Romania's counties and towns. With this realization I looked for a website that has all the coats of arms from Romania. After checking multiple websites and finding nothing, I came across the website [www.heraldry-wiki.com](http://www.heraldry-wiki.com) that has a "Romania" section with all coats of arms from towns and counties ordered alphabetically. On the page with all that started with D I found the one from Dumbrava that looked similar to the one in the photo, but in the left corner that was burnt in the original photo there were 3 cherries (three red beads), so I knew this was the one.



# Dumbrava (Timiș)

The coat of arms of Dumbrava (Timiș) features a shield divided into three quarters. The top-left quarter is yellow and contains three red cherries on a single stem. The top-right quarter is green and contains a golden oak leaf and two acorns. The bottom quarter is blue and contains a white crane. Above the shield is a grey stone castle tower with battlements.

**DUMBRAVA**

**Country:** Romania

**County (județ):** Timiș



A map showing the region around Timișoara, Romania. A blue location pin is placed near Timiș. Other cities labeled include Arad, Brad, Lugoj, Hunedoara, Resița, Caransebeș, Petros, and Békéscsaba. The map also shows the Danube river and the border with Hungary (labeled 'HUNGARY' in Cyrillic). The map is credited to Leaflet and OpenStreetMap.

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