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### Sheepfold, Rășinari, Sibiu County



*Interior of the cabin*



*Interior of the cabin*



*„Chetrar”  
(the fire place)*

This exhibit comes from the Rășinari grassland area (Darjani Hill, 1,206 meters of altitude) in Sibiu County and was transferred to the museum in 1980. This pastoral building is a sheepfold of the polygonal type consisting of a shelter for people, the hut, and the sheep pen, or „staor”, the traditional term derived from the Latin term „*stabulum*, -i”.

It was used for wintering the sheep within the confines of the village with the fodder for the sheep having been prepared during the summer in the nearby grassland.

This exhibit has historical and cultural significance via the documentation of the most archaic sheep farming, which shows the mixed, agricultural-pastoral economy of the Romanian people and proves their sedentary nature and the continuity of their lifestyle in ancestral villages.

The exhibit was built fifty years ago, has a pentagonal floor plan with four sides formed by the fir-beam walls of the sheep pen and the fifth being the wall of the hut. The entire building rests on a stone foundation. The hut is a rectangular building (7 / 2.90 meters) with walls made of intersecting fir beams carved on two sides.

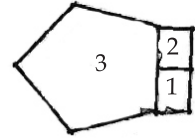
The roof is two-sloped and the gables are boarded up with long shingles. The roof is made of rafters fastened with wooden nails and has a roof with 1.60-meter long shingles. The hut has two rooms, one of which is the shepherd's living-quarters and the other being a stable for livestock.

The entrance to the living-quarters is through a narrow door cut in the short side of the hut. The hut is sparsely furnished with beds whose legs are embedded in the floor and brackets nailed to the wall. In the right corner, behind the door, there is a hearth.

Access to the stable that shelters the large animals is from inside the sheep pen through a door cut in the long side of the hut. The sheep-pen has a square floor plan with equally long walls (7.30 meters), is open on the inside, and is made of intersecting horizontal fir beams that are carved on two sides.

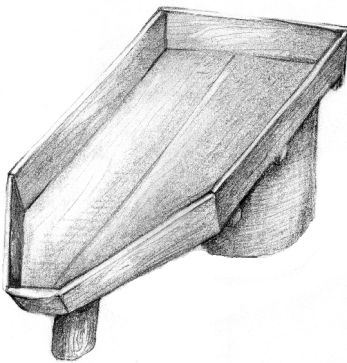
The two-sloped roof covered in 1.60 meter-long fir-shingles protects the built in space from the weather. The middle of the sheep-pen has no roof and the animals can access the „*staor*” via the large door (1.10 meters). This type of building is also common in other grasslands areas of Romania.

The construction layout

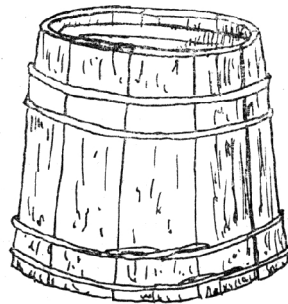


Legend:

1. The hut
2. The stable  
(for sheep giving birth)
3. The stall



„Crinta”



Milking bucket

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