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STUDIES PINPOINT OLDEST CHURCH IN ROMANIA NEAR FAMOUS PUTNA MONASTERY



Locals have always said that the wooden church in Putna is the oldest in the country, and even in southeastern Europe.

But now, thanks to scientists from the Forest Biometrics Laboratory from the Forestry Department at St. Stephen the Great University in Suceava, it's an established fact: The Church of the Entrance of the Mother of God at the Putna cemetery in north-central Romania, not far from the border with Ukraine, is indeed the oldest in Romania.

The oak wood used in its construction dates from the beginning of the 15th century. Among the analyzed beams, the researchers even found one dating to

1295, reports Forest Mania.



The wooden church was initially built in Volovăț village and later moved to the cemetery in the village of Putna, where it now sits, less than 1 mile from the historic Putna Monastery.

The church is composed of two parts. The older was built by Dragoș Vodă, the first Voivode of Moldavia, who reigned in the mid-14th century, and the newer was built under the Austro-Hungarian Empire, when it became the village church.

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