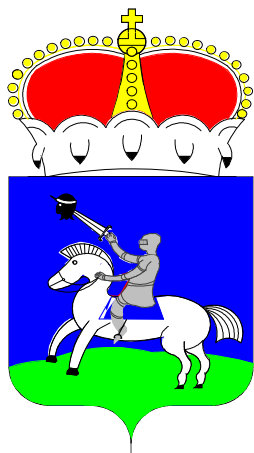


## Brancovan Brancoveanu



### *Description of Arms :*

Brancovan : D'azur au chevalier cuirassé monté sur un cheval blanc tenant une épée d'argent qui supporte de sa pointe une tête de turc, le tout terrassé de sinople.

Bibesco : Coupé, mi parti : d'or à l'aigle éployée de sable contournée, becquée, membrée et couonnée de gueules tenant dans sa patte droite une épée d'argent et dans sa patte gauche un sceptre d'argent au globe de gueules ; dans le premier du parti, d'azur au chevron d'argent accompagné en pointe d'une étoile d'argent à 6 rais ; dans le second du parti, tiercé en fasce d'azur, de gueules et d'or.

**Principal Title :** Prince Brancovan.

**Creation :** Holy Roman Empire, 1695.

**Subsidiary Titles :** See text.

**Family Name :** Bibescu-Brancovan.

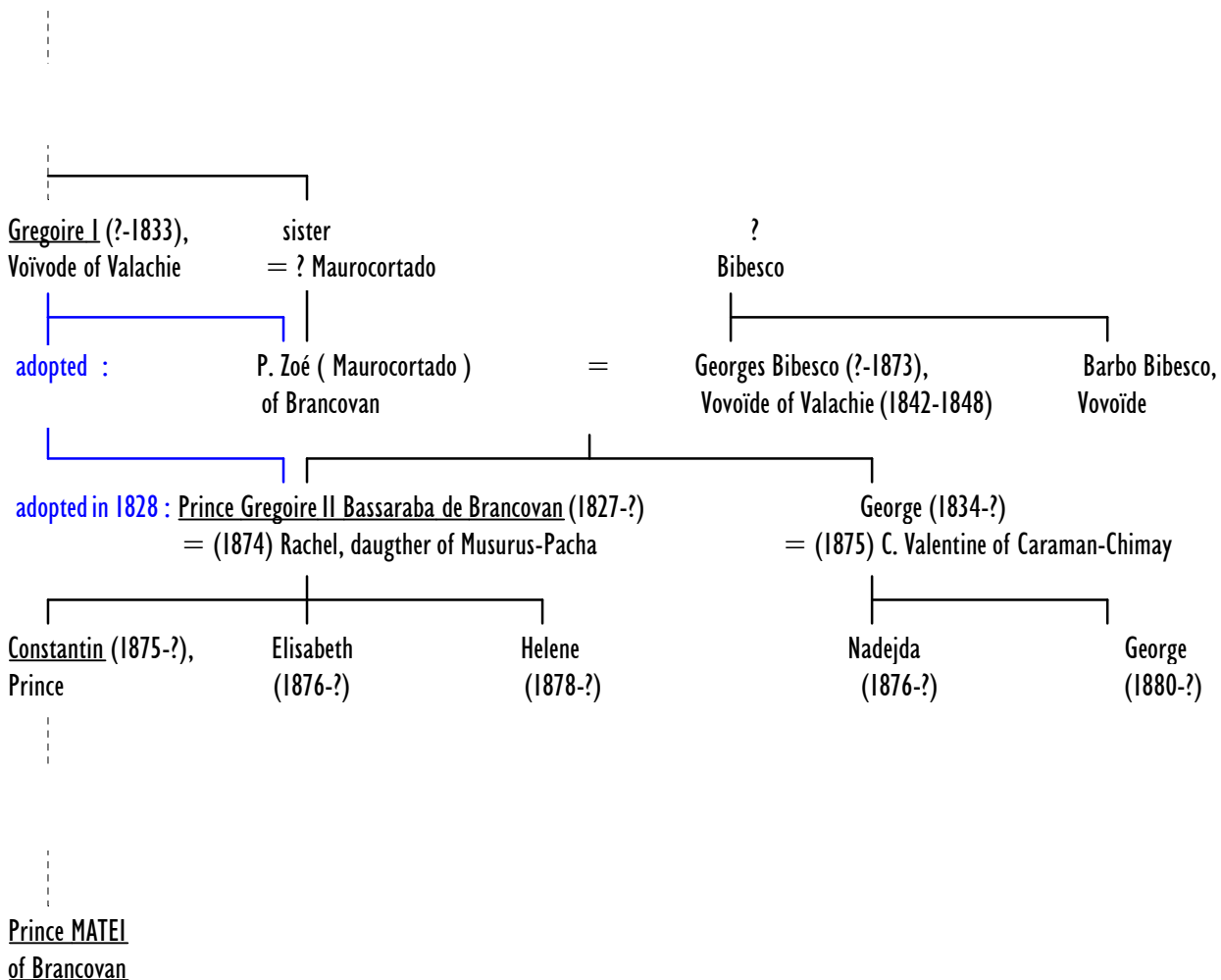
**Family History :** Here, we go back to Oltenia, an area on the Danube near Bucharet. The Brancovans were descended, through the female line, from the boyard family of Craiovescu, who were Great Bans of Craiova in the XV and XVI Centuries. It seems that, like many other of the important families of Valachia, they were also descended from the Bessarabian dynasty. These highly romantic people ruled over an area that was later to be the foundation of today's Roumania, made up of Valachia and Moldavia.

In any event, Constantin Brancoveanu, who was ruling Voivode of Valachia from 1688-1714, added to his own name that of Basarab. In 1688, they became Hungarian counts, with the additional qualifications of Illustrious, Spectacular and Magnificent. This was followed with the rank of prince of the Holy Roman Empire in 1695.

Unfortunately, the male line died out in 1833. However, the last prince Brancovan adopted his nephew, Gregory Bibescu as his heir - a situation accepted and confirmed in 1860, when he was authorised to bear the title and rank of prince by Austrian Imperial Decree.

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Constantin ( III ) Bracoveanu-Bassaraba,  
Voïvode of Valachie (1688-1714)



2 branches éteintes en ligne masculine, l'une en 1946 et l'autre en 1966