

**A Romanian Bucovinian Peasant in Montreal at the Dawn
of the 20th Century. Constantin Martineac of Liteni
and his Personal North American Journal
(Abstract)**

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The study presents and analyzes – based on his personal journal and many other testimonials and documents, provided by the family or identified by the author through other databases – the biographical journey of a Romanian peasant from Bucovina who left for the New World at the beginning of the 20th century.

Like thousands of other Romanian peasants in his region during the period before the First World War, Constantin Martineac left Bucovina in 1908 and emigrated to Montreal, Canada. A rarity for someone of his social status, Martineac decides – once settled in the “land of the maple leaf” – to keep a personal “diary”, documenting as time goes by the most significant events of his life. With the aid of this diary, a copy of which was made available to the author by Martineac’s grandson, the study documents the biographical trajectory of this Romanian immigrant from Bucovina – from his arrival in Montreal in 1908 to his death a half century later in 1957, in Detroit, United States.

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