SAMPLE ID:
MRA-ROU-Suc009

SAMPLE TYPE:
Mural painting
(Sub-Type: fragment)

DIMENSIONS:
3.9 cm L x 2.9 cm W x 1.8 cm H

WEIGHT:
9.92 g

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:

Country       Place
Romania       Sucevita

SITE/MONUMENT:
Sucevita Monastery

HISTORICAL NOTE ABOUT THE SITE/MONUMENT:
Sucevita Monastery is a convent located in the northern-eastern Romania. The monastery was built in 1585 by Ieremia Movil?, Gheorghe Movil? and Simion Movil?, that were big boyars, scribes
and even rulers of Moldova and Romanian Country in the 16th-17th centuries. The church of the monastery is a UNESCO heritage since 1993. The architecture uses elements of Byzantine and Gothic art, together with features typical of the wooden churches in Moldavia. Both interior and exterior walls are covered by early 17th-century mural paintings featuring biblical episodes from the Old and New Testament. Given the late dating, Sucevița monastery is one of the last to be decorated in the famous Moldavian style of exterior paintings. Generally speaking, the monastery has got the features of both a princely residence and a fortified monastery. Indeed, the interior court of the monastic ensemble is made of very solid walls, almost 3 m wide and 6 m high, and includes four defensive towers on each corner of the external setting. The building include the defensive structures, the magnificent burials of Jeremia and Simon Movil?, the church and the monastic house, that included one of the most important workshops for manuscript before, and printed books then.

Further reading:

CHRONOLOGICAL PERIOD (SAMPLE):
16th century

PHOTOS/DOCUMENTS (PROVENANCE):
Overview of the apsis of the church of Sucevita Monastery, a watchtower and part of the external walls (https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monastero_di_Sucevi?#media/File:Biserica_si_curtea_manastirii_Sucevita.jpg. Photo by Alex Moise – CC-BY-SA 3.0).
Detail from the fresco of the church decoration, representing the birth of Eve (Photo by Aw58 – CC-BY-SA 3.0).