



PIANELLA GATE*

* This building has disappeared

You find this place of interest in Cantù 2 - Stage 2

INFORMATION

Location: Pianella Gate probably stood in via dei Mille, a few meters after the crossing with the current via Malchi; this presumption is based on its location on the map by Carlo Montanara published in 1835 by the rev. Carlo Annoni.

DESCRIPTION

Pianella Gate, built during the Middle Ages, opened onto the northern part of the circle of walls of Cantù, in correspondence of the road to Intimiano. The toponym is documented in relation to some residences of the Umiliati friars in acts dating between 1253 and 1256: such toponyms, *Planella de intus* e *Planella de foris* suggest that a circle of walls, probably endowed with a gate, already existed seventy years before 1324, the same year when Gaspare Grassi refers that one mile of middle-age walls were built in Cantù.

Pianella Gate is mentioned in an act of August 11, 1445, by which the rev. *Paolo de Castoldi*, provost of the House of the Umiliated friars of San Giorgio of Cantù, charged a man, called *Martino De Putheo*, with the rent of some properties of the same House, placed in the territory of Cantù.