



## PUSTERLA DI SANT'AMBROGIO \*

\* This building has disappeared

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

### INFORMATION

**Location:** the Pusterla di Sant'Ambrogio (Saint Ambrogio's secondary gate) stood in the place where now via Cavour opens into Piazza Marconi.

### DESCRIPTION

We find scarce traces in historical archives about the Pusterla (in latin, «*Posterula*», that is, secondary gate) of Sant'Ambrogio, placed, in the map that was published in 1835 by the rev. Carlo Annoni, in the south-western area of the borough, between Saint Ambrogio's and Saint Mary's monasteries, at the beginning of the road to Cucciago. According to Graziano Alfredo Vergani, the construction of Saint Ambrogio's gate does not date back to the middle ages, because it is not mentioned in any document of that period, and, moreover, does not show in a painting of the borough of Cantù, made in 1570 and preserved in a manuscript from the archives of the Bishopric of Milan; therefore, probably its construction dates back to the XVII century.

In that same area, *ad Cavannam*, a document of 1086 mentions another gate, named «*Porta Ruscana*»; in another collection of acts, dated 1623 and concerning the properties of Saint Paul's collegiate church, a «*Porta Stupam*» or «*Stupam*» is mentioned; both are probably identifiable as the same structure.