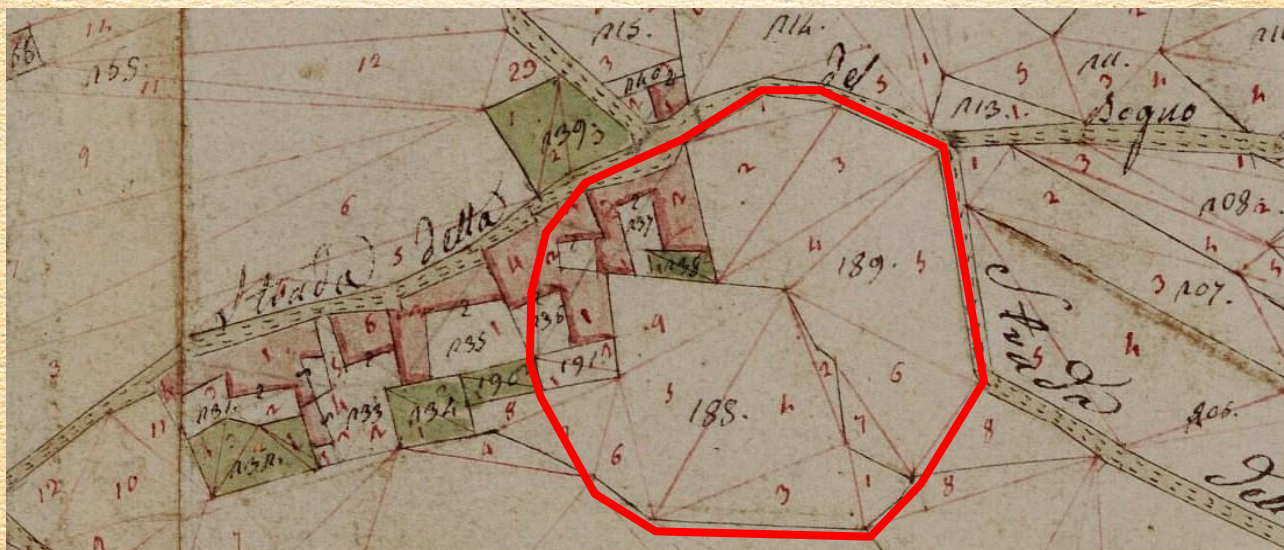


# CASTEL ZORZINO

## CASTELLO DI ZORZINO

The area of "Upper Sebino" was the center of the 12th and 13th centuries of clashes and violence that required the fortification of the various villages, including Zorzino.

Not long ago, the rugged paths allowed the only access to the deep bay called "Bögn di Zorzino", one of the best natural harbors in the whole lake, serving the intense trade between the plains and the mountains.



Country of Zorzino, area of the "Tonimen" in the area called the Castle on the Napoleonic Map of the year 1810

The castles between the 9th and 12th centuries, more than residences, were fortified villages defended with a set of ditches, barriers of soil, hedges and wooden palisades, with a building also made of materials Poor (wood, straw, etc.)



Portal of the XII, XIII century



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Probably, following an evolutionary phase in the 13th and 14th centuries, at the beginning of the 15th century, a demolition phase followed the military campaign of 1414 with which Malatesta conquered Lovere. It is reported that fortifications were demilitarized, including those of Riva di Solto and Solto. With the advent of Venice in the first half of the 15th century the complex was reconstructed with defensive intentions witnessed by the slits for the crossbow on the third floor. In the second half of the 15th century the existing buildings were restored and a new room was built on the second floor, giving the complex a consistent with Venetian domination and arrived intact in our times.

The castle was definitively used as a stately residence, is documented that he was surrounded in the sixteenth century by olive groves, during the feudal decline was inhabited by numerous local families until the postwar period where was partiali abandoned. The architect Benaglio Domenico and the wife Baglioni Laura has gradually acquire it almost entirely, by restructuring and re-valorizing, making it accessible to tourists.



*To the left the east facade of the tower before the renovation, while to the right the renovated tower as we see it today.*





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*Detail of the west facade, before and after the renovation, the facade is today the Terra apartment*



*West facade of the tower*