

Tanneries

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The ancient tanneries are located on the left bank of the River Temo, and in 1989 they were declared a national monument. Today you can admire the ancient buildings that once housed the ancient vocation of the town of Bosa.

This is a row of two-storey buildings, built in the mid nineteenth century, with pitched roofs and large windows. They were built far away from town because of the bad smells produced during the early stages of the leather production, and they were strategically placed near the river for the water supply, as water is used in the production process. The tanneries are testimony to the town's middle class, modern and dynamic age of Piedmont and post-unification, in great contrast to the Spanish era.

The tanning tradition in Bosa dates back to the Roman times, if not earlier, and was present until the mid-twentieth century when the last tannery closed its doors permanently. The production, specifically of cow leathers such as in the use of bookbinding, was advanced and highly regarded in the area and abroad. It is therefore obvious that Bosa was a great exception when you consider that around 1870 there was a sharp deterioration in the relationship between import and export in Sardinia. The trade of leather from Bosa to Genoa and France went on continuously throughout the nineteenth century.

With the company of the Brothers Solinas and Mocci Marras on one side and the company of Sanna Mocci on the other the process of industrial concentration started that ultimately led to the last family deal (around 1950) with the large enterprise of the leather tanning town. These changes, in addition to the political and ideological context of Bosa at the time, were responsible for the establishment of the Workers' Mutual Aid, in 1868, which was an organization particularly involved in the defense of workers in the leather trade and included tanners, saddlers, shoemakers, and coopers.

During the time of the first English industrial revolution, Mocci Marras began to dismiss

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