

Montazzoli

Italy



History

Tradition says that the people 500 years ago were living in a nearby place called Civita del Conte, then moved to the present site, which was under Count Azzo, and from there the name of Monte Azzo later changed into Montazzoli. There are still ruins of the pristine settlement. In the 16th century Montazzoli came under the rule of the powerful Di Sangro family, then passed to the Molise countdom. The last feudal lord was Baron Franceschelli. By the end of the 19th century, Montazzoli was included in the Province of Chieti.

Sights

The castle of the Franceschelli barons was founded in the 15th century on the site of a fortified tower. It had a courtyard and water tank that can still be seen. The castle was restored in the following centuries and mills and warehouses were added.



Chiesa di San Silvestro Papa, the parish church of the 18th century, was built on the site of the Chapel San Vincenzo. It became the parish church after the ancient Church of Purgatorio was destroyed in 1724. It has one nave, side chapels, and a cross in the Guardiagrelean style

The Church of Sant'Antonio, in the Baroque style, was the private chapel of the Franceschelli barons, whose descendants still own the property.