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# The Castle della Fava

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## ■ The church of Santa Caterina and other religious building in Posada

In addition to the churches of San Giovanni and Santa Lucia in Posada, built close to the ports of the same names, there were also other churches. In fact, in the old village, there was a church dedicated to *Santa Caterina*, a name that has remained for a modern area of the town and under which the medieval village is said to be located.

In this area, ancient sources show the existence of another two churches: *Santa Vittoria* (or San Vittore) and *Santo Stefano*, which stand about a mile and a half from the new town that rose up at the foot of the Castle della Fava.

The church of Santo Stefano has been identified in the ruins that were found during a dig in the *Part'e Sole* area. A last church, named *Santo Spirito*, was connected to the hospital of the same name, bearing witness to the considerable influence of Pisa in Gallura (fig. 1).



**Fig. 1** - Posada, hypothetical position of the churches according to ancient documents (from Google Earth; re-worked by E. Dirminti).

At the foot of the castle della Fava stands the church of *Sant'Antonio Abate* (figs. 2-3): here in 1388 the representatives of the *curadoria* of Posada and Galtelli met to elect their representatives to be sent to Cagliari to sign the peace treaty, a peace which did not last

long, between Arborea and the Aragonese. In the 16th century, the Posada people built another church outside the walls of the new village, entitled Nostra Signora del Soccorso, and also known as *Santa Maria 'e Fora* (fig. 4). There is also a church dedicated to the Vergine del Rosario in the current old town centre of Posada.



**Fig. 2** - Posada, the church of Sant'Antonio Abate (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).





**Fig. 3** - Posada, the church of Sant' Antonio Abate seen from the south west (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



**Fig. 4** - The church of Nostra Signora del Soccorso or *Santa Maria 'e Fora* (photo by E. Dirminti).

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