*The Art and the Architeture*

*of the Compitese area*

**Le Mandolate (The mandolata windows)**



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The " mandolate" were architetures of tiles, types of windows that let to the air enter and keep the winter stock of hey dry and healthy for the cattles in the winter . now they are fashionable country homes.

**The water mill wheels**



The water wheels are are still visibile in many of our villages alongside streams

**The aqueduct**



in 1832 the architect Nottolini built the aqueduct that we can see now running from Guamo village to the town of Lucca.

**The Marginette**

The "marginettes" are little chaples or small church which are situate along the side of old country roads.



**The villas**

The "villa" is a big countryside mansion with some agricultural activities and a park sorrounding the house. They were built from 15th until 19th centuries. It was enclosed by walls with often a big gate and a large garden . The villa was the summer residence where rich people from Lucca lived .

