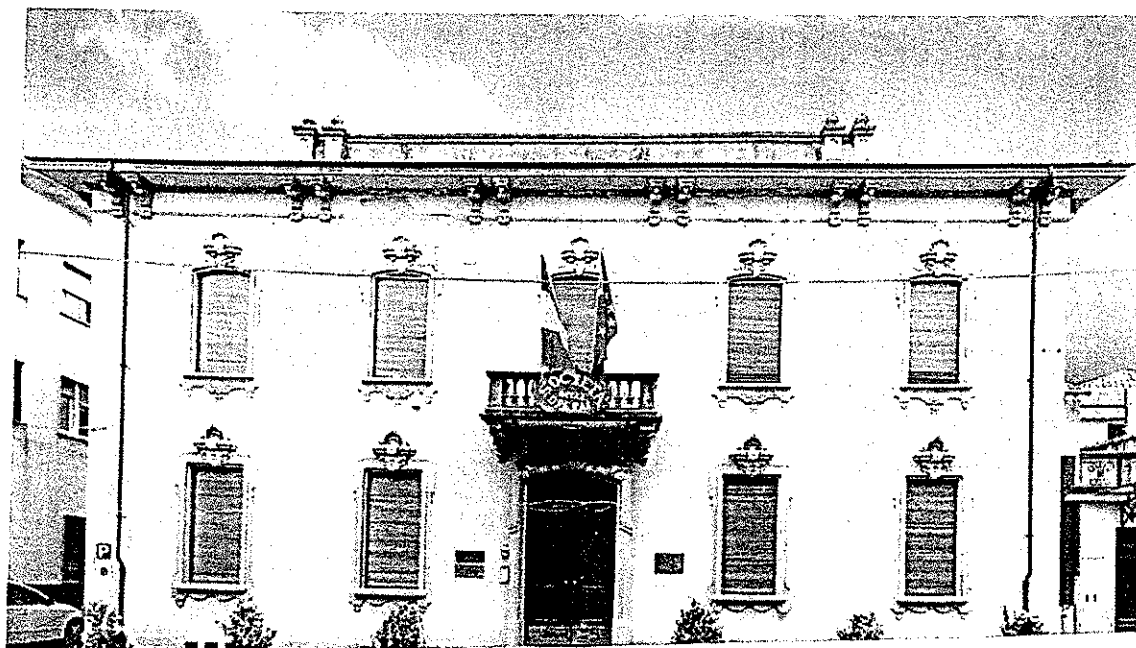


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According to an undocumented tradition, the *Castrum Vergani* was founded by Giovanni Luigi Tornielli in 1283, but the first certain news was provided by Chronicler Pietro Azario (1312-1366) and it concerned Calcino (Pietro) Tornielli, an agent in the 1339 plot against Azzone Visconti. It is on the other hand proved that in 1336 Calcino dwelt in Vergano with his children and a nephew, the son of his brother Ribaldone.



The Workers's Society of Mutual Aid was founded in 1861, whereas the building, dating from the early 20th century, was planned by Engineer Marcello Zorzoli from Novara. The building was restored and enlarged on the plan of Surveyor Vittorio Cozzi in 1922 and, in 1929, the festival Hall was achieved, with Stile Liberty - Art Nouveau - decorations in wrought iron. Today the building is the seat of the Study Centre for Regione Piemonte's Mutual Aid Societies Foundation. The building also houses the Borgomanero Tourist Office.