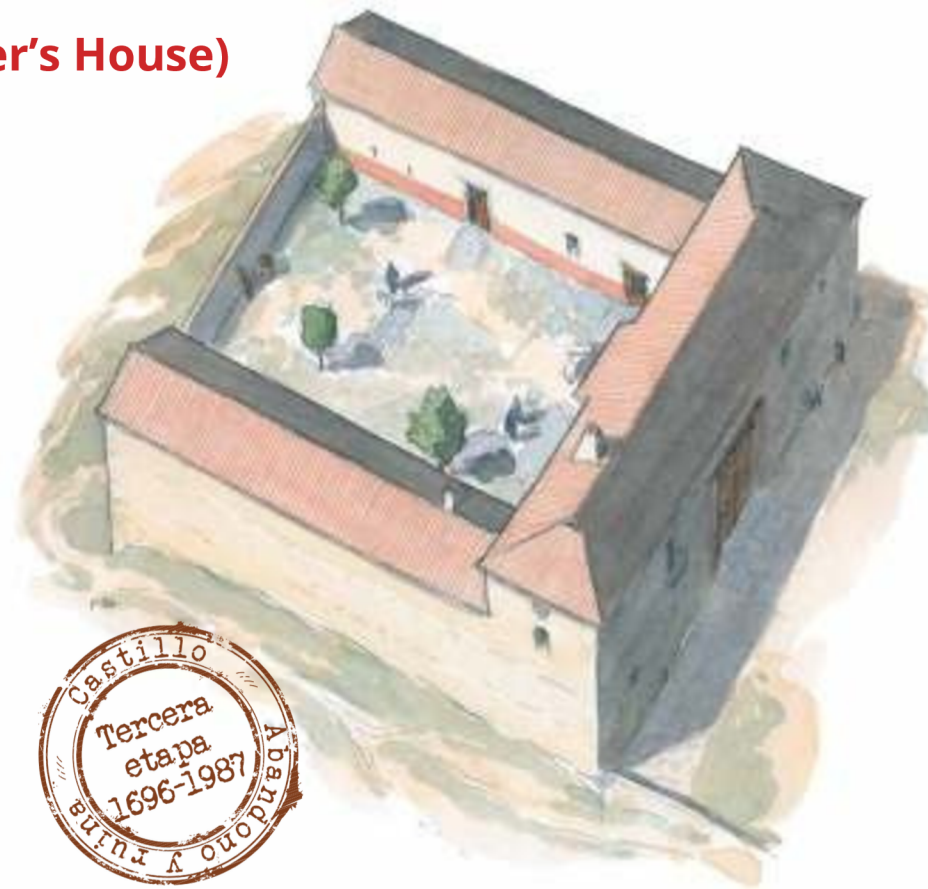


What are we looking at?

### The Casa del Guarda (Estate Keeper's House)



#### The workshop-school

The Casa del Guarda (Estate Keeper's House) is the designated area of the archaeological site where, every summer since 2007, young enthusiasts can learn the basics of archaeology and enjoy an unforgettable experience at the workshop-school organised by the Museum of Origins and the District Council.



What do we know?

### Two houses, one on top of the other

#### The Casa del Mayordomo (Butler's House)

The Casa del Guarda (Estate Keeper's House) is possibly located on the same site as an earlier house, the Casa del Mayordomo (Butler's House), which was the residence of the manager or governor of the manor estate. In 1574, for instance, this position was held by a certain Luis de Godoy. The Casa del Mayordomo is mentioned in a text from the late 15th century. It was likely built on the other side of the moat and next to the entrance bridge to extend the castle's premises, which were quite small, once it came into the possession of the Zapata family.



#### The Casa del Guarda (Estate Keeper's House)

The exact construction date is unknown, but it was likely built at the end of the 18th century, after the Casa del Mayordomo (Butler's House) had disappeared and the castle had fallen into ruins. However, we do know that it stood until 1975, as evidenced by these photographs. The house was inhabited by the family responsible for maintaining the estate, which had once belonged to the castle and the Zapata family, and later to the Fernán-Núñez family. After the Civil War, the family acquired the land. Forty years later, they sold it as part of the urban development plan for the Alameda neighbourhood.



What was it like?

### A typical farmhouse

The Casa del Guarda (Estate Keeper's House) was a typical one-storey country house, with one part used as a dwelling and the other as a farmyard and storehouse for tools and agricultural products. All of this was centred around a large paved courtyard accessed through an archway on the west side. Under the south wing, taking advantage of the hillside slope, there was a cellar.

