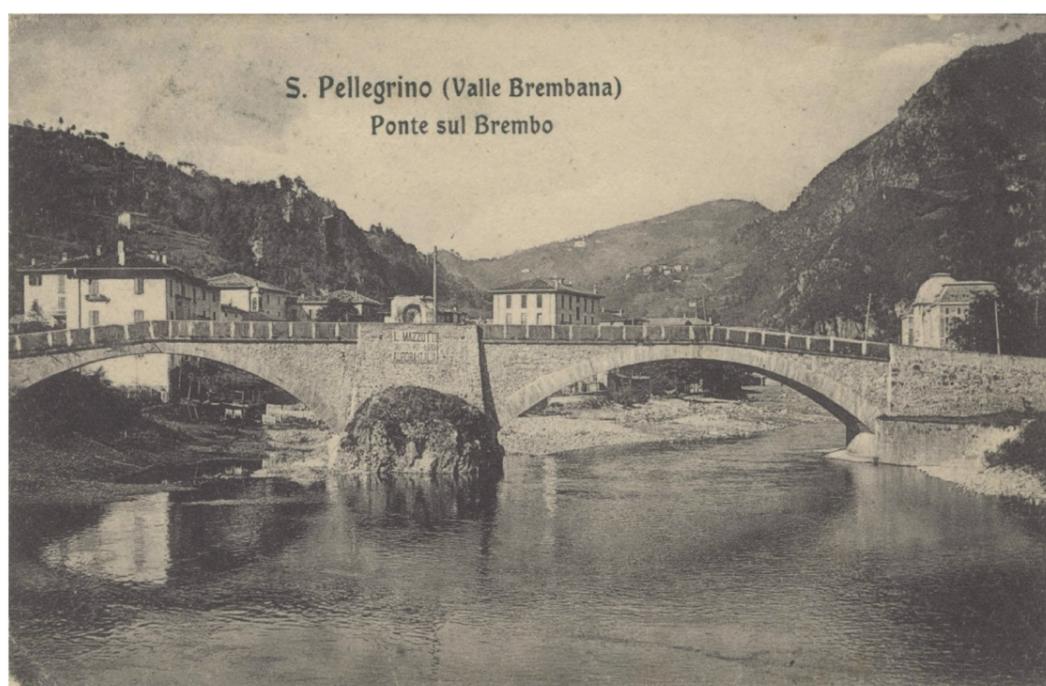




COMUNE DI SAN PELLEGRINO TERME  
PROVINCIA DI BERGAMO

# PONTE SAN NICOLA (PONTE VECCHIO)

1460 - 1470



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The bridge, built between 1430 and 1471, is closely linked to the foundation of the Augustinian convent at Piazza and thus to the building of the Church of St Nicholas.

It originally consisted of three arches, and consequently there must have been an additional pier towards the left bank. The weakness of this support caused the bridge to partially collapse several times, such as during the flood of 1783.

Following the further collapse caused by the 1842 flood, plans were developed to repel the current, which largely flowed over the left bank of the river, causing the support to become unstable.

In 1843, the third arch was eliminated, radically reforming the width of the central one and causing the narrowing of the river section. Further reinforcements were put in place until 1856, with the financial contribution of the consortium municipalities of San Pellegrino, Piazza Alto, Piazza Basso and Dossena.

As can be seen from period pictures, there was a shrine in the centre of the bridge.