

## THE OLD HOSPITAL



Before it was a hospital,



this building was a large country house.



It was refurbished and extended several times



between the 14th and 18th centuries.

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The vestibule and the stone staircase that leads up to the first floor



are still in a good state.



The Dolors church is beside the building.



It has a nave with a Baroque façade



and a steepled belfry.



Steepled belfries are built on the roof,



like a small wall, and have openings for the bells.



The hospital was run thanks to donations



from individuals and institutions.



Martí Serrà i Avellí was one of the people who donated most money.



Martí Serrà i Avellí was born in 1713 and died in 1785.



He was from Palafrugell, but went to Guatemala



and became rich there.



When he died, he left a large amount of money to the villa.



At the hospital, the sick were looked after by nuns.



Between 1852 and 1989, there were nuns



from different religious orders:



the Purísima Concepción nuns,



the Carmelite nuns of Caridad Vedruna and the San José nuns.



In its final stage, the hospital became a residency



and day centre for the elderly.



In 2009, these services were moved to a new building



belonging to the Palafrugell Foundation for the Elderly.

