

Route of the Stone Columns (Rollos)



San Andrés Church, Aguilar de Campos

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Rollos Jurisdiccionales in Spanish, the word "rollo" comes from the Latin "rotulus" which means cylindrical, referring to the stone columns that are symbols of nobility and jurisdiction and a sign that in the town justice was administrated in the name of the Crown.

Later they were used as public pillories where convicts were shamed. The 1812 Constitution decreed that all the symbols of vassalage had to be removed. An order that was repeated during the Second Republic.

The columns that remain standing (acts of civil disobedience because they were not destroyed) have been listed as artistic historic heritage.

The outstanding columns in Tierra de Campos include the Flamboyant Gothic column in Villalón de Campos dating from 1523; the column in Mayorga from 1426 built in Isabelline Gothic style; the column in Aguilar de Campos in Gothic Mudejar style from the end of the sixteenth century; and finally the column in Bolaños de Campos, probably the most primitive in the province of Valladolid. One of the most famous of these stone columns in Spain stands in the centre of the Plaza Mayor.