

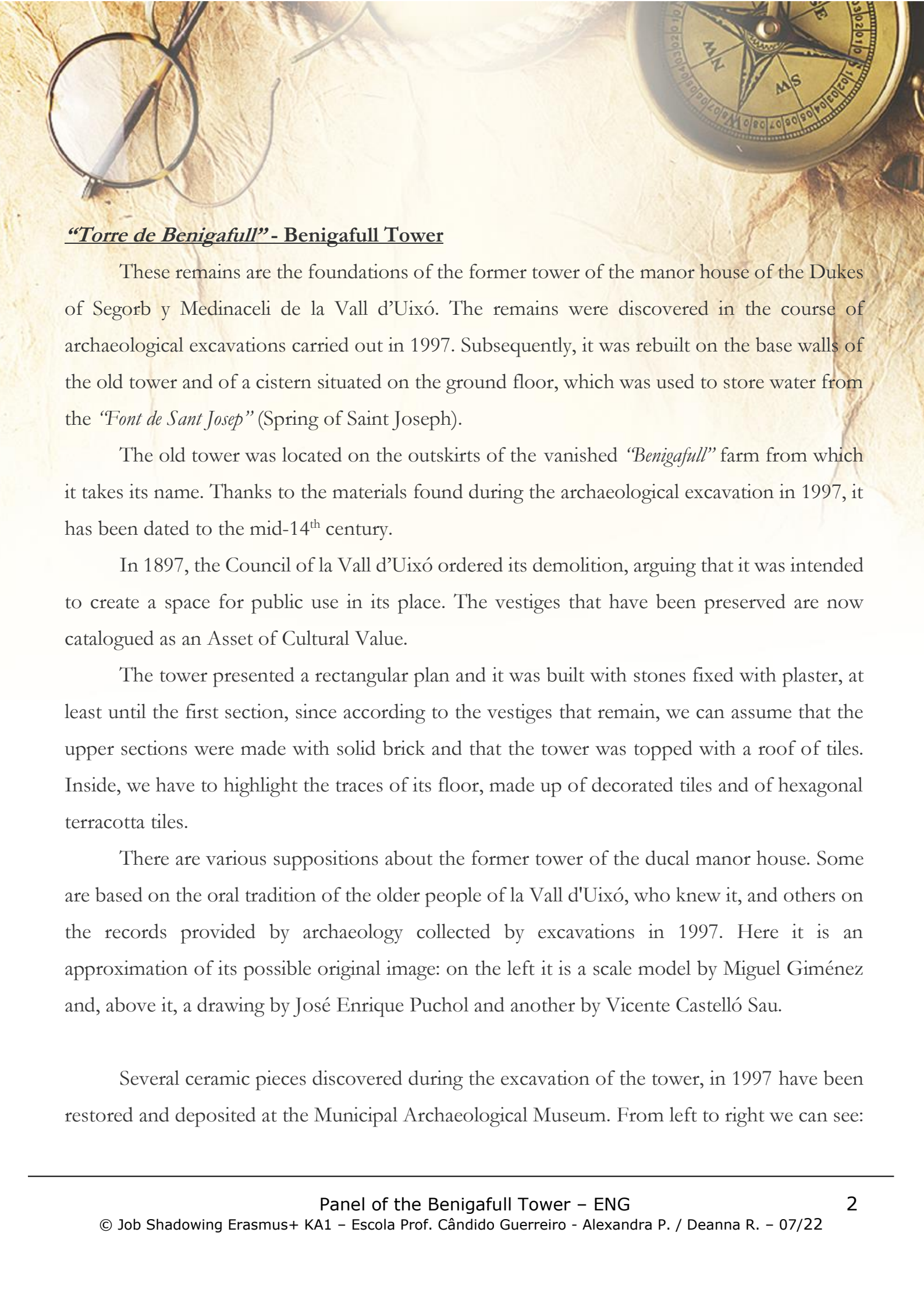


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These remains are the foundations of the former tower of the manor house of the Dukes of Segorb y Medinaceli de la Vall d’Uixó. The remains were discovered in the course of archaeological excavations carried out in 1997. Subsequently, it was rebuilt on the base walls of the old tower and of a cistern situated on the ground floor, which was used to store water from the “*Font de Sant Josep*” (Spring of Saint Joseph).

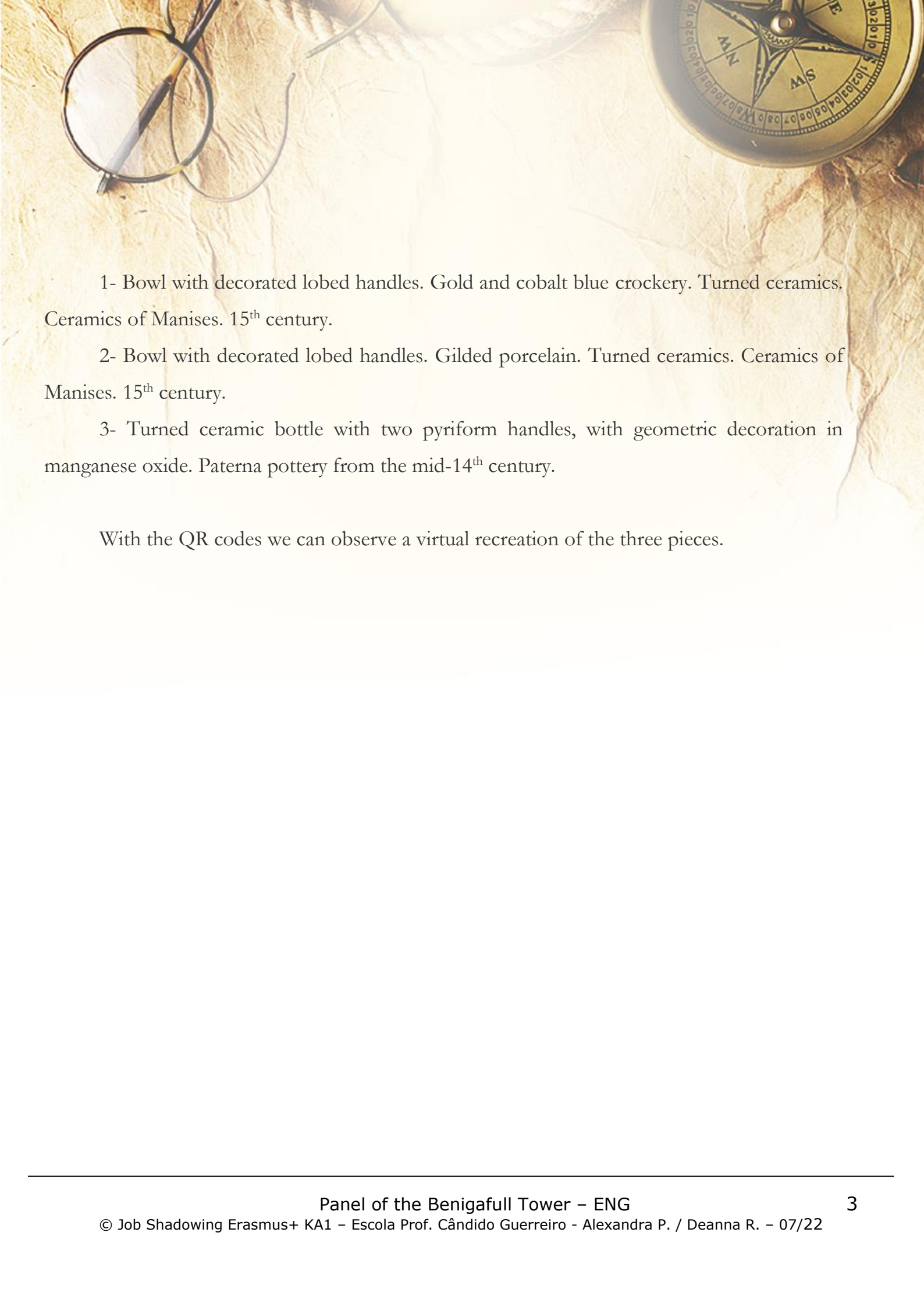
The old tower was located on the outskirts of the vanished “*Benigafull*” farm from which it takes its name. Thanks to the materials found during the archaeological excavation in 1997, it has been dated to the mid-14th century.

In 1897, the Council of la Vall d’Uixó ordered its demolition, arguing that it was intended to create a space for public use in its place. The vestiges that have been preserved are now catalogued as an Asset of Cultural Value.

The tower presented a rectangular plan and it was built with stones fixed with plaster, at least until the first section, since according to the vestiges that remain, we can assume that the upper sections were made with solid brick and that the tower was topped with a roof of tiles. Inside, we have to highlight the traces of its floor, made up of decorated tiles and of hexagonal terracotta tiles.

There are various suppositions about the former tower of the ducal manor house. Some are based on the oral tradition of the older people of la Vall d’Uixó, who knew it, and others on the records provided by archaeology collected by excavations in 1997. Here it is an approximation of its possible original image: on the left it is a scale model by Miguel Giménez and, above it, a drawing by José Enrique Puchol and another by Vicente Castelló Sau.

Several ceramic pieces discovered during the excavation of the tower, in 1997 have been restored and deposited at the Municipal Archaeological Museum. From left to right we can see:



1- Bowl with decorated lobed handles. Gold and cobalt blue crockery. Turned ceramics. Ceramics of Manises. 15th century.

2- Bowl with decorated lobed handles. Gilded porcelain. Turned ceramics. Ceramics of Manises. 15th century.

3- Turned ceramic bottle with two pyriform handles, with geometric decoration in manganese oxide. Paterna pottery from the mid-14th century.

With the QR codes we can observe a virtual recreation of the three pieces.