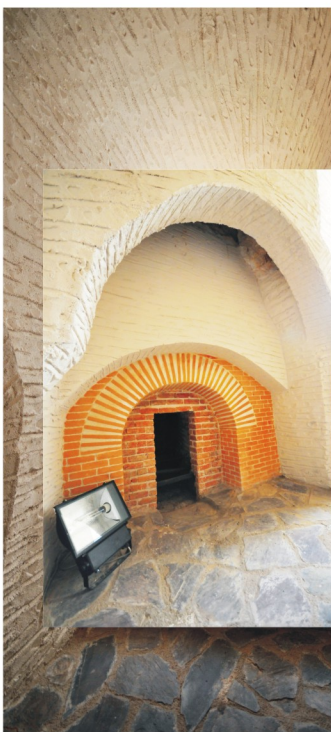




MUĞLA MUNICIPALITY SEKİBAŞI BATH



Sekibaşı Bath

The bath that is located in the Hamamönü part of the Mugla's Sekibaşı District and that remains within the urban protection area is understood from its layout to belong to the 15th century. Only the hot rooms, water cistern and furnace of the bath complex have remained intact while the warm rooms and dressing rooms have collapsed. The dressing room with a flat wooden ceiling, which is in ruins today, was probably added to the building after a repair conducted at the end of the 19th century. With respect to its heat scheme the building is an example of the "cross-shaped, four terraced and corner-cell type" Turkish bath architecture. The fact that it is one of the earliest buildings that have survived increases its importance.



The Story of the Bath...

The first owners of the bath were "Camcılar" family living in Muslihittin district and giving their surname to a street in there. The owner of Sekibaşı Bath changed in the beginning of the 20th century and it passed to Gölçüklüoğlu Hacı Salih from Ula. During this period, Hamdi Kırkalı dealt with the bath. In 1950 - 1960, after Şeref Narin, who bought it from Hacı Salih, had operated the bath for a long time, he handed over the bath to Mahmut Baltacı.

The bath that was operated by Mahmut Baltacı until 1970 and his son Bekir Baltacı between 1970 - 1974 was then closed due to reasons such as water shortage.

The building that was not operated until 1977 was restored by its last owner Yılmaz Ercan and was donated to the Mugla Municipality.

(from the archive of Ünal Türkeş)

The Current Function of the Bath ,

The Sekibaşı bath, the restoration works of which are newly completed, shall be used as a City Archive in which written sources and documents regarding Mugla Municipality, Mugla and its vicinity shall be kept and a culture centre where exhibitions and concerts shall be held.

