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Nous voici dans la cour du couvent, face à vous l'aile gauche, polychrome en briques et en pierres. Elle sera construite de 1644 à 1652.

Un avant-corps vient rythmer la façade. Vous pouvez y voir des niches, probablement pourvues à l'origine de sculptures. Remarquez également les cinq baies géminées (à l'origine il y en avait sept) arrondies par le haut, partagées par une colonne dont le chapiteau ionique est orné de

coquilles, de monogrammes et de symboles religieux.

En 1679, commença la construction de l'aile droite, plus sobre, dans laquelle seront probablement installées les salles de classes ouvertes à toutes les filles des alentours.

L'ensemble sera terminé en 1747 avec la reconstruction de la chapelle (actuel cinéma) qui fut

endommagée lors du grand incendie du 19 juin 1679.

A la Révolution, les religieuses seront chassées. L'ancien couvent deviendra propriété de l'État. Napoléon III, de passage à Carentan en 1858, remettra les bâtiments à la ville.

Les services de la Mairie, alors installés Place de la République, y emménageront en 1926.

THE AUGUSTINIAN CONVENT

Here you are in the courtyard of the convent. In front of you is the left wing with multicoloured bricks and stones. It was built between 1644 and 1652.

A projection punctuates the facade. The niches that you see there were most likely built to house sculptures. Notice also the five bay with twin windows (there were originally seven) semi rounded at the top shared by a column with an ionic capital

decorated with sea shells, monograms and religious symbols.

In 1679, the construction of the less ornate right wing began. This is where the classrooms were most likely situated and opened to the girls of the surrounding area.

The whole complex was completed in 1747 with the construction of the chapel (currently a movie theatre), which was damaged during a large fire on June 19, 1679.

During the French Revolution, the nuns were driven out, and the convent became a property of the State. Napoleon III gave back the buildings to the town when passing through Carentan in 1858.

The Town Hall's departments, which at the time were located in the Place de la République, moved into the former convent in 1926.

