



THE SMALL HOUSE OF THE LIGHT (S.XX)

In 1918, the **Monteserín & Compañía** company for the production of brushes began the electrification of its industry. To do this, José Monteserín Juárez, a resident of Fines based in Barcelona and owner of the brand, decides to create a second company called **Monteserín & Compañía - Santa Engracia** in order to resell the surplus electricity contracted for his business.

Through a contract between the company and the City Council of Fines, this surplus would be supplied to the municipality for the first municipal public lighting and those individuals who would like to have electricity for their own use.



Poster Hydro-electric Monteserín & Compañía.

The transformer that we see today, popularly known as “The Small House of the Light”, was built in 1920 by this company to supply electricity from the general line of the Hydro-electric Company of Almanzora. It is a forty-two square meter and seven meter high construction made of masonry. Originally it had a roof of mixed truss of wood, iron and flat tile.

The primitive lighting passed through the streets Lázaro (now Alejandro Estrada), Carrerón, Levante, del Medio, Nueva, Callejón, Travesía Alta, Travesía de Lázaro, Honda, Plaza de la Iglesia, Plaza de la Constitución, Real and the streets of the Jail and Baza (current Avenida del Rey Juan Carlos I).