

THE FALK BREWERY PROPERTY AT SOUTH 29th & PIERCE IN MILWAUKEE
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1854 -- Frederick Goes & Franz Falk form a partnership and begin brewing out of the former Eagle Brewery site located at the north west corner of 8th and Prairie (known today as Highland) in 1854.

1856 -- Detmar Fishbeck and his wife August Wilhelimme Fishbeck sell a property described as follows "part of the NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 sections of Section 36 in Town 7, Range 21 East, beginning at a point in the North line of said Section, 11 & 94/100 chains West of Northeast corner, thence West on Section line, 7 & 54/100 chains, thence South 38 & 84/100 chains to the North West corner of stable, thence continuing South 2 & 78/100 chains to the center of the Milwaukee (Waukesha) Plank Road, thence North eighty-three degrees, Forty-five minutes East 7 & 57/100 chains, thence North 40 & 63/100 chains to the place of beginning, containing 31.02 acres of land, and all the building and improvements thereon" To Frederick Goes and Franz Falk. on July 23, 1856 for \$12,000. The transaction and sale is subject to a \$5,000 mortgage dated November 8, 1855. vol 53 pages 432 & 433

1866 -- The brewing partnership of Goes & Falk has ended and the two properties have now been divided. Franz Falk and Frederick Goes are identified in a document dated May 1, 1866, as owners and also as "tenants in common" of a brewing property, valued at \$37,000, located on Block 161 in the Second Ward of Milwaukee, which is located on 8th Street between Prairie Street (Highland) & Chestnut (Juneau). It also states that they own about 31 plus acres in Section 36, Town 7, Range 21 which is valued at \$32,000. The pair split the properties and Franz Falk acquires full ownership of the 31 plus acres, future site of his "New Bavaria Brewery" from Frederick Goes and his wife and Goes gets the brewery property on Block 161 at 8th & Highland which is valued at \$27,000. An agreement is reached whereas Franz Falk receives the 31 acres, and in return, Frederick Goes takes control of their brewery property on Block 161. The transaction is recorded on May 11, 1866. vol 93 pages 469 to 471 plus 472

1892 -- The Falk, Jung & Borchert Brewing Company sell the former Franz Falk Bavaria Brewery, located along the former Waukesha & Milwaukee Plank Road (South 29th & Pierce), along with their second brewery (known as the Ogden Avenue Brewery) which was located on Ogden & Broadway in Milwaukee, plus all their other 50 plus land holdings, to the Pabst Brewing Company on October 25, 1892 and the transaction is finalized on November 5, 1892. No money is involved in the transaction, however, members of both the Falk and the Borchert family, plus Phillip Jung receive compensation in the form of "stock" in the Pabst Brewing Company which amounts to about \$500,000. As a condition of the sale, Frank R. Falk becomes treasure of Pabst and Ernst Borchert becomes a second vice-president of the Pabst Corporation. vol 302 pages 411, 412 & 413

1895 -- On May 7th the assets of the former Falk, Jung & Borchert Brewery located on South 29th Street, now owned by Pabst Brewing Company, are listed as: Ice Machine House at \$3,500, Boiler House at \$5,200, Beer Storage House (stock house which still stand as of 2007) at \$5,250 (the largest value), Ice house at \$2,400, Sheds at \$1,100, Bottling House at \$14,000, Stable at \$7,500, Horse Manure Shed at \$150, Horse Shaving (horse bedding) Shed at \$40, Boiler House (secondary) at \$500, Water Tank House at \$1,000, Blacksmith Shop (newer) at \$1,200, Blachsmith Shop (old) at \$300, Office Building \$3,600 and Brew House (partially destroyed in earlier fire) at \$2,500 for a total appraised value of \$98,240. This listing does not include their former brewery property located on Ogden Avenue.

1900 -- The Borchert Malting company is formed and their malting operation is now operating out of the former Falk, Jung & Borchert Brewery stock house located at South 29th & Pierce.

1919 -- The Borchert Malting Company transfers Lot 6 in Block 5, the malt plant and grain elevator located at South 29th & Pierce, including an adjoining property, to J. M. Riebs Jr. of Milwaukee on July 15th, 1919 for one dollar. The transaction is signed by Max Borchert, president and Joseph Mueller, secretary of the Borchert Malting Company. vol 787 page 535

1971 -- The very last surviving wooden Grain Elevator in Milwaukee, now owned by the "L. M. Riebs Grain & Malt Co.", located at 29th & Pierce and formerly owned by Borchert Malting Company, is totally destroyed in a fire on Thursday November 11, 1971.

2009 -- The property has been transferred from Steven J. Ignasiak of 27515 Durand Ave in Burlington, Wisconsin (phone 414 406 9800) to the Fellowship Straightway Vineyard Christian Church on July 19, 2009 (record updated on October 20, 2011) Taxkey Number 424-9995-1000.