

FIELD SURVEY AND NOMINATION FORM
Landmarks Commission
City of Waukesha

1. NAME

- a. Historic Name *John P. Buchner's Spring*
 b. Common Name *Buchner Spring*

2. LOCATION

(Provide street number and name or a description of location if number and name are not available.)

In Buchner Park on Oakland Ave. near the Pool house

3. CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY (Check one item in each category)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Status</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in Progress
<input type="checkbox"/> District	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	_____	
<u>Accessible</u>	<u>Present Use</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence
	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Spring</i>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name
 Address
 City, State, Zip Code
 Telephone Number

If responsible party is other than owner, please provide the same information for responsible party.

City of Waukesha

4. (Continued)

Name City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department

Address 1900 Aviation Drive

City, State,
ZipCode Waukesha, WI 53188

Telephone Number 262-524-3737

5. DESCRIPTION (Check one item in each category)

<u>Condition</u>		<u>State</u>	<u>Site</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

In the space provided below describe in detail the present and original (if known) physical appearance. Unique details or unusual features should be noted. Attach photographs that clearly reveal the major points covered in the description.

6. **PROVIDE A SKETCH MAP**, drawn to scale if possible, showing locational details of the subject with respect to the lot on which it is located and to the immediate surrounding area.

7. SIGNIFICANCE

<u>Period</u>	<u>Areas of Significance—Check And Justify Below</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Archeology-Prehisotirc	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> Archeology-Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Military/Police
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Music
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation/Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Economics/Finances	<input type="checkbox"/> Science
	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture
	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Humanitarian
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exploration/Settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater
	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry/Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

Specific Dates

1877- land purchased by John Buchner
 1915 - deeded to city
 1923- land officially becomes
 John P. Buchner Spring Park + Playground

Property owner:

Builder:
 Architect:
 Other:

John P. Buchner
 Dr. Volney L. Moore

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In the space provided below, provide an explanation of and justification for the significance attached to the subject as noted above.

7. SIGNIFICANCE:

One of the few springs remaining in Waukesha. In agreement with the city John Buchner says "the city shall always maintain the spring in a suitable condition." (1915 Freeman article)

8. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES (Use a standard bibliographical listing to note specific sources consulted in preparing this form, especially items 5 & 7.)

"The Great Waukesha Springs Era 1868-1918" - John M. Schoenknecht
Waukesha Freeman, Sept. 5, 1918 - Spring Water Free
Waukesha Freeman, Dec. 9, 1915 - Buchner offers City Playground
Waukesha Freeman, Feb. 3, 1916 - J. P. Buchner Park Appears Assured
Waukesha Freeman, Dec 9, 1915 - Comment and opinion - John P.
Buchner

9. FORM PREPARED BY:

Name Linda Hansen

Date _____

Organization Waukesha Landmarks

Telephone 262-544-6823

Address 249 Frederick St

City Waukesha, WI 53186

41, Schaeffle 28.
 Village. Governor—Phil-
 x 23, Tittlemore 5; coun-
 undson 25, Koehler 32;
 air 31, Sleep 21; sher-
 36, Schaeffle 14.
 Governor—Philipp 37,
 Tittlemore 22; county
 son 30, Koehler 98;
 air 45, Sleep 79; sher-
 13, Schaeffle 19.
 Town. Governor—
 Wilcox 16, Tittlemore 30;
 —Amundson 35, Koehler
 —Blair 35, Sleep 33;
 rd 36, Schaeffle 34.
 Falls. Governor
 Wilcox 18, Tittlemore 8;
 —Amundson 32, Koehler
 —Blair 26, Sleep 31;
 rd 38, Schaeffle 23.
 Governor—Philipp 11,
 Tittlemore 0; county clerk
 11, Koehler 16; treasur-
 Sleep 15; sheriff—Red-
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 Tittlemore 8; county clerk
 30, Koehler 30; treasur-
 Sleep 24; sheriff—Red-
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 Governor—Philipp 31,
 Tittlemore 28; county
 son 72, Koehler 46;
 air 34, Sleep 70; sheriff
 Schaeffle 45.
 Governor—Philipp 23,
 Tittlemore 9; county clerk
 6, Koehler 37; treasurer
 Sleep 20; sheriff—Redford
 13; assembly—Buckley
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 Village. Governor—
 Wilcox 29, Tittlemore 10;
 —Amundson 19, Koehler
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 Town. Governor—
 Wilcox 76, Tittlemore 12;
 —Amundson 115, Koeh-
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 rd 36, Schaeffle 85.
 City, 1st Precinct.
 ilpp 134, Wilcox 92;
 county clerk—Amund-
 46; treasurer—Blair
 4; sheriff—Redford 74.
 City, Second Precinct.
 ilpp 66, Wilcox 49,
 county clerk—Amund-
 19; treasurer—Blair
 ; sheriff—Redford 51.
 Town. Governor—Pho-
 Tittlemore 12; coun-

Attorney General—Blaine 1760,
 Haven 650.
 Congressional:
 Congressional—Cooper 1335 Ran-
 dall 1449,
 Assembly—Buckley 852, Freehoff
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FREE GRADING OF WHEAT.

Any farmer who will take a five
 pound sample of his wheat to the
 County Exhibit Building at the State
 Fair can have it graded, the moisture
 and the per cent of dockage deter-
 mined free of charge while he waits.
 This is an opportunity to establish
 the correct grade for the wheat. Any
 farmer who wishes his wheat graded
 but who will be unable to get to the
 fair can send the five pound sample to
 County Agent J. E. Stallard, Wauke-
 sha, and he will take it in and have
 it graded. The wheat will be re-
 turned to the farmer.

**DAVE HAS GONE TO
GET A HUN FOR JOE**

Washington, D. C., Sept. 3.—When
 David Thomas, a U. S. Marine from
 Billings, Mont., finished out his four
 years as a sea-soldier, he bade fare-
 well to his bunkie, Joseph S. Wilkes,
 of Salt Lake, whom he had induced
 to enlist in the "Devil Dog" outfit.
 "You go to school, Dave," said Joe.
 "I will get you a Hun. But if they
 get me, it is up to you to get one for
 me."
 So Dave went back to school, and
 Joe went to France with the Marines.
 One day Dave saw Joe's death report-
 ed in the casualty list.
 "I am not afraid of being killed,
 but I am afraid of being a coward,"
 said Dave, as he signed up for another
 "hitch" at the Marine Corps re-
 cruiting station. He is now on the
 way to get that Hun for Joe.

SPRING WATER FREE.

All citizens are welcome to secure
 supplies of spring water free at Buch-
 ner's park, on Broadway. There is
 an abundance for all who may desire
 to supply themselves.

A special business meeting of the
 Waukesha Musicals is called for 7:30
 Monday evening, Sept. 9, at the home
 of Mrs. C. F. Hawley.

FOR SALE

Overland, 5-passenger car, in first-
 class condition; 1197 model, with
 hood cover, extra tire, demountable
 rims, and wood chairs.

ARTHUR D. GASPARI

145 Broadway

later.
 One night one of the girls said to
 her friend, as they came out of the
 cabin: "Now you can see where I
 am, by my watch"; and suddenly out
 of the dark a hand struck her wrist,
 and a man said: "Keep that light out
 of sight." She was simply petrified
 and said, "Oh, yes, yes, yes. I'll
 pull my sleeve up over it," and some
 one replied: "Well, see that you keep
 it there." The other night two men—
 officia and soldier, woke us up. (We
 were sleeping on deck), and said "Did
 you light a cigarette?" This was
 about 1 o'clock A. M. No one is al-
 lowed to light a match or smoke af-
 ter supper, and dearie me, but the
 men do hate it.

The port holes are all closed down
 stairs, so there is no air. Mine is an
 inside state room, but that makes no
 difference, as the outside ones have
 no air. You can imagine how terrific
 the air becomes down there; so
 many of us sleep on deck, in our deck
 chairs, and I could write an entire
 volume on that subject, alone. You
 have a serious time getting fixed,—in
 the first place you turn the front
 chair around so you can have a doub-
 le affair and often have a bad time
 because you're likely to get a chair
 with some one in it. After this is
 done, all the things you brought out
 are lost—your steamer rug, your life-
 preserver, your slippers and your toi-
 let articles. Then you begin to feel
 carefully around all over to locate
 them. And, believe me, they seem to
 have slipped off the earth completely.
 At last, however, they are found, and
 you are settled in your chair with
 your life-preserver under your pillow,
 because it is especially necessary to
 know its location at night.

Just as you are dropping off to
 sleep the French people come up to
 their seats on deck, deciding it is too
 hot to sleep below. French people
 jabber worse than,—well, worse than
 a group of school girls. These French
 people are, however, very nice. Early
 in the morning, about 4:30, the
 deck hands begin washing the decks,
 and we all have to go below. Some
 people sleep blissfully on, but we
 haven't the courage. We go down
 stairs, dress, come back up, doze and
 walk until 7 o'clock, when our "petite
 dejeuner" comes. This is coffee or
 chocolate and bread, hominy and on-
 ion soup; if you wish them. You can
 also have the bread toasted—"petite
 rotis". The bread is the same at
 every meal, gray, cut in hunks—a
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lore of the Buchner pool

As summer winds down, the end of the outdoor swimming season is at hand. It's easy to take municipal swimming pools for granted, but one of them has an interesting history. The Buchner pool in Waukesha was named for an early settler who donated the land for the pool and the park surrounding it.

Born in Bavaria in 1835, **John Paul Buchner** came to the United States with his family when he was 5 years old. The Buchners eventually settled on a farm in New Berlin. Lured by tales of gold, John joined the gold rush to the West in 1851. For more than five years, he mined in the vicinity of Sacramento, where he met with success.

In 1857, he returned home and bought his father's 165-acre farm. He married **Della Snyder** that year and, before her death in 1867, they had three children. Buchner was active in civic affairs, serving as the County Board supervisor from New Berlin.

In the same year that his first wife died, Buchner re-married. **Isabelle Hoag** of Waukesha was his second wife; they had one daughter. The late Waukesha County historian **Willard S. Griswold** recorded in the Waukesha County Historical Society's quarterly publication, *Landmark*, that after Isabelle's death in 1893, Buchner married two more times, both ending in divorce. That, said Griswold, "greatly depleted his resources." Griswold also assumed that his reduced financial state may have been the reason that none of his four children, who did not live out their lives in Waukesha, were named in his will.

When Buchner moved to Waukesha in 1877, he again involved

himself in the community, serving as a street commissioner and as an alderman. He also engaged in a number of successful real estate dealings and in 1879 built the imposing Cream City brick home that still stands at 609 E. Broadway. Large bay windows, porches with pillars, elongated windows symmetrically arranged, tall decorative chimneys and ornamental roof brackets under the eaves characterized the home.

Throughout the years, the home has been changed with several additions. The current owner is sandblasting the exterior bricks to return them to their original cream color. Many years ago, the home was converted to a multi-family dwelling.

In 1915, Buchner willed 5 acres of land bounded by four streets — Oakland, Racine, Greenfield and Broadway — to the city with the stipulation that it be used as a park with a children's playground. Further, the city was to pay \$500 for the property, settle a mortgage for \$1,500 and improve the entire plot, which included a mineral spring. In addition, the city was to hold a children's festival in the park in Buchner's memory on the second Saturday of June each year.

Buchner died in 1923. By 1928, the city had built the first municipal swimming pool in the park. It is still called the Buchner pool. In the early years, part of the pool was bordered by sand. An elaborate fountain sprayed skyward in the children's pool. All summer

long, people gathered there. Even if they didn't go in swimming, they lined up along the outside the chain link fence watching those inside.

Buchner donated the residue of his estate, between \$700 and \$800, to the Waukesha Public Library to purchase

children's books. Although his own children were not mentioned in his will, the children of Waukesha still benefit from his thoughtfulness.

CLOSE TO HOME

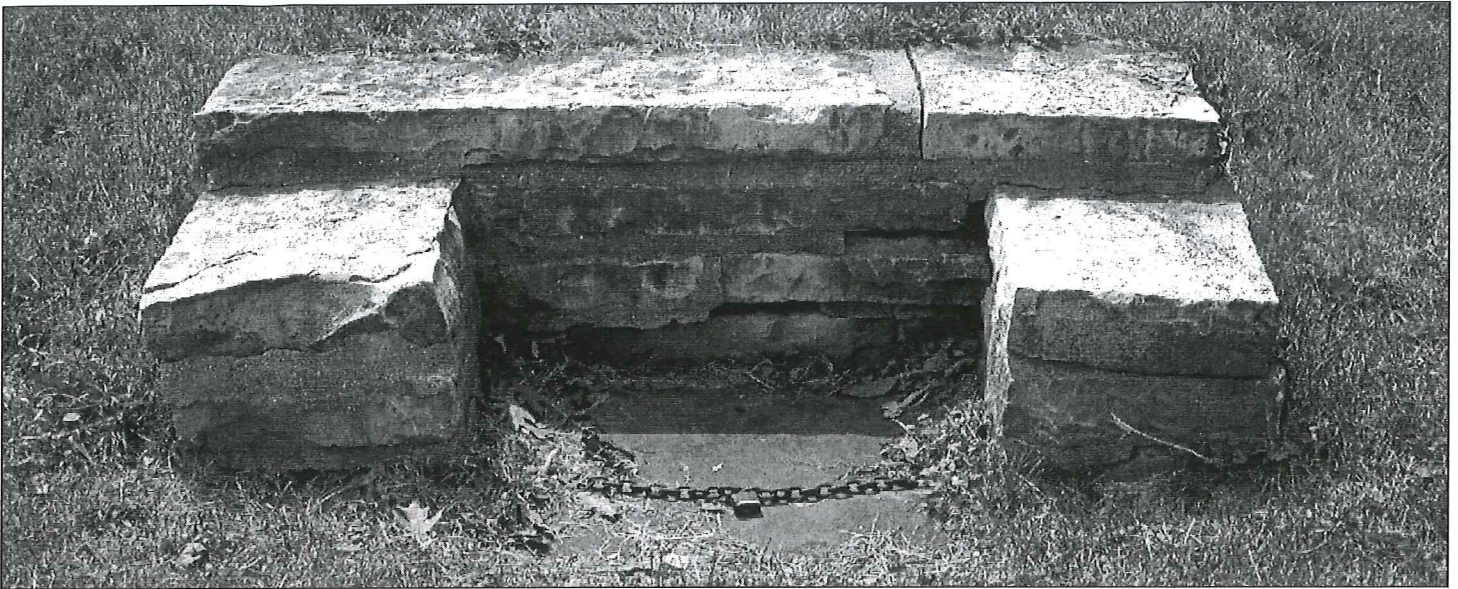


LORAYNE RITT



John Paul Buchner, 1835-1923.

Lorayne Ritt can be reached at (262) 542-6797. Her fax number is (262) 650-0275.



Buchner Spring lies locked beneath a metal cover in Buchner Park.

All citizens are welcome to secure supplies of spring water free at Buchner's Park on Broadway. There is an abundance for all who may desire to supply themselves.

Buchner Park received an extensive facelift in 1937 and became the home of the city's first swimming pool and tennis courts. Buchner's Spring was given a fresh lining of limestone, and an iron cover was played over the spring. It still is active and is located to the southeast of the stairs leading to the pool.

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CAPLES SPRING



Byron Caples, M. D., established a sanitarium in Waukesha in 1898. His patients were treated for nervous disorders and mental disease. Caples' reputation and experience were major factors in the success of his hospital.

Byron Caples graduated from Williamette University in Oregon at age 29. He later attended Rush Medical College and was appointed assistant director of the Wauwatosa Sanitarium. When that institution closed, Caples married Grace Stelle, a Washington, D.C. writer. The couple spent time touring Europe, studying the sanitariums there.

Caples then opened his own sanitarium in Waukesha. It was located on forty acres which he leased from Cornelius A. Sanger, a wealthy farmer. The sanitarium was established in Sanger's huge home, which was extensively remodeled. In 1900, this building was partially burned in a fire as an

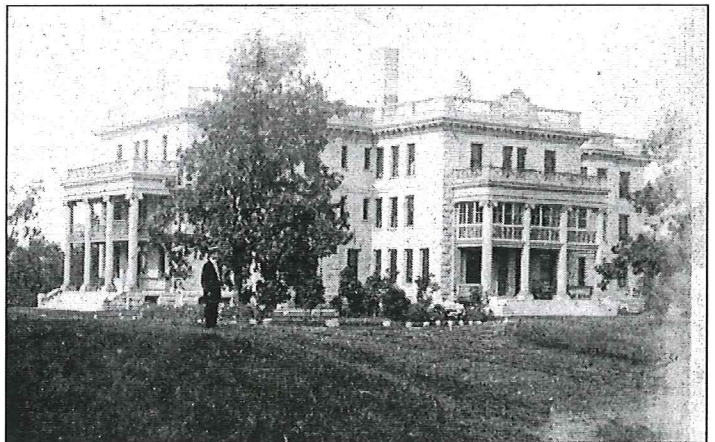
addition was being built.

A new building was constructed of fire-proof materials and opened in October of 1903. The building was lighted by gas and electricity, and had private telephones, hot water heat and ventilation in each room.

The building and grounds were bordered by Hartwell and Racine Avenues, with College Avenue on the south. The new building was built on the north side of College Avenue. The spring was located on the extensive grounds of the institution.

Not much else is known about the springhouse. It was located in an octagonal structure constructed of concrete. It was pictured in advertising booklets for the sanitarium and on post cards.

Some of the land became the site for Catholic Memorial High School and St. Mary's Church after Caples' death in



Caples Spring on the grounds of the Waukesha Springs Sanitarium.

John P. Buchner, et al to City of Wausau.

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W. Seed.

This indenture, made this 25th day of March, 1916, by and between John P. Buchner, a single man of Wausau, Wisconsin and Henry Lockney and J. H. A. Tacher, of Wausau, Wisconsin, as trustees under a certain trust deed dated December 6th, 1915 and Mary J. Lockney, wife of said Henry Lockney and Louise Tacher, wife of said J. H. A. Tacher, parties of the first part, and City of Wausau, a municipal corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and its successors and assigns, party of the second part, Witnesses:

That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to them, in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in consideration of the acceptance and performance by party of the second part of the obligations and conditions hereinafter mentioned, have given, granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, alieneed, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part and to its successors and assigns forever, the following described real estate in the County of Wausau and State of Wisconsin, to-wit:

All that part of the South East Quarter (S.E. 1/4) of Section number Two (2) in Township Six (6) North, Range Nineteen (19) East; and of the North East Quarter (N.E. 1/4) of Section Eleven (11), same town and range, described as follows: Commencing at a stone land mark, set in the South East corner of Haystack Addition to Wausau, and being at a point North six (6) degrees Twenty (20) minutes East One Hundred and Sixty (100.6) feet from said quarter post; thence North Two degrees East 89.7 feet to an iron stake on the South line of Broadway; thence South by degree along the South line of Broadway 188 feet to an iron stake on the East bank of said ditch or creek; thence South 3 1/2 degrees East and along the East bank of said ditch or creek 158 feet; South 1/2 degree East 48.2 feet; South 3 degrees, 20 minutes East 42 1/2 feet to a post in the North line of Racine Avenue; thence North 53 degrees West and along the North line of said Racine Avenue 204 1/2 feet to an angle point; thence North 36 1/2 degrees West 131 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 4.64 acres of land, being the same lands described, and intended to be conveyed in a certain deed from John P. Buchner to Henry Lockney and J. H. A. Tacher as Trustees dated Dec. 6th, 1915, together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever, of the said parties of the first part, either in law or equity, either in possession or expectancy, in and to the above bargained premises, their hereditaments and appurtenances.

To Have And To Hold the said above described premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, as aforesaid, its successors and assigns forever, in fee, for the uses, interests and purposes hereinafter limited, described and declared, and subject to the life estate hereinafter reserved, that is to say:

The said lands and premises shall forever be known, called and referred to in all official matters relating thereto as "The John P. Buchner Spring Park and Childrens' Playground"; the southern portion thereof, now free from trees and open, shall always be so kept and used for childrens' playground and athletic field for all the children of said city.

and the remainder of said tract shall be used as a free public park for all
 the people of said city; and said lands shall never be used for any other
 purposes than above described. No buildings except such as are necessary
 for the above purposes shall ever be erected thereon and no part thereof shall
 ever be used as a street. The said park shall be suitably maintained
 by said city forever for said purposes; and said city shall always main-
 tain the spring now on said premises in a suitable condition; after
 the death of said Buchner said city shall cause to be erected and
 maintained at or near said spring in said park a bronze tablet to
 cost not more than fifty dollars to be selected by said trustees or
 their successors, with a suitable inscription thereon to be approved by
 them, stating among other things the name of the grantor herein, the
 date of his birth and death and expressing due appreciation of his
 generosity. Said city shall cause to be held and observed on the second
 Saturday of every June forever, a children's festival under the direction
 of the proper officials of said city, at which festival the said tablet shall
 be decorated with flowers and said festival shall be held in said
 park and shall be called "The John P. Buchner Children's Festival".
 The said city shall protect and preserve that certain small tree planted
 by said Buchner and surrounded by a stone wall, the location of which
 is known to Henry Rooney, one of the said trustees, and shall utilize
 as far as practicable such young trees as have been planted by grantor
 in the beautification of said park transplanting them to proper locations
 when necessary. The small building in which said Buchner has
 lived for some time shall be permitted to stand and be made use of so
 long as it is in condition to be so used. The said city shall forever
 maintain in said park a suitable flagstaff generally similar to the one
 now erected there by grantor and shall keep flying and displayed
 thereon a suitable American flag. Said city shall cause to be erected
 at the grave of said Buchner on this lot in the Waukegan Cemetery a
 monument suitably inscribed to cost not less than One Hundred and
 fifty dollars and shall forever suitably care for his grave and it shall
 cause his grave to be appropriately decorated with flowers on each
 Memorial Day. All matters of selection of grave stone and inscription
 thereon shall be under the direction and with the approval of said trustees.
 Said city assumes and agrees to pay off the mortgage of about Fif-
 teen Hundred dollars and interest which is now of record covering
 the whole tract, the westerly part whereof is hereby conveyed, and in
 addition thereto pay to said trustees the sum of Five Hundred
 dollars; it shall also release, waive or pay all street improvement
 or other special taxes or assessments which have been levied or as-
 sessed or withheld and carried into bonds against the whole of said
 tract, the westerly part whereof is hereby conveyed. It shall also re-
 lieve, waive or pay all taxes of any kind whatsoever against said
 tract hereby conveyed, or his life estate therein, during the life of
 said grantor. The said grantor Buchner retains the right to the use,
 occupation and possession of said lands hereby conveyed during his
 life, and so long as said grantor shall live the use of said lands for
 park purposes shall be under the supervision, direction and control of
 said trustees.

And the said John P. Buchner, one of said grantors, for him self,

his heirs, executors, and administrators, does covenant, grant, bargain and agree to and with the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns that at the time of the making and delivery of these presents he is well seized of the premises above described, as of a good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in the law, of fee simple, and that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances whatever, except a certain mortgage of record and improvement taxes and general taxes and that the above bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming the whole or any part thereof, he will forever warrant and defend.

And the said John P. Buchner, hereby expressly ratifies and agrees to the changes which have been made in the phraseology and conditions of the said deed of Dec. 6, 1915 as hereby expressed.

This deed is given without actual consideration and merely to correct or particularize the description contained in the deed with same parties dated February 15th, 1916.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals this 25th day of March A. D. 1916.

Signed, Sealed and delivered
 in Presence of
 J. K. Lowry
 Maria B. Rowell.

John P. Buchner (seal)
 Henry Lockney (seal)
 J. H. A. Lacher (seal)
 Mary L. Lockney (seal)
 Louis Lacher (seal)

State of Wisconsin }
 Waushara County } ss.

Personally came before me this 25th day of March, 1916, the above named, John P. Buchner, Henry Lockney, J. H. A. Lacher, Mary L. Lockney and Louis Lacher, to me known to be the identical persons who executed the above and foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

(Notary Seal)

Maria B. Rowell
 Notary Public, Waushara County, Wisconsin.
 My Commission Expires June 2, 1918.

Recorded April 10th, 1916,
 at 11:55 o'clock A.M.
 G. J. Anderson, Register

THE JOHN P. BUCHNER SPRING

John Paul Buchner was born on January 3, 1832 in Bavaria, Germany. At age 5, he and his family left their home for the United States. The journey took six weeks crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel where all passengers had to provide their own food. The family settled on a farm that they purchased from the government in the township of New Berlin, Wisconsin.

When he was of age, John left for the gold rush in California and mined 7 years. He was so successful that when he returned to New Berlin, he bought a large farm for himself. In 1857, John married Delia Snyder and had three children before her death in 1867. Buchner married again to Isabelle Hoag of Waukesha, with whom he had one daughter born in 1876.

John moved to Waukesha in 1877, involving himself in community affairs and dealt in real estate. He was always interested in any enterprise which promoted Waukesha. On January 6, 1915, Buchner deeded to the city of Waukesha, a five-acre parcel which contained many trees and a mineral spring. The spring gave Buchner numerous hours of pleasure watching neighborhood children play by it. The parcel of land was a perfect children's playground and it was for this purpose that the park was gifted.

A condition of Buchner's donation was that the city was to hold a children's festival in the park on the second Saturday of June each year and that flowers be placed near the entrance to the park in his memory.

Upon his death on March 30, 1923, at age 90, Buchner's will provided an additional 3.7 acres to be added to the park. Following Buchner's death, development of the park began in 1927.