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Brzeski rynek - folder

Historia Brzeskiego Rynku sięga XIV wieku. Od początku istnienia miasta pełniło funkcje głównego placu targowego. Dziś to reprezentacyjne miejsce odpoczynku i spotkań.

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Between 1334 and 1352 (the exact date is not known) Cracow Castellan Spycimir established the town of Brzeżek, now Brzesko, in the area of Wola Pomianowa. In 1385, Queen Jadwiga gave the town Magdeburg rights; this date is also the first mention of Brzesko. The town was built from scratch by the trade route from Silesia and Cracow to Rus. It was on a slight hill on the left bank of Uszwica, which gave it its name. The newly established town was given a fairly regular shape, with a market square, which was adapted to the local conditions. From the beginning, this town square, as in other towns, functioned as a marketplace. The market was surrounded by high-density, wooden houses, which were rather small buildings similar to rural cottages. In the central part of the square there were merchant stalls, butcheries, craft workshops and a wooden town hall. After numerous fires that hit Brzesko in 1854, 1863, 1876, 1880, 1885, 1890 and 1891 the wooden one-storey houses at the market were replaced by brick two-storey tenements with few distinctive stylistic features. An impressive Baroque statue of St Florian, the patron saint of fire fighters, was erected in the middle of the market square on 26 November 1731. The monument was sponsored by the townspeople and was given an inscription stating: "To St Florian we devote this town that so often suffers from fires."



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