

# The water in the Culot du Moulin From the Colau spring to the Michelet pump

From a communal spring located in the present-day Rue du Moulin à Eau, a large flow of water ran down the road until meeting the Jurbise stream, into which it flowed downstream from the mill. This source was known as the Colau spring.

In 1873, the beet sugar production company was founded. The company acquired the Jurbise watermill (←) and the two houses adjoining it, as well as the pasture that had formerly been the holding pool and the neighbouring buildings and land. The company built a sugar mill there and obtained permission to divert the Colau spring.

In 1886, it needed to reinvest in order to modernise the equipment. However, given that most of the shareholders had passed away, the sole remaining shareholder, Emeri Gantois, decided to close the business.

All the of the company's real estate assets were immediately acquired by Charles Michelet, director of the tile factory in Jurbise.

He cleaned up the area considerably by demolishing the factory – except for the chimney – and the dilapidated buildings. He transformed the administrative buildings and the best annexes into houses. He vaulted the part of the Colau spring that was still uncovered.



Finally, in 1892, he installed a pump at the entrance to Culot du Moulin, making access to the water easier for the residents.

To mark this philanthropic deed, he had his initials engraved on the stone at the base of the pump.