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THE OLD VINE HOUSE - ON THE TRACK OF TIME

The house was built already in the 16th century and on the spot that was at that time called Ob napajališču (By the drinking trough), which is possible to conclude from the oldest written references about today's Vojašniška ulica dating from 1472. It stood close by the town's Drava Gate, which was located where the lower end of the medieval street bearing the name Splavarski prehod (Rafters' Passage) now begins. In such a "role" the Old Vine House can be clearly seen on four preserved paintings dating from the 17 century, of which the original or copies are kept in the Regional Museum and Styrian Provincial archives in Graz.

The oldest document mentioning the house at Vojašniška 8 dates from the year 1780. At that time the house was called Pri pristaniških vratih (By the Port Gates). In the year 1844 it is registered in the cadastral register as a "tall, tiled roofed house and a side building in the street Splavarska ulica". On the ground floor it had a vaulted storehouse and a vaulted cellar for storing provisions. On the first floor there was a stuccoed vestibule, one vaulted and four stuccoed rooms as well as a vaulted kitchen with a pantry. Consequently it was an eminent building. In the courtyard there was a building with a tiled covered roof housing two stables for eight horses, rooms for the household servants and a coach house for carriages. There was also a well with a pump in the courtyard.

The complete renovation of Lent in the 1980s also included Vojašniška 8. However, later on it became obvious that radical intervention in the "invisible" structure of the building, as well as the foundations, was necessary. Thus, the Old Vine House literally and also symbolically now stands on a firm foundation.