

FUNCK Pierre

(1846 - 1932)

Luxembourg-Grund

Addendum

Co-inventors

Peter (Pierre) BENDER

was an *ingénieur/architecte* resident in Mannheim. He was an expert in designing *Eiskeller* (refrigeration cellars) for beer breweries.

He owned two German patents in this field:

DE patent 6629 dated 27 February 1879 for

Neuerungen an Eiskellern, insbesondere für Brauereien

DE patent 17526, dated 20 July 1881 for

Neuerungen an Eiskellern, insbesondere für die Keller von Brauereien

Between 1880 and 1883 Peter BENDER cooperated with FUNCK on a project in the brewery of MOUSEL frères in Clausen. ¹ The cooperation led to 3 joint inventions.

BENDER was engaged in a similar project in Switzerland in 1892 where he obtained a patent (CH5679) jointly with local inventor Karl KÖPF.

Jean-Pierre CITO (1858-1949) ²

was initially an *hôtelier* resident in Pétange (*Hôtel de la Gare*). His name as *aubergiste* in Pétange is mentioned as early as 1876 in the local press and at least up to 1881. Towards the mid-1880s he must have converted to *Mechaniker* when he associated with FUNCK to make 2 joint inventions in relation to the railway industry.

CITO and FUNCK presented their first invention in 1887 with the title of *Accouplage latéral de wagons de chemin de fer* (see invention n° 4) at the *Exposition universelle de Paris* in 1889. They were awarded a *médaille de bronze*. ³

It may also be of interest in this context to point out that Jean-Pierre's brother, Jean Nicolas CITO (1866-1949), qualified as engineer in 1891. ⁴ He left Bascharage in 1892 for the Belgian Congo to supervise the construction of the first Congolese railway line. ⁵

¹ www.industrie.lu

² [FamilySearch database](#) (GKCH-ZW7)

³ *L'indépendance luxembourgeoise*, 1 October 1889, page 2

⁴ *Luxemburger Wort*, 24 May 1948, page 5

⁵ [Wikipedia](#)