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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS NAME HISTORIC Pabst, Frederick, House AND/OR COMMON LOCATION 2000 West Wisconsin Avenue STREET & NUMBER NOT FOR PUBLICATION CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Milwaukee VICINITY OF STATE CODE county M**ilwauk**ee 53233 55 Wisconsin **CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE** _DISTRICT __PUBLIC X_OCCUPIED __AGRICULTURE __MUSEUM XBUILDING(S) **XPRIVATE** __UNOCCUPIED __COMMERCIAL __PARK __STRUCTURE __вотн _WORK IN PROGRESS X PRIVATE RESIDENCE __EDUCATIONAL __SITE **PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE** __ENTERTAINMENT __RELIGIOUS _OBJECT __IN PROCESS _YES: RESTRICTED __GOVERNMENT __SCIENTIFIC __BEING CONSIDERED __YES: UNRESTRICTED __INDUSTRIAL __TRANSPORTATION \underline{X}_{NO} __MILITARY _OTHER: OWNER OF PROPERTY NAME Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee STREET & NUMBER 345 North 95th Street CITY, TOWN STATE Wauwatosa VICINITY OF Wisconsin 53226 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE. Milwaukee County Courthouse REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. STREET & NUMBER 901 North 9th Street CITY, TOWN 53233 Milwaukee Wisconsin REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS THILE Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Buildings and Sites DATE 1971 __FEDERAL X_STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL DEPOSITORY FOR Wisconsin State Historical Society SURVEY RECORDS CITY, TOWN STATE Wisconsin 53706

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Frederick Pabst House is a three-story symmetrically planned Baroque Revival style residence of tan pressed brick, with stone quoins and carved stone and terra-cotta ornamentation based on 17th century Remaissance forms of English and Flemish derivation. The roof is covered with red Dutch pantile, and the downspouts and conductors are made of copper. The south (main) facade and west side of the building have arcaded porticos with ornamented pilasters.

Shortly after 1908, when the building was given to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese, an originally free-standing conservatory was moved and connected to the east side of the building and converted into the archbishop's chapel. The exterior of this conservatory-chapel is very Baroque in expression, with cherubs, caryatids and columns. The coach house, at the rear of the main building, was also converted at this time and made into the Chancery Office.

The symmetrically laid out interior is based on 18th century French precedent. The house originally had a men's parlor on one side of the main hall and a ladies' parlor on the other side, with the interior design and materials of each room corresponding to its users. The men's parlor was done in heavy mahogany, while the ladies' parlor was of a white enameled Rococo design. Some of the materials used on the interior are mahogany, ebony, clear finished birch, oak, marble and onyx.

The building, in excellent condition, remains very similar to its original appearance.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

1890-1892

SPECIFIC DATES

Richard Perrin, past chairman of the Milwaukee Landmarks Commission, states of this house: "If only a single building were to be chosen as Milwaukee's outstanding residential landmark, it would have to be the house that George Ferry built for Captain Pabst on grand (Wisconsin) Avenue." 1

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Ferry & Classy Milwaukee

Built for Frederick Pabst, in 1890-1892, this Baroque Revival style mansion has no match either in Milwaukee or the rest of Wisconsin. Its architect, George Bowman Ferry, was, along with E. T. Mix and H. C. Koch, one of Milwaukee's three leading architects during the 19th century, and Perrin states that this was undoubtedly his "crowning domestic work." "Abandoning the towers, turrets, and architectural furbelows of current Victorian work, George Ferry produced a house of great dignity and repose, despite heavily enriched surface treatment based on 17th century Renaissance forms of English and Flemish derivation. The interiors lean decidely on 18th century French precedent, but carefully blended and proportioned into a work of genuine distinction."

Frederick Pabst, president of the Pabst Brewing Company until his death in 1904, was one of the leading German-born citizens of Milwaukee during the 1890's. As a civic leader, he was interested in German art and culture, and was a member and officer of the Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, the Wisconsin State Historical Society, and the Musical Society of Milwaukee. Pabst is also noted for his establishment of the Pabst Theater, a National Register property, which contributed significantly to the development of the arts in Milwaukee.

Pabst lived at the residence until his death in 1904 and in 1908 the building was given to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese. It was designated as an Official Landmark of the City of Milwaukee in 1972. It is also the only Milwaukee residence mentioned in the recently published The Victorian Home in America.

Perrin, Milwaukee Landmarks, 81-85.

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As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

TITLE Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin	DATE
FOR NPS USE ONLY I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGIST	TER /
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ATTEST:	DATE 4.15.35
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