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The Marshall Józef Piłsudski Square in Warsaw and the surrounding buildings can be read about in many books and articles on the history of the capital as well as the history of architecture and urban planning. There are also significant cartographic and iconographic resources in museums and archives. The analysis of the source materials indicates a large dispersion of information. There is a lack of a compendium of knowledge regarding the origins of the Square, changes in its appearance and related design thinking. These issues are addressed in a series of articles under the common title Marshall Józef Piłsudski Square - a permanent feature in Warsaw's urban space. The aim of this article, the first in this series, is to outline the genesis of the Square and to explain the origins of the names Saxon Palace and Brühl Palace.

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