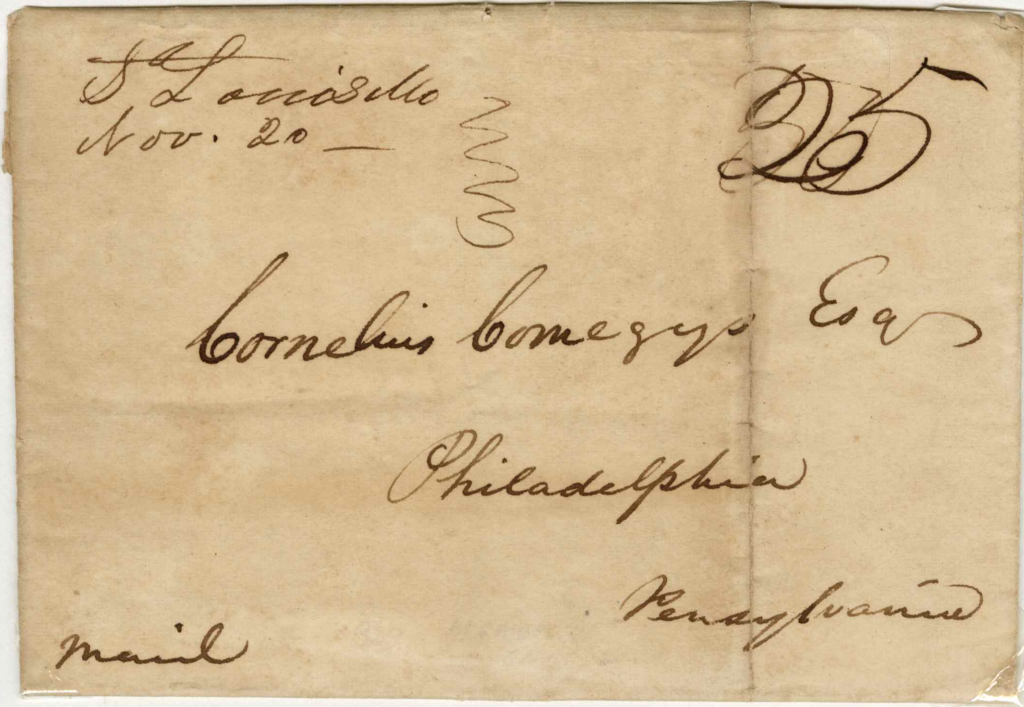


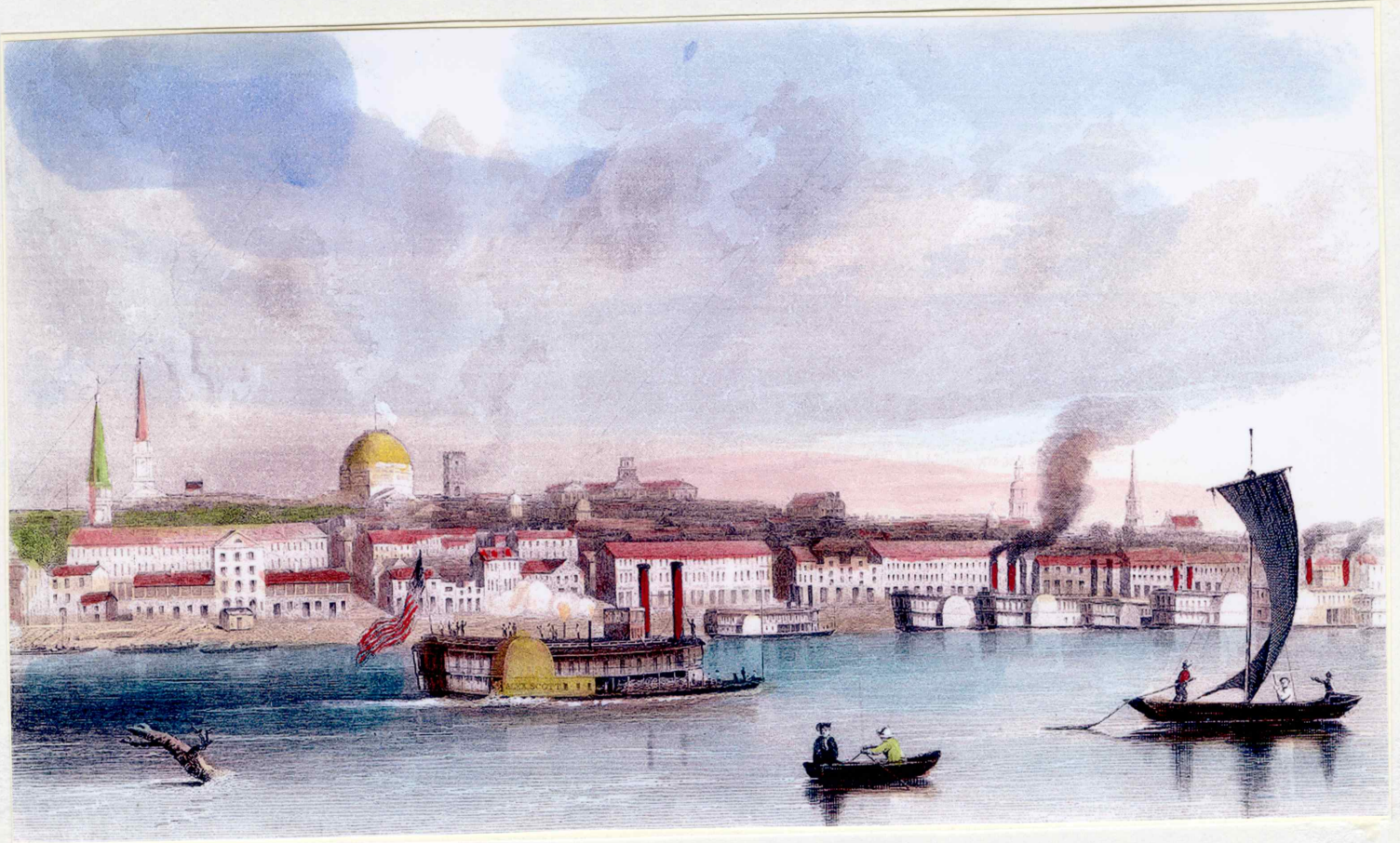
SAINT LOUIS



1827

Pierre Laclede Ligest founded the City of Saint Louis as a trading post in 1764. It was built by a party of 30 men from New Orleans under the supervision of Auguste Chouteau, Laclede's fourteen year old step-son.

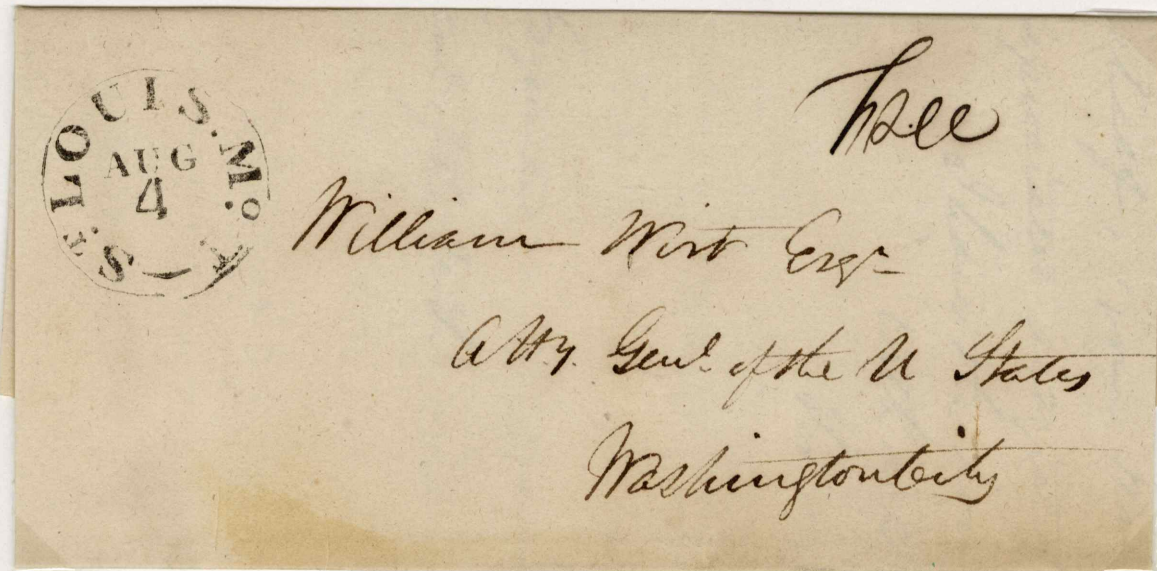
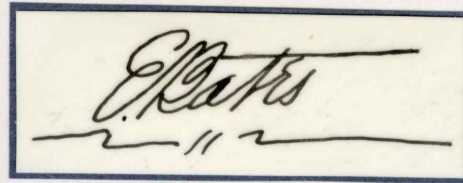
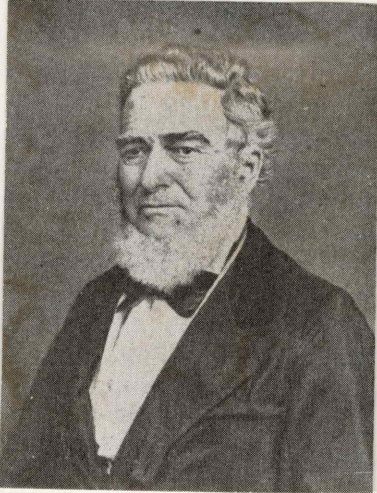
It was named Saint Louis in honor of King Louis XV of France and his patron saint, Louis IX.



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Letter from Edward Bates, U.S. District Attorney, to the Attorney General, seeking advice as to how to proceed in the matter of Spanish land grants in Missouri and Arkansas.

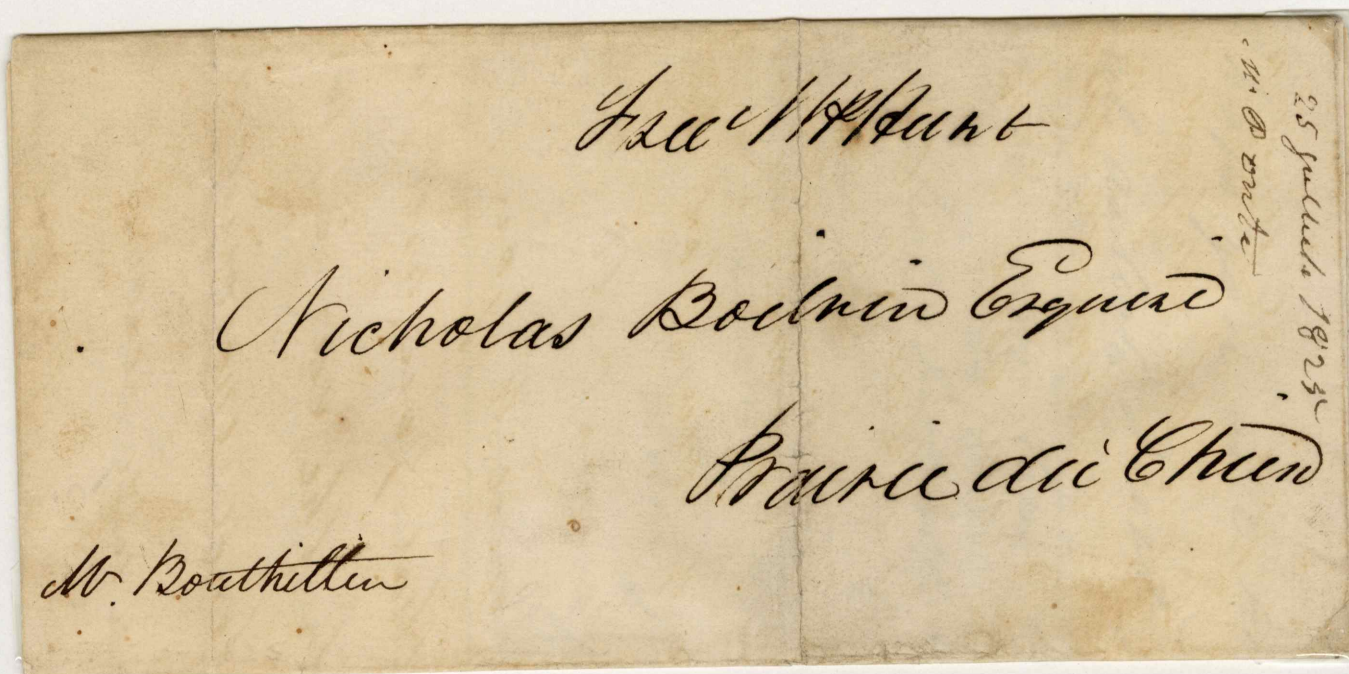
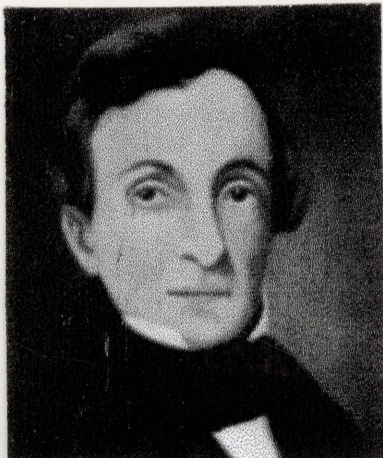
Edward was the brother of Missouri's Governor Frederick Bates. In later life he served as Lincoln's Attorney General.

The "T" of the old territorial townmark was beginning to reappear as early as 1824.

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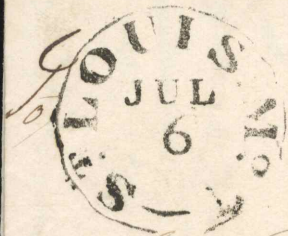
Letter dated 20 July 1825 franked by Wilson P. Hunt, although it was carried privately by favor up the Mississippi River to Prairie du Chien. It concerns the confirmation of a land title at Mine au Burton based on a Spanish grant prior to the Louisiana Purchase.

Wilson P. Hunt was the fifth postmaster at St. Louis, serving from 1822 to 1840. He was a fur trader and explorer, first appointed by President Monroe in late 1822. He was reappointed by Presidents John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren.

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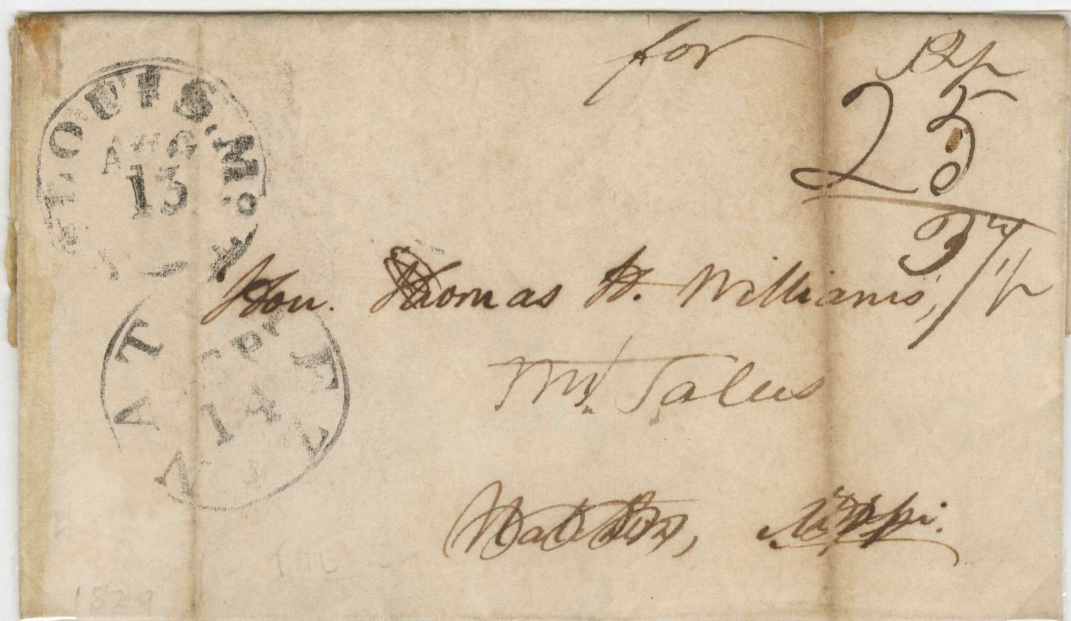
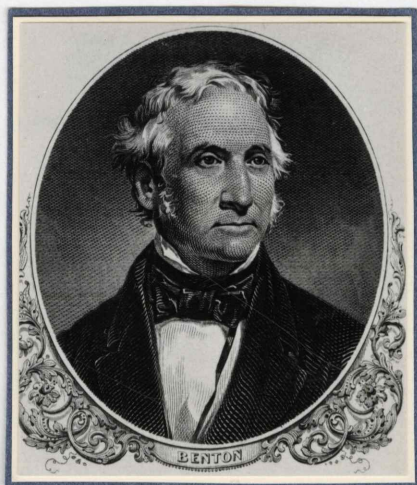
1826
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SAINT LOUIS

THOMAS HART BENTON

1829



A letter written and signed by Senator Thomas Hart Benton on August 11, 1829. It is addressed to a newspaper publisher in Mississippi, asking that his essay on the South Western boundary of the United States be published:

"There is a movement on this subject, and if you feel as I do, of which I have no doubt, your anxiety must be extreme to remove that foreign boundary which is now parallel to your west and approaches so near to it. Legislative memorials, or resolutions, condemning the treaty of 1819, and recommending the re-acquisition of the country thrown away, will have a good effect...."

While Benton had the franking privilege while Congress was in session, this letter was written between the setting of the 20th and 21st Congresses, requiring postage of 25¢ plus a forwarding fee of 12 ½¢. Since Benton did not prepay the postage, it was charged to the recipient.

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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS.

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