



# *Colonial St. Louis, 1763-1804: Society in the Wilderness*



**FREE Teacher Workshop**  
**Wednesday, July 11, and**  
**Thursday, July 12, 2012**  
**8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**at the Old Courthouse**  
**11 North 4th Street**

In 1763, Pierre Laclede, a French fur trader from New Orleans, paddled his way up the Mississippi, landing 18 miles south of the Missouri River, seeking a suitable place to establish an Indian fur trading post. Two months later, his stepson, Auguste Chouteau, returned to the site to begin construction of a village, with a French name, in what was Spanish Territory.

Within a few short years the small village of St. Louis flourished. On any given day, its population was composed of its original French settlers, small numbers of Italian, Swiss, Dutch and German settlers, free and enslaved African-Americans, Spanish authorities, American Indians. The diversity of people and the harmony in which they lived produced a small wilderness town with a cosmopolitan attitude.

In this workshop, designed for middle and high school educators, participants will take away content knowledge, primary documents, classroom activities, lesson plans, field trip ideas and **FREE Books**.

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**Day 1: Presentations at the Old Courthouse**

Featuring:

**J. Frederick Fausz, author of**

*Founding St. Louis, First City of the New West*

**Dr. Robert Moore**

National Park Service Historian

**Day 2: Trip to Illinois French Heritage Sites**

**Cahokia Courthouse**

**Holy Family Parish Log Church**

**Jarrot Mansion**

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**Parking is FREE.**

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**Space is limited.** For reservations or for more information, please call  
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