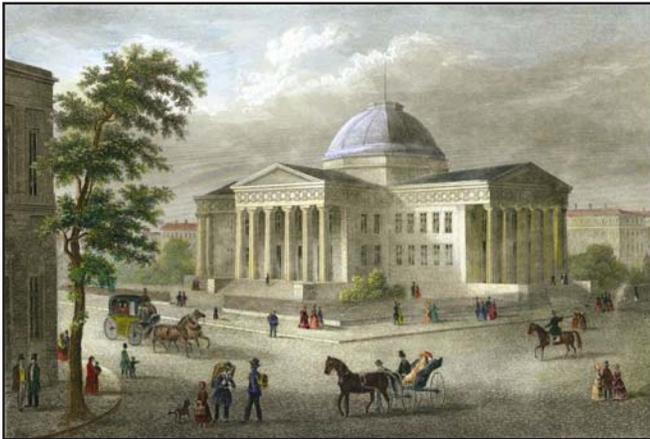




Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

*“...there will be established in the new county and along our borders suburban villages which will grow into cities.”*

St. Louis Post-Dispatch 1876 (in reference to new city and county boundary)



Old Courthouse, Circa 1850s

## *Vote with Your Feet: How St. Louis Got So Many Local Governments*

Free two-day workshop:  
Wednesday, July 13 and  
Thursday, July 14, 2011  
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Did you know?

- St. Louis County contains the second-largest number of cities of any U.S. county.
- The City of St. Louis is one of the only U.S. cities operating independently from a county.
- The split between St. Louis City and County contributes to one of the most unique municipal environments in the United States.



Why does St. Louis have so many local governments? What may look like a hodge-podge of cities to some observers, actually evolved over time and by citizen choice. Join the National Park Service and its partners to learn more about how St. Louis grew to become one of the most unique local government environments in the United States and how it effects current events.

Workshop participants will learn more about:

- The history of the “great divorce” between city and county and how it continues to effect the region
- The political tensions between St. Louis ward bosses in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and government reformers
- How the landscape of geographic and jurisdictional boundaries evolved over time
- How citizens “voting with their feet” contributed to the evolution of the local landscape
- Teaching tools and methods to explore the significance of St. Louis local government within the context of American history

This two-day workshop looks at the unique St. Louis local government landscape from the perspectives of history, politics, economics and geography. The workshop will meet state and national civics and government standards for elementary, middle and high school educators.

This free workshop includes lunch and a complimentary copy of UMSL professor Terry Jones’s book *Fragmented by Design*.

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