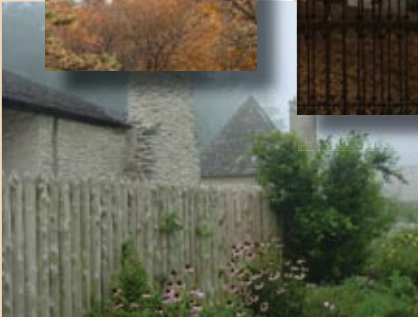


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Ste.  
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**A Walking Tour of Historic Downtown**



# Walking Town Historic District Ste. Geneviève Missouri



**Dozen Distinctive Destinations 2008**  
NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- Antiques**  
First Settlement Country Store  
Joyce & Choyse Antiques  
LuLu's Art & Antiques  
the Mill Antique Mart  
Monia's Unlimited  
Nancy Dees Antique & Collectables  
Zielinski's Antiques
- Galleries & Theaters**  
Bill Naeger Photography  
Center for the Arts  
Galeria Ste. Gen  
Missouri Art Studio
- Antiques**  
Orris Theater  
Studio 221  
Studio de Michel
- Banks & ATM**
- Food & Drink**  
Anvil Restaurant & Saloon  
Big Field Cafe  
Hotel Ste Genevieve Cafe  
Old Brick House  
Restaurant Saint  
Gemme Beauvais
- Sara's Ice Cream & Antiques**  
Sirros  
Station 1 Cafe & Flower Shop  
Stella and Me  
Sweet Things
- Gifts & Collectables**  
Candle Corner  
Creations by Debby  
Material Things  
Mélange  
Odile's Linen & Lace  
Old Tyme Photo's  
Only Child Originals  
Show Me Shop
- Lodging**  
Chateau Ste. Genevieve B&B  
Dr. Hertich's House B&B  
Hotel Ste Genevieve  
Hubardeau Guest House  
Inn St Gemme Beauvais B&B  
LaDee Marie B&B  
Main Street Inn B&B  
Somewhere Inn Time B&B  
Southern Hotel B&B
- Stained Glass Shop**  
Steiger Jeweler Inc.  
Sweet Things
- Winery**  
Missouri Wine & Beers  
Sainte Genevieve Winery
- Information**  
Welcome Center  
Ste. Genevieve Chamber of Commerce
- Restrooms**
- Parking**
- Parks & Rest Areas**  
Main Street Park (Future)  
Lion's Park  
Foundation for Restoration of Sainte Genevieve, Inc.  
Sainte Genevieve  
Herald Newspaper  
Sainte Genevieve  
Farmer's Market

Map not to scale.

**1 ♣ Welcome Center & Tourist Information Office** Constructed to reflect the design and tradition of Sainte Genevieve's French Colonial architecture, the center displays original sketches of historical houses by Roscoe Misselhorn as well as various rotating exhibits. Included is an exhibit of the Mississippi River's flows and floods over the past five hundred years. Video tours, collectables, gifts, books and tourist brochures are also available. ➤ Open year-round • Public Rest rooms • Parking • Group tours available ★ Market & Main Sts. • 573-883-7097 | [CitySG](#)

**2 ♣ Bolduc - LeMeilleur House & Gift Shop 1820** Built by the grandson-in-law of Louis Bolduc. The braced-frame structure with brick nogging is an interesting example of combined French and American influences on local architecture. This served as the home of the first convent in Ste. Genevieve. The structure has been accurately restored and furnished with fine examples of early Federal pieces. Vintage herb and scented gardens of the early 19th century complement the house. ➤ Open April through October • Admission Charge ★ 101 S. Main • 573-883-3105 | [NSCDA/MO, NHL](#)

**3 ♣ Bolduc House & Gardens 1792** As Ste. Genevieve's oldest structure, Louis Bolduc transplanted parts of this original 1770 architectural treasure from the original Sainte Genevieve site alongside the Mississippi River (approximately two miles to the South). The vertical-log walls are mortised into massive sills that rest on a sophisticated poteaux-sur-solle [post on limestone sill or foundation] construction. Its double-pitched hip roof is supported by a series of heavy oak timbers that constitute a Norman truss system. This is the only 'individually nominated' National Historic Landmark in Ste. Genevieve and is widely regarded as the first, "most authentically restored Creole house in the nation" with original 18th century furnishings, living quarters, stockade fence, period French herb gardens and grape arbors. ➤ Open April through October • Admission Charge ★ 125 S. Main • 573-883-3105 | [NSCDA/MO, NHL](#)

**4 ♣ Antoine O'Neill House c1810** An Anglo-American vernacular, I-house. ♣ Private Church Use - Not Open to the Public ★ 150 S. Main

**5 ♣ Linden House c1811** This brick nogged, heavy timbered frame house has been extensively remodeled over the years. The hand hewn sills are evident in the original portion of the house. This is the home of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri. ➤ Open for Special events only ★ 124 S. Main St. | [NSCDA/MO, NHL\\*](#)

**6 ♣ Jean Baptiste Vallé House and Grounds 1794** Once owned and occupied by Ste. Genevieve's last commandant, J.B. Vallé (1760-1849)- this house, though greatly modified over the years, has retained the original feel of the *poteaux-sur-solle* [post on foundation or sill] construction. The thick, rubble-stone basement area shows the house was built in three distinct stages. The grounds and gardens is also significant because of its use as a gathering place for the townspeople over the years as well as a working 'period' garden. It's been called "the most important house in town" by one of the country's foremost architects, Guy Study. ♣ Private Residence - Not Open to the Public ★ 99 S. Main St [La Grand Rue or the Great Road] & Market [Rue a l'Eglise Road of the Church] Sts. | [NHL\\*](#)

**7 ♣ Vital Saint Gemme Beauvais House 1792** Constructed of sturdy red cedar, this architectural gem highlights the French Creole *poteaux-en-terre* [post on ground or soil] construction and is one of three of its kind in Sainte Genevieve and one of only five in the United States. The interior contains an early mantelpiece with exposed beam ceiling. This home and grounds were described in vivid detail by Henri M. Brackenridge in his book *Recollections of Persons & Places in the West* who, while just a boy, was sent from Pittsburgh to Ste. Genevieve around 1793 in order to learn the French Language. ♣ Private Residence - Not Open to the Public ★ 20 S. Main St | [NHL\\*](#)

♣ [Rest Area](#) ★ Main & Merchant Sts - This vine covered pergola provides welcome shade for Ste. Genevieve's visitors. It is located beneath an Empress tree with its picturesque seed pods. Also located here is a tribute from the German American Heritage Society to the German citizens of Ste. Genevieve.

**8 ♣ Bogy House 1870** Built in Colonial Revival with Italianate features, this site was the home to US Senator (1872-77) Lewis V. Bogy and later to local benefactors Charles & Margery Bussen. Complete with original clapboard siding and hand hewn sills, the front two rooms are believed to be built on the foundations of the original two-room 1810 log structure. ♣ Private Residence - Not Open to the Public



★ 163 Merchant St

**9 ♣ Jesse Robbins House 1867** Beautiful Italianate, red-brick home with original bracket eaves, two-light windows and ornate porch. ♣ Private Residence - Not Open to the Public ★ 199 S. Main St

**10 ♣ Felix Vallé House SHS (& Gardens) c1818** Originally built by Jacob Phillipson, a Jewish merchant from Philadelphia, this was the home of Felix and Odile Pratte-Vallé. A Federal style limestone building that features an authentically stocked mercantile store representing the historic trading firm of *Menard & Vallé*. Original mantels and interior trim with early Empire furnishings complete the family living quarters. An outdoor staircase leads to the second floor bedrooms. The garden area features original brick and frame outbuildings. ➤ Open year round • Admission Charge ★ Merchant & Second Streets 573-883-7102 | [MDNR, NHL\\*](#)

**11 ♣ Shaw House c1818** Originally built by Jean Baptiste Bossier, Dr. Benjamin & Emilie Shaw later added the upstairs and the stone kitchen behind the house around 1841. Emilie, also known as 'Mammy', was said to have obtained the inside glass doors from the steamboat, Dr. Franklin II, following an explosion in its boiler in 1852. ➤ Open year-round • Admission Charge • Gift Shop ★ Merchant & Second Streets • 573-883-7102 | [MDNR, NHL\\*](#)

**12 ♣ Linn House c1806** Built by Abraham Newfield around 1806, features include built-in cupboards on the second floor. This was the home of former US Senator (MO) Lewis F. Linn (1795-1843). Dr. Linn moved to this town from Kentucky in 1813. He was appointed to the Senate in 1833 and served until his death upon returning to Ste. Genevieve to assist in fighting the cholera epidemic of 1843. ➤ Private Residence - Not Open to the Public ★ 223 Merchant St | [NHL\\*](#)



**13 ♣ Orris Theater 1932** Named after the Orris Mill in St. Mary and still displaying its period marquee, the old cinema now plays host to the St. Louis based ColeBeanBay Theatre Company. Look for entertainment including plays, musical and live 'improv' shows throughout the summer. ➤ Open During Performances • Admission Charge varies with event. ★ 265 Merchant St • 573-883-7211

**14 ♣ Isle of Flags & the Flags of Ste. Genevieve's Historic Past 2005** This display is dedicated to the service organizations in and around Ste. Genevieve.



The unique historical flags that have flown over this area included the New France (*Fleur-de-lis*, various styles), New Spain (red 'X' on white), and the US flag of 1803 (15 Stars and Stripes).

♣ [Rest Area](#) ★ Courthouse Lawn area

**15 ♣ Sainte Genevieve Museum 1935** Built to commemorate Ste. Genevieve's history during the town's 200th anniversary. Housing various collections of local memorabilia including prehistoric and historic Indian relics, Spanish land grants and other historic documents - artifacts from the Saline Creek Salt Works (Missouri's first industry) and a model of the Mississippi River Railroad's transfer boat, Sainte Genevieve. ➤ Open year-round • Admission Charge ★ Merchant St & DuBourg Pl • 573-883-3461 | [SGM](#)

**16 ♣ Jaques Guibourd Historic House & Gardens 1806** Home of Jacques Jean Rene Guibourd de Luzinai, an educated native of France who came to Ste. Genevieve in 1799. Donated by its last resident as a memorial to Jules Felix Vallé, this house is a refined example of how the typical French Colonial vertical log residence was modified over the years. Visitors can view its massive timber Norman truss system. The house is furnished with elegant French antiques of the era. ➤ Open April thru November • Gift Shop • Large tours by appointment • Admission Charge ★ N 4th St • 573-883-9622 | [FRSG, NHL\\*](#)

**17 ♣ Judge Peter Huck House 1906** Beautiful example of late Queen Anne architecture made of local limestone block. Previously, this was the site of the Greigoire residence, a vertical post structure similar to the Jacques Guibourd Historic House directly across the street. ♣ Private Residence - Not Open to the Public ★ 4th & Merchant Sts

**18 ♣ Doc Fenwick House C1806** The "Doc" Fenwick house is a wonderful example of early French and Canadian architecture that looks pretty much the same way it did around two hundred years ago. The story of Dr. Fenwick, being only one of two doctors in the village at that time, is significant too because of Dr. Fenwick's involvement in a duel in 1810. The duel was

brought on by a criticism of Walter's brother, Ezekiel, in a lawsuit by lawyer Thomas Crittenden. The duel took place between the Doctor and Crittenden on a nearby Mississippi River outcropping called Moreau's Island. Fenwick lost the duel and died on the first shot. He was said to have been "an eminent physician and a polished gentleman". Dr. Fenwick is buried across the street in Memorial Cemetery, plot #66.

► Private Residence - Not Open to the public ★ 5th and Merchant Sts.

**19 ✦ Memorial Cemetery est. 1787** Widely known as Missouri's oldest cemetery, this plot was originally given to the 'Catholic Citizens' of Ste. Genevieve by the Spanish Government. Between 3500 and 5000 Catholics, non-Catholics, Native Americans, and African Americans are buried here. It is also the final resting place for such notables as Senator Lewis F. Linn, Felix and Odile Vallé and other Missouri pioneers. The Cemetery is currently undergoing a restoration project by the Foundation for Restoration of Ste. Genevieve. ► Open year-round (Check web sites & local calendars for special events) ★ 5th & Merchant Sts | [CitySG](#), [FRSG](#), [NHL\\*](#)

✦ **Rest Area** ★ Memorial Cemetery – A perfect spot to spend a few moments of meditation on those who helped settle Missouri. The large stump above the Cemetery gate was once the 'largest elm tree in Missouri'.

**20 ✦ Jules Petrequin (Knights of Columbus) House 1912** Owned and built by part owner and general manager of the Western Lime Works. This American Foursquare-Colonial Revival style house was purchased by the Knights of Columbus in 1959, a wing was added in the 1970's to accommodate large gatherings. ► Private Facility - Not Open for Public Tours ★ 600 Market St

**21 ✦ Gregoire House c1853** Built by Gregoire family and named after Charles Gregoire who owned a home on the block, this Greek Revival 'side-passage townhouse' mansion is the only one of this kind in Ste. Genevieve. ► Private Business - Not Open to the Public ★ 51 South 4th St

**22 ✦ Sainte Genevieve Catholic Church c1793-1876** This is actually the third church on these grounds. The first was a vertical log church built in 1793 in the style of French Colonial architecture. A stone church was then built beginning in 1831 on the site of the present church. In 1876, construction of the present church began around the stone church and then the stone church removed. The clock tower and steeple rises 193 feet above the street level and houses four massive bells that chime throughout the day. The elaborate sanctuary with ornate stained-glass windows and white Texas marble is a must see. ► Open (Active) • Special tours by appointment. ★ 49 DeBourg Pl • 573-883-2731

**23 ✦ Courthouse and Grounds c1821 - 75** Here you can view a commemorative marker for the first road, the El Camino Real [King's Highway], between St. Louis and New Madrid, MO. The original courthouse was built on this site in 1821. The two smaller buildings, a jail and a clerk's office, were constructed in the 1870's. The original jail or 'calaboose' was in the area where the smaller clerk's building is now located. ► Open weekdays ★ 2nd and Market Sts | [CountySG](#)

**24 ✦ The Price - 'Old Brick' Restaurant & Tavern 1804** Built by John Price, one of the first Americans who came to in Ste. Genevieve in 1789, this Federal double pile building represents the first 'brick' structure west of the Mississippi River. The handmade brick is laid up in a Flemish bond crowned with an English dental cornice. This building has served as courthouse and school as well as a first-rate restaurant and gathering spot. ► Open Daily ★ 90 S. 3rd St • 573-883-2724

**25 ✦ The Southern Hotel (John Donohue House) and Gardens c1820** On property once owned by François Vallé, the beautiful 'Southern' flavored Federal styled brick structure was originally built as a private home around the turn of the century. Modifications were made soon thereafter by adding porches, the belvedere, a wing and a sample room. The glass cupola or belvedere sitting atop the hotel was referred to as a 'Grandma Cooler'. It served to act as a natural air conditioner to circulate cool air throughout the building. The dormers were added around 1870. Joseph Vorst, who bought the building in the 1860s, named it 'The SOUTHERN HOTEL' and promptly painted the name on its north side. It's currently being utilized as a very successful eight room Bed & Breakfast. ► Open ★ 146 S. 3rd St • 573-883-3493

**26 ✦ German Lutheran Evangelical Church 1869-75** Originally built for \$3000, this is the oldest existing church building in Ste. Genevieve. The altar was made by 18th century Italian craftsmen and had been previously located in New Orleans, St. Louis, and Chester, IL before coming to Ste. Genevieve in 1950. ► Open (Active) ★ Market St. • 573-883-5361

✦ **Rest Area** ★ Lion's Park, Market St.

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Whether you hike or drive, be sure to add these Historic French Colonial sites to your tour.

**A ✦ Green Tree Tavern c1790** Also known as the 'Janis-Ziegler House', this is one of the oldest surviving structures in Ste. Genevieve. Erected by Nicholas Janis after acquiring the land around 1789, his son, Francois, opened part of the house as the Green Tree Tavern in the early 1800's. ► Private Residence - Not Open for Public Tours ★ St. Marys Road | [NHL\\*](#)

**B ✦ Bauvais - Amoureux House 1792** The style of this structure is an extremely rare *poteaux-en-terre* [post on ground or soil] type of French-Colonial architecture here in the United States. Purchased by the French Heritage Relief Committee and donated to the MDNR after the flood of 1993, the newly formed *Le Amis* (the Friends) of St. Louis continue to actively participate in the restoration process. ► Open from April thru October ★ St. Marys Road | [MDNR](#), [NHL\\*](#)

**At the Amoureux House ✦** Ste. Genevieve 1832: Don't forget to see the 9 by 11 foot diorama of Ste. Genevieve as it would have been seen circa 1832. Local artist Lewis Pruneau's miniaturization skills give us a glimpse of the habitants who were here and how they lived their day-to-day lives.

**C ✦ Bequette - Ribault House 1789** Carefully restored by one-time owners Royce and Marge Wilhawk under the direction of Jack R. Luer, the Bequette - Ribault house overlooks Le Grand Champ (or the Great or Large Field) where much of the crops were grown and harvested. With its classic Mississippi Valley Creole architecture, the red cedar, vertical log construction was topped by Norman trusses of solid oak with rafters of peeled willow. Bouzillage (a mixture of clay & grass) filled the spaces of the walls. The mix was then 'plastered' over the walls inside and out then whitewashed with a mixture of lime and water to provide protection for the structure and its residents. ► Open for Special events only ★ St. Marys Road | [MDNR](#), [NHL\\*](#)

**D ✦ Louisiana Academy 1808** The Louisiana Academy, founded by Father James Maxwell in 1807, was the first school publicly chartered by the government of the Louisiana Territory to teach not only French settlers, but Native American and black students the French and English languages. ✦ Private Residence ► Tours by appointment only. ★ 5th & Washington Sts. | [NHL\\*](#) • 573-883-2874

[NSCDA/MO](#) - National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Missouri

[City/CountySG](#) - City and/or County of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri

[FRSG](#) - Foundation for Restoration of Ste. Genevieve, Inc.

[MDNR](#) - Missouri Department of Natural Resources

[NHL](#) - National Historic Landmark

[NHL\\*](#) - National Historic Landmark contributing building

[NRHP](#) - National Register of Historic Places

Thank you for visiting our beautiful city and feel free to photograph what you see (except where restricted), but we kindly ask that you respect our residents' privacy when doing so.

This is but a sampling of the many beautiful and interesting structures in our town. Please take the time to discover and enjoy all that Sainte Genevieve has to offer.

Historic Downtown Sainte Genevieve is a National Historic Landmark. Buildings noted with an asterisk have been designated as 'Contributing Buildings' and are noted with NHL\*.

For further reading: Ste. Genevieve - A Leisurely Stroll Through History © 1999 by Bill & Pati Naeger and Mark L. Evans, The Commandant's Last Ride ©2001 by Mark L. Evans and numerous books by Carl Ekberg including Colonial Ste. Genevieve as well as many others.

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