



# ST. LOUIS'S FRENCH HERITAGE



The victors write the history. Since the British defeated the French in the French and Indian War in 1763, the French history of North America has been relegated to the back shelf. Here in St. Louis, however, the French have had a deep and lasting influence. Let's bring it back front and center.

In St. Louis, we pay homage to the Chouteau and Laclède families for founding the city and taking it to prominence with the fur trade. And while

Louis St. Ange de Bellerive is lesser known, he had a profound influence on the character of the city. These are just two examples of our rich French heritage and a preview of what will be shared by Carol Ferry Shepley.

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