

Neyon De Villiers, the last French governor on the Illinois side, at Fort Chartres, in the year 1758, and at the date of the transfer of that side to England in 1765, was the French commandant at Cahokia and crossed to this side at the time St. Ange came over, and for some years was captain of the French company at St. Louis.

In the year 1772, his wife, under the pretext of visiting her father, in New Orleans, went only as far as St. Genevieve, where she remained about nine months, leading a dissolute life, which so scandalized the good people of St. Genevieve, that Mr. Carpentier, a prominent man in the place, brought her up to St. Louis, where De Volsay for a long time refused to receive her. Finally through the persuasions of Governor and Madame Piernas, and Father Valentin, the Catholic curate of the place, a reconciliation was effected, and he consented to take her back, being a kind-hearted man. For a time she conducted herself in a proper manner. In 1774, De Volsay had a furlough and went to France. He was absent about two years on business matters, leaving her in his house on Main Street, the only one on the block, well provided with everything in abundance sufficient for the time of his contemplated absence. He had been gone but a short time when she broke out again in her evil course, receiving at her house daily and nightly the visits of one Renaud, to the disgust and scandal of all her near neighbors, and in a short time ran through all that her husband had provided her with, through her dissipation and debauchery, and finally, previous to De Volsay's return in 1776, the guilty parties fled to the Illinois side, carrying off with them what little was left of the ample provision De Volsay had left her, leaving nothing more than the vacant house.

So soon as De Volsay had returned from France, he commenced proceedings before Governor Cruzat, who had succeeded De Piernas as governor, for a dissolution of his