

where he was born in the year 1726. He had resided for a time in New Orleans, where he had acquired some property, and left a will there when he came up to St. Louis, which he had executed in 1784.

He added a codicil to this will at St. Louis, dated May 17, 1786, in which he re-affirms his first will, emancipates his negro woman, Francoise, gives one hundred dollars to the poor of St. Louis, and appoints Jno. B. Sarpy his executor. He died unmarried at St. Louis on January 20, 1787, aged sixty-one years. It does not appear that he practiced here.

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Early in the year 1792, there was a Doct. Philip Joachim Gingembre (Ginger), in St. Louis. He purchased a small stone house at the northwest corner of Olive and Second Streets, where he lived for a few years; he then went to France, leaving his house vacant and closed, not returning after some years' absence, and the house going to ruin, it was sold by order of the governor, Trudeau, to pay his creditors.

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THE ARCHIVES OF ST. LOUIS.

The term "archive" from the Latin of "depositorium" signified originally a place of deposit, for safe keeping, of official documents, including subsequently in the term the papers, etc., therein deposited