

RENE BUET

came here from Cahokia in 1766-67: he had a concession of two lots, being a half block of 120 feet front by 300 deep, upon which he procured to be built by his friend, Laclede, a large stone house for the day, of forty by thirty feet, which, when completed, he occupied for a few years. Upon his death on Nov. 30, 1773, being a single man, he bequeathed this house and other property to a daughter of his brother residing in Cahokia.

This house was for many years the southwesternmost one of the village, and from its ample well cultivated grounds, and the social position of the different families that successively owned and occupied it, it had acquired a history. Michael Lamy purchased it after the death of Buet in 1773, and with the Duchouquette family, occupied it for twenty-seven years, he dying in it January 3, 1784, and they remaining in it sixteen years longer, when they disposed of the property in October, 1800, to Doctor Saugrain, who had but recently arrived here, and whose family occupied it for almost sixty years, the doctor himself dying in it on May 13, 1820, and his widow July 13, 1860.¹

WILLIAM BISSETTE

was born in Montreal, Canada, and was in business in Fort Chartres, prior to the establishment of St. Louis, where he had acquired a handsome property before coming over to this side, which he did amongst the first.

He purchased the Beaugenou House² in 1769, after the death of Mrs. B., and resided in it a little over a couple of

¹ A somewhat singular coincidence that the three first owners should all have ended their days in it.

² Southwest corner Main and Almond.