

lais, diocese of Lyons, in France, a French soldier; they became acquainted in coming together from Canada. She died childless, Oct. 25, 1791.) Philip Fine, age 43, married his second wife Celeste (Sarah) Boly, age 17, daughter of John Boly and Sophia Shaeffer, born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Sept. 4, 1794. Fine died 1824-25, aged 74 years, at Fine's Ferry, across the Meramec River at its mouth, which he had established and where he had lived for many years, leaving his widow and nine children: Melsor, Joseph, Viza, Benjamin, Joshua, Elizabeth, Charles, Elisha and Catherine. A number of his posterity reside about St. Louis.

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JOHN COONS, A CARPENTER AND JOINER,

our second American resident was here in 1786, and lived for nearly six years at the northeast corner of Main and Spruce, which property he sold in 1792 to Philip Fine, his neighbor, then across the street at the northwest corner. In 1804 Coons purchased the south half of block 80, then open ground west of the village, 300 feet in length from Third to Fourth, by 120 feet front on each of those streets. On this lot he built in 1810 a large frame house, which he sold to James Baird, a blacksmith, in 1811. He then purchased the David Hilderbrand tract of 640 acres on the Meramec, eighteen miles southwest of St. Louis,