

A JOHN BIGGS

purchased in May, 1804, from Joseph Hebert, a small frame house at the northeast corner of Main and Almond, where he lived for about 18 months and then sold it to Col. Sam'l Hammond in November, 1805.

These comprise all the Americans that had become residents of St. Louis prior to the transfer of 1804.

PLACES BELOW THE VILLAGE.

In the Spanish days of St. Louis there were several habitations immediately below the village, lying between the road to Carondelet and the river, which then ran along much nearer to the road than at present, the new shore line in extending it south for the formation of the levee or Front Street, reclaiming in places, much land that was previously in the river. These places, although outside the village itself, yet as they originated with and belonged to parties in daily intercourse with it, should not be overlooked in our annals.

THE SOULARD PLACE.

The first of these was the Soulard place adjoined the village just below the Mill Creek. This was a concession to Gabriel Cerré shortly after his removal