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NW Corner, Main and First Capitol Drive

Edna McElhiney Olson, *Historical Saint Charles, Missouri* (St. Charles, MO: Olson, 1967), 35

Site of the residence of Major James Morrison, who settled in Saint Charles in 1800—He built this home for his French bride Mademoiselle Saucier in 1801. He was a major in the War of 1812. Their daughter, Adeline, married Judge Francis Yosti of Saint Charles. The home was later called the Yosti home.

The unusual porch in front of the house was jokingly called “Hog’s Heaven.” Before the stock law, Major Morrison kept his hogs in the “downstairs” porch. They were kept cool in the summer and warm in the winter. In 1840, Major Morrison had the first Berkshire hogs introduced into Saint Charles County. They were imported from Albany, NY. Since that time, Saint Charles County has become noted for its fine pork stock.

This home was originally a log house and was later covered with clapboards.

(Edna McElhiney Olson was Archivist for the St. Charles County Historical Society during the 1960's. She searched records of the people of early St. Charles and its historical buildings. Now out of print, her 'blue book' of St. Charles early structures is among the treasures in the Historical Society archives and many personal libraries.

Edna wrote and published stories of the people and events, and though some stories might be considered to have some 'glamour added', they are all interesting and reflect the character of the people and the events of the period. Edna Olson loved St. Charles: she inspired others to continue researching and collecting records and more is now known about many of the buildings and events about which she wrote. Her work still serves as a reference in the continuing research into St. Charles long and proud history.)