

Local History Articles in the *St. Louis Star-Times*, St. Louis, Missouri

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Background

A fascinating series of articles on interesting aspects of St. Louis history appeared in the *St. Louis Star-Times* beginning on February 14, 1933 and continuing for the next 164 editions. The subject matter varied considerably and included items of obvious interest such as the founding of the city, the three flags ceremony, the Dred Scott case, and the fur trade but also many intriguing stories about famous visitors to St. Louis, early theaters, floods, fires, and ethnic groups. The articles, written by Homer Bassford, the general manager of the paper and a well known newspaperman of his day, are fun to read and are a useful source of sometimes obscure tidbits of St. Louis history.

Below is an alphabetized listing by subject of the articles in the series on local history.

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