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Old Jamestown, in far north St. Louis County, has a long and rich history that includes an American Indian settlement associated with Cahokia Mounds, land grant holders of English and Scottish heritage who arrived in the late 1700s, German immigrant farmers who came during the 1800s, and prominent families who arrived in the mid-1900s.

As early as 1805, Old Jamestown ferries crossed the Missouri River to provide connections from St. Louis and Florissant to St. Charles County, which is home to Portage des Sioux, an early military outpost, and the City of St. Charles, Missouri's first state capitol. With only two miles separating the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers just to the north, Old Jamestown was also connected to Illinois locations. Since the 1950s, larger subdivisions have appeared in Old Jamestown, but development is limited in much of the area because of the karst (sinkhole) topography.