

2016 Annual Report of French-American Heritage Foundation



St. Anthony Falls in Minneapolis as they looked when first seen by Father Louis Hennepin in 1680.
Picture by Albert Bierstadt (1830-1902)

The French-American Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable non-profit organization with the primary purpose of promoting and sponsoring French Heritage events in Minnesota. Our Mission Statement:

To promote and cultivate the heritage of French-language cultures.

French-language heritage has played an important role in the history of Minnesota. It is important and proper that this heritage be celebrated and remembered. The French-American Heritage foundation:

- Maintains a website and a Facebook page focused on French-language heritages
- Sponsors educational events focused on French heritage
- Sponsors educational materials and books about French heritage
- Posts Minnesota French-American family history and genealogy to our website
- Provides scholarships for French language and culture studies

Board of Directors

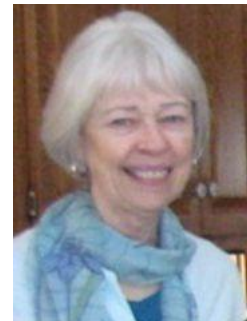
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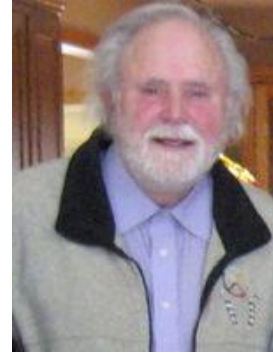
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14. Patricia Ruffing



15. Anita Proehl

Membership Structure

The Membership was structured so that 100% of the membership payment is tax deductible. IRS rules state that membership payments are fully deductible where there are no services given to members. Membership is annual and for the calendar year.

Members may make contributions to the website in the form of articles on French-American heritage, information on their genealogy and family history, and share resources that deal with French-American Heritage. Members are encouraged to volunteer to assist in activities the foundation sponsors, especially the Franco-Fête festival.

Please encourage family and friends to join and support the French-American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota.

2016 Accomplishments

Your Board of Directors is pleased to note the following accomplishments in our third year of existence:

1. Regularly maintained our website at <http://fahfminn.org/> and added articles on French heritage, genealogy materials, and family history related to French-language cultures.
2. Published three French Heritage books, namely,
 - a. **They Spoke French**, A book on French Heritage in Minnesota, including information on early explorers and settlers, early French Speaking settlements, Metis, Haitian and French speaking African immigrants, Huguenots, French Heritage Sites, French place names and other information about Minnesota's French Accent. Cost of book is \$25.00 U.S. plus shipping and handling if ordered online. Now Available for purchase at website of French-American Heritage Foundation. Go to www.fahfminn.org, search library/books and order your book there. In alternative, go to:

<https://www.createpace.com/5934276>.

- b. **In the beginning, there was a Chapel**. A book on the small log chapel built by French Canadians that became the nucleus of the city of St. Paul. Cost of book is \$15.00 U.S. plus shipping and handling if ordered online. Now Available for purchase at website of French-American Heritage Foundation. Go to www.fahfminn.org search library/books and order your book there. In alternative, go to:

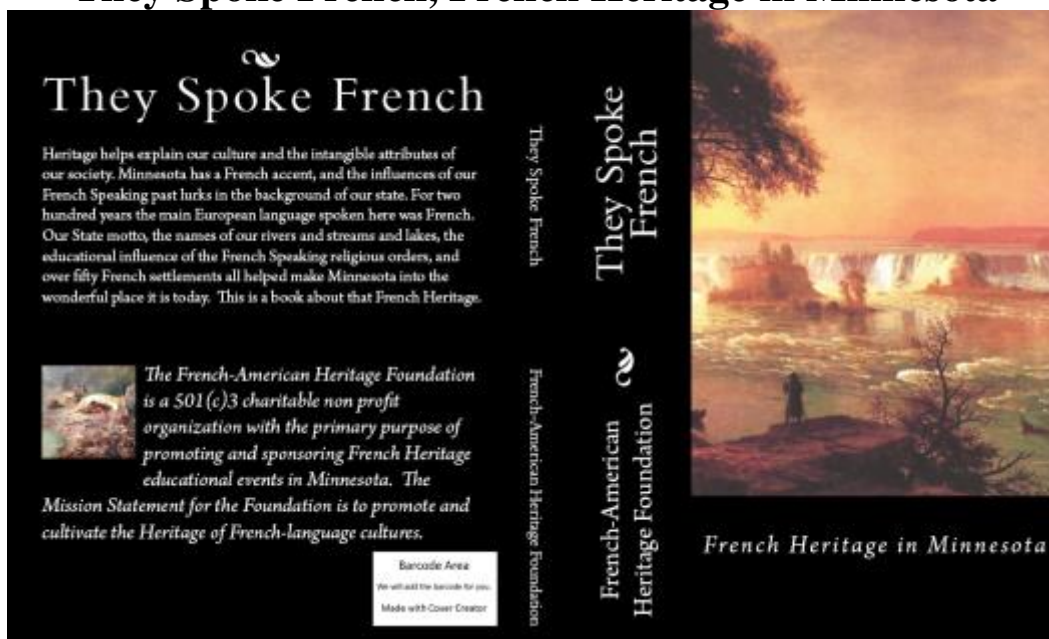
<https://www.createpace.com/6150744>.

c. Chez Nous- a three volume set. The French-American Heritage Foundation is proud to announce the publication of three books called Chez Nous. These three books contain 928 pages of Nouvelles Villes Jumelles and Chez Nous newsletters published during the years 1979 to 2001. Each page has been numbered and there is a detailed index at the back of each book. These newsletters were published by La Société Canadienne Française du Minnesota (LSCF), which had an official life span of 22 years, from 1979 to 2001. Cost of each book is \$17.00 U.S. plus shipping and handling if ordered online. Now Available for purchase at website of French-American Heritage Foundation. Go to www.fahfminn.org search library/books and order your book there. In alternative, go to:


<https://www.createspace.com/5926636> for book one,
<https://www.createspace.com/6033896> for book two
<https://www.createspace.com/6034315> for book three.

All of these books are also available for purchase on Amazon.com.

They Spoke French, French Heritage in Minnesota



In the beginning, there was a Chapel



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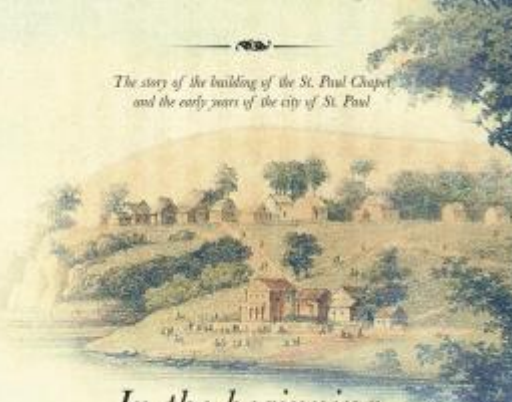
On the Feast of All Saints' Day, November 1, 1841, a small log chapel was dedicated on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. At the time the chapel was built, there were only a small number of French Canadian families living in the area. Little did these parishioners know that this little chapel would become a cathedral, a school, and a hospital, and would become the inspiration and the nucleus of a city that would adopt its name and become the capital of Minnesota.

This is a story of that chapel.

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www.fahfminn.org

*The story of the building of the St. Paul Chapel
and the early years of the city of St. Paul*



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**FRENCH-AMERICAN
HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

This book is the first of three that contain 928 pages of the *Novelles Villes Jumelles* and *Chez Nous* newsletters from the years 1980 to 2001. Each page has been labeled and there is a detailed index at the back of this book. These newsletters were published by *La Société Canadienne Française de Minnesota (LSCF)*, which had an official life span of about 22 Years, from 1979-2001. LSCF was composed of volunteers who loved their French-Canadian heritage.

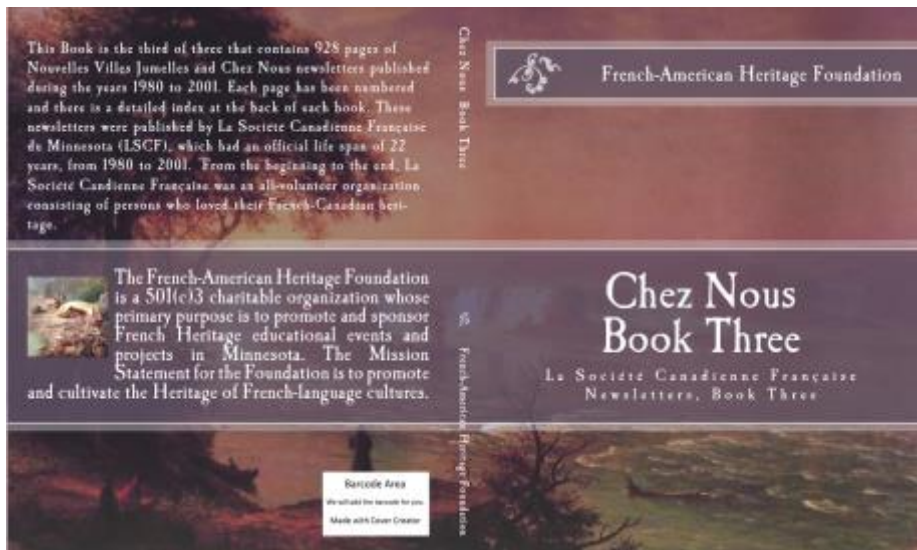
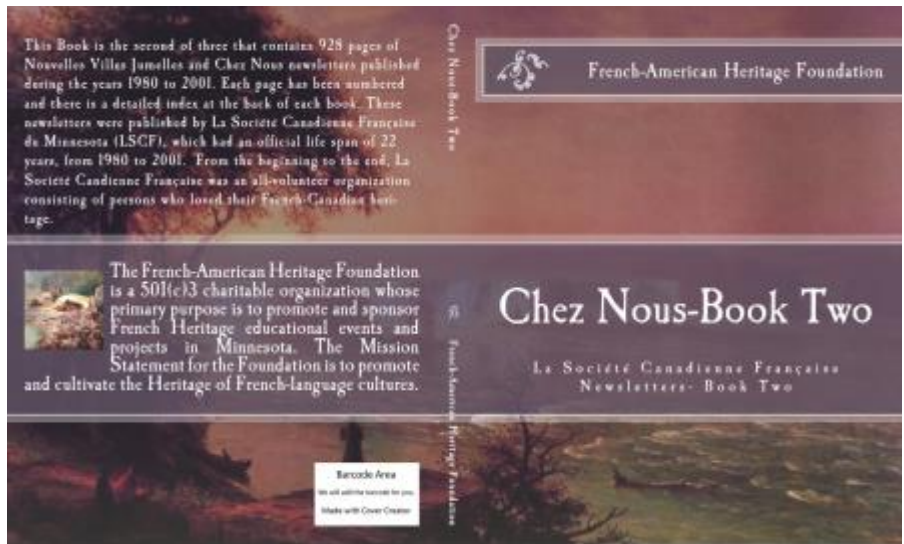
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French-American Heritage Foundation

Chez Nous-Book One

*La Société Canadienne Française
Newsletters - Book One*

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3. Sponsored two educational Heritage events:

- a. **June 18, 2016-** sponsored a tour to Henderson, Minnesota to visit their museum and take a tour of the French-Canadian history there.
- b. **November 1, 2016-** Sponsored a French Heritage event at the Minnesota History to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the building of the Chapel of St. Paul by French Canadians.

A FRENCH-AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION EVENT

In the Beginning, there was a Chapel

Tuesday
November 1, 2016
6–9:00 p.m.

Minnesota History Center
345 Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55101

See map on reverse side



REGISTRATION

Pre-register by October 25, 2016

Cost: \$30.00 (\$35.00 at the door)
hors d'oeuvres will be provided
by D'Amico Catering. Cash bar.

Register by using one of the
following methods:

Online: www.fahfminn.org

Mail: PO Box 25384
Woodbury, MN 55125
(See registration
form on reverse side!)

Onsite: Register at the door
on a first come, first
serve basis.

On the Feast of All Saint's Day, November 1, 1841, a small log chapel was dedicated on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi river. At the time the chapel was built, there were only a few French Canadian families living in the area. Little did these early settlers know that this little chapel would become a cathedral, a school, a hospital, and would be the inspiration and beginning of a city that would adopt its name and become the capital of the State of Minnesota.

This event will honor the French Canadian settlers who built this chapel and formed the nucleus of the city of St Paul.

SPEAKER



Mary Lethart Wingard is a professor of history at St. Cloud State University. She is the author of *North Country: The Making of Minnesota*, and *Claiming the City: Politics, Faith, and the Power of Place in St. Paul*.

SPONSOR



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4. Conducted three “Minnesota with a French Accent” community Education Classes in the Twin Cities, including:
 - a. **March 1 to 24, 2016-** Nokomis Library in Minneapolis, “Minnesota with French Accent” classes. Four classes from 10:30 a.m. to noon.
 - b. **October 3 to 24th-** Maple Grove Community Education “Minnesota with French Accent” classes. Maplewood Community Center. Four classes from 10 a.m. to noon.
 - c. **November 8 to November 29, 2016.** North St. Paul Community Education “Minnesota with French Accent” classes at Gladstone Senior Center Four classes from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

5. **July 10, 2016:** Participated in the “Bastille Day” celebration in St. Paul on July 10, 2016.
6. **April 20, 2016:** Met with Mayor Coleman of St. Paul on April 20, 2016 with 97 year old direct descendant of “Pigs Eye” Parrant in St. Paul.
7. **July 19, 2016:** Made a presentation of “They Spoke French” books to the Mayor of Tours, France on July 19, 2016.
8. **July 30, 2016:** Anita Proehl and Jerry Foley represented French-American Heritage Foundation at booth at Little Canada Days, in Little Canada.
9. **September 29-October 1, 2016:** Minnesota Genealogical Society Fall annual conference- Colonial Church, Edina, MN. Jerry and Dick participated.
10. **October 29, 2016-** Family History Fair at Minneapolis Public Library- Jerry, Mark, Dick, MaryEllen and Pierre attended.
11. Awarded two scholarships to the Voyageur Program headed by François Fouquerel of the Lac Du Bois camp of the Concordia Language Villages. The two scholarships are \$400 each and will be awarded annually.

2017 Plans

1. 2017 Events

- a. **February 24, 2017,** Paths and Road to Becoming French, and a Book-Loving Métis. Friday at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Grande Salle at Alliance Francaise. Joe Amato, author, will speak. In it, he will trace his own three paths to becoming French: how as a young man, studies took him to the Université of Quebec where he learned to think and write about French cultures; then how as a university teacher and researcher he discovered his own ancient roots at Port Royal, Acadian and his family’s long migration to Wisconsin; and finally, how now he is making himself a Métis with his fictional creation of book called Buffalo Man.
- b. **April 29, 2017, Tour of Twin Cities buildings designed by architect Emmanuel Masqueray-** Mary Ellen Weller will chair event. Do bus tour of Twin Cities buildings designed by Masqueray. Included in tour will be gravesite where Masqueray buried and tour exhibit at St. Thomas on Masqueray.
- c. **French Heritage Classes on YouTube and Cable T.V.** Pat Ruffing and others on board plan to do 5-7 French Heritage Educational speeches and also 45 minute to one hour presentations on subjects dealing with French Heritage in Minnesota and the Midwest. Stay tuned for more information on this project. There will be one or possibly two evenings of stories on French Heritage in Minnesota.

2. Award two scholarships to the Voyageur Program of the Lac du Bois camp of the Concordia Language Villages, of \$400 each.
3. Maintain and add to our website fahfminn.org and our Facebook Page so that we develop a large database of family websites, heritage articles, and resources for learning about the French-American Heritage in Minnesota.
4. Other events to be announced in future.

Donations

The French-American Heritage Foundation needs donations in order to survive. We need those interested in preserving and promoting French-American Heritage in Minnesota to donate to our Foundation. All donations are tax deductible. As a way to assist the Foundation to raise donations, rack cards have been printed that provide prospective members with information about our foundation. Copies of these rack cards are shown below.

For donations or to show your support, simply write a check made payable to the French-American Heritage Foundation and mail to either Jerry Foley, Treasurer, 4736 Coffey Lane, Minneapolis, MN 55406, or to the French-American Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 25384, Woodbury, MN 55125. Donations can also be made by credit card thru PayPal on the French-American Heritage Foundation website at www.fahfminn.org.

Financial Report

Below is the 2016 financial report for the Foundation.

1. 2016 Income	
Sponsors	3,009.00
Sustaining Members	800.00
Supporting Members	340.00
Events	3,062.48
Book Sales	2,855.18
Total	\$10,066.66
2. 2016 Expenses	
Ad in Alliance Directory	175.00
Concordia Scholarships	800.00
Events	3,979.72
Postage	73.00
Post Office Box	70.00
Book Publishing Costs	1,644.41
Book editing costs	2,265.00
Website	592.97
Misc. expenses	190.01
Total	\$9,790.11

3. Cash Flow			
	2014	2015	2016
Assets Beginning of Year	1,665.77	\$3,012.54	\$4,975.31
Income	\$4,509.10	\$3,828.68	\$10,066.66
Expenses	-3,162.33	-1,865.91	-\$9,790.11
Net Cash Flow (loss)	\$1,346.77	\$1,962.77	\$276.55
Assets End of Year	\$3,012.54	\$4,975.31	\$5,251.86

4. Assets			
	2014	2015	2016
PayPal	869.89	387.00	227.84
Associated Bank	2,142.65	4588.31	4937.53
			86.40
Current Asset Value	3,012.54	4,975.31	5251.77

French-American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota Members

List of 2016 French-American Heritage Foundation Members

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