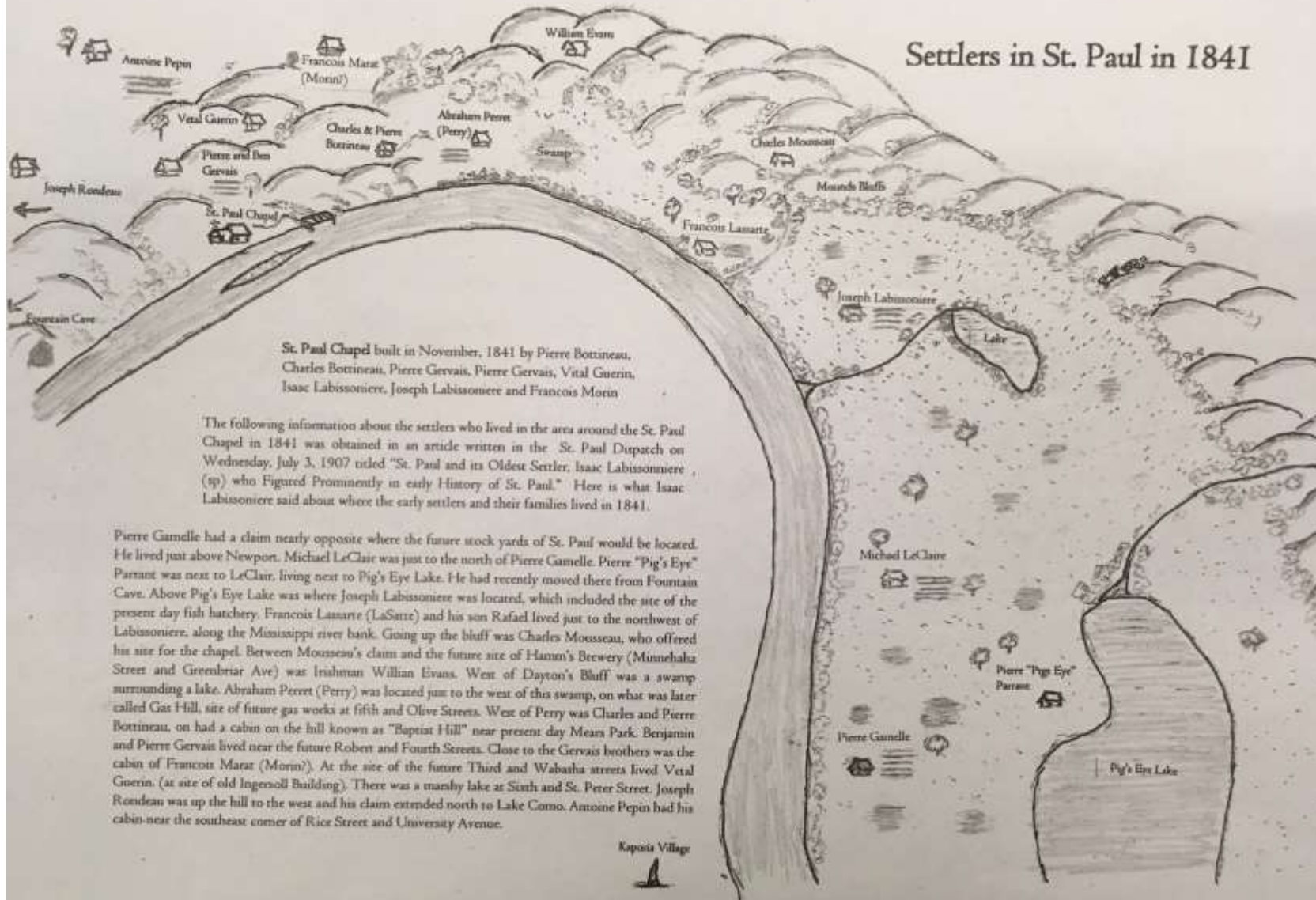


Settlers in St. Paul in 1841



St. Paul Chapel built in November, 1841 by Pierre Bottineau, Charles Bottineau, Pierre Gervais, Pierre Gervais, Vital Guerin, Isaac Labissoniere, Joseph Labissoniere and Francois Morin

The following information about the settlers who lived in the area around the St. Paul Chapel in 1841 was obtained in an article written in the St. Paul Dispatch on Wednesday, July 3, 1907 titled "St. Paul and its Oldest Settler, Isaac Labissoniere (sp) who figured prominently in early History of St. Paul." Here is what Isaac Labissoniere said about where the early settlers and their families lived in 1841.

Pierre Gamelle had a claim nearly opposite where the future stock yards of St. Paul would be located. He lived just above Newport. Michael LeClair was just to the north of Pierre Gamelle. Pierre "Pig's Eye" Parant was next to LeClair, living next to Pig's Eye Lake. He had recently moved there from Fountain Cave. Above Pig's Eye Lake was where Joseph Labissoniere was located, which included the site of the present day fish hatchery. Francois Lamotte (LaSalle) and his son Rafael lived just to the northwest of Labissoniere, along the Mississippi river bank. Going up the bluff was Charles Mousseau, who offered his site for the chapel. Between Mousseau's claim and the future site of Hamm's Brewery (Minnehaha Street and Greendrier Ave) was Irishman William Evans. West of Dayton's Bluff was a swamp surrounding a lake. Abraham Perret (Perry) was located just to the west of this swamp, on what was later called Gas Hill, site of future gas works at Fifth and Olive Streets. West of Perry was Charles and Pierre Bottineau, on had a cabin on the hill known as "Baptist Hill" near present day Mears Park. Benjamin and Pierre Gervais lived near the future Robert and Fourth Streets. Close to the Gervais brothers was the cabin of Francois Marat (Morin). At the site of the future Third and Wabasha streets lived Vital Guerin. (at site of old Ingessoll Building). There was a marshy lake at Sixth and St. Peter Street. Joseph Rondou was up the hill to the west and his claim extended north to Lake Como. Antoine Pepin had his cabin near the southeast corner of Rice Street and University Avenue.

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