

*Daughters of the American
Colonists*

**Historical Markings
In the State of Illinois**

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State
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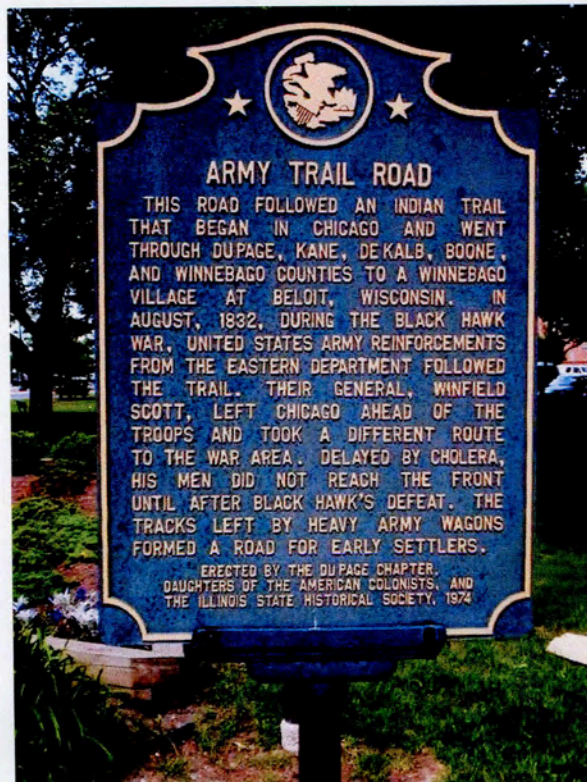
ARMY TRAIL ROAD

Addison, DuPage County, Illinois

THIS ROAD FOLLOWED AN INDIAN TRAIL THAT BEGAN IN CHICAGO AND WENT THROUGH DuPAGE, KANE, DeKALB, BOONE AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES TO A WINNEBAGO VILLAGE AT BELOIT, WISCONSIN. IN AUGUST 1832, DURING THE BLACK HAWK WAR, UNITED STATES ARMY REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE EASTERN DEPARTMENT FOLLOWED THE TRAIL. THEIR GENERAL, WINFIELD SCOTT, LEFT CHICAGO AHEAD OF THE TROOPS AND TOOK A DIFFERENT ROUTE TO THE WAR AREA. DELAYED BY CHOLERA, HIS MEN DID NOT REACH THE FRONT UNTIL AFTER BLACK HAWK'S DEFEAT. THE TRACKS LEFT BY HEAVY ARMY WAGONS FORMED A ROAD FOR EARLY SETTLERS.

Erected by the DuPage Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists, and the Illinois State Historical Society

1974



Stacy's Tavern

Glen Ellyn, DuPage County, Illinois

Moses Stacy, soldier in the War of 1812, arrived here in 1835.

**This inn built in 1846 and his second home, was a
halfway stop between**

Chicago and the Fox River Valley,

and a probable stage stop for Rockford-Galena coaches.

For many years the village was called "Stacy's Corners".

Erected by the DuPage Chapter

Daughters of the American Colonists and the

Illinois State Historical Society

1968



Fairfield Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Organized 28 July 1855

Built in 1868 – Dedicated 1869

North of Newman, Douglas County, Illinois

**Historic plaque presented by
George Rogers Clark Chapter
Daughters of the American Colonists
November 23, 1980**



**Original Homestead of
William Williams Young
And
Mary Jane Coolley Young
1843-1990**

Located four miles north of Newman, Douglas County, Illinois

Present home of

James M. and Patience Janice Dement Young

These generations have lived on this site:

William Williams Young, William Marion Young,
Edgar Berkley Young, James Maurice Young and children,
James William and Kathleen Rae

**Plaque by George Rogers Clark Chapter
Daughters of the American Colonists
September 1990**



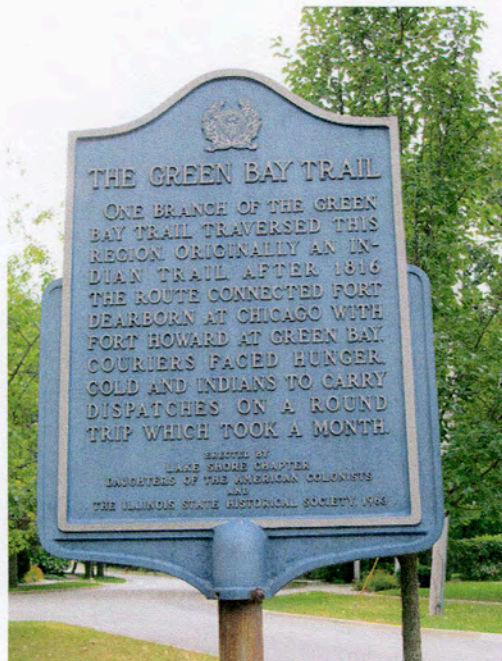
The Green Bay Trail

Winnetka, Cook County, Illinois

**ONE BRANCH OF THE GREEN BAY TRAIL
TRAVERSED THIS REGION. ORIGINALLY AN
OLD INDIAN TRAIL, AFTER 1816 THE ROUTE
CONNECTED FORT DEARBORN AT CHICAGO
WITH FORT HOWARD AT GREEN BAY.
COURIERS FACED HUNGER, COLD, AND
INDIANS TO CARRY DISPATCHES ON A
ROUND TRIP WHICH TOOK A MONTH.**

Erected by Lake Shore Chapter
Daughters of the American Colonists and the
Illinois State Historical Society

1963



St. Paul Community Church
Homewood, Cook County, Illinois

This plaque recognizes 125 years of service by
St. Paul's to the Community of Homewood, Illinois

The congregation of St. Paul Deutsche Evangelische Gemeinde was organized in 1865. The first services were held in the German school building constructed in 1863 just west of Dixie Highway on Olive Road. Until the early 1930's services were still conducted in the German language.

Permanent placement of the plaque affixed to
the Dixie Highway (east) wall of the brick clad
old frame church structure.

**Presented by Midlothian Chapter
Daughters of the American Colonists
1990**

Photograph not available.

Van Oostenbrugge Centennial Home

444 East 157th Street

South Holland, Cook County, Illinois

**This, the oldest pioneer home in South Holland, was
built by Jan Van Oostenbrugge in 1858.**

**The building was restored by the
South Holland Historical Society.**

Van Oostenburgge emigrated from the Netherlands
With his wife and children in 1856.

**Marked by Midlothian Chapter
Daughters of the American Colonists
September 18, 1979**

Photograph not available.

Amos Catlin Spafford House
501 Prospect Street, Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois

HOUSE BUILT 1863
BY
AMOS CATLIN SPAFFORD
(1824-1897)
FOUNDER OF
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 1854

Presented by
Robert Hempstead Chapter
Daughters of
American Colonists
1979



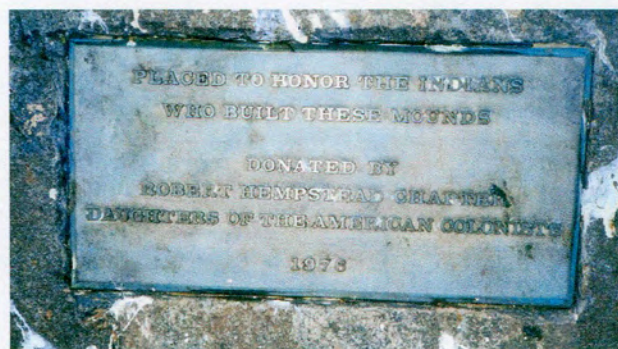
Indian Mounds

Beattie Park, Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois

**Placed to honor the Indians
who built these mounds.**

These mounds are effigy mounds not burial mounds.
Built by the Woodlands Indians.

**Donated by
Robert Hempstead Chapter
Daughters of the American Colonists
1976**



Thatcher Blake Grave

Greenwood Cemetery, Auburn Street, Rockford,
Winnebago County Illinois

**THATCHER BLAKE
ONE OF THREE FOUNDERS OF ROCKFORD
WHO CAME 1834**

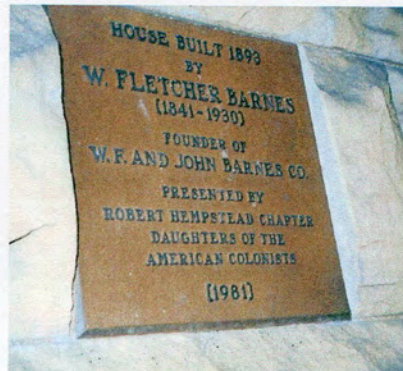
**DEDICATED BY
ROBERT HEMPSTEAD CHAPTER
NATIONAL SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONISTS
1991**



W. Fletcher Barnes House
813 North Main Street, Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois
Now the Burpee Museum of Natural History

HOUSE BUILT 1893
BY
W. FLETCHER BARNES
(1841-1930)
FOUNDER OF
W. F. & JOHN BARNES CO.

Presented by
Robert Hempstead Chapter
Daughters of the
American Colonists
1981



Willard Wheeler House

2285 First Street, Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois

HOUSE BUILT 1843/46

BY

WILLARD WHEELER

(1804-1876)

FIRST MAYOR OF

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 1852

Donated by

Robert Hempstead Chapter

Daughters of the American Colonists

1978



Leda Ferrell Rex Grave
Greenwood Cemetery
Assumption, Christian County, Illinois

Erected by Jane Peebles Sexton Chapter
Wichita, Kansas

IN LOVING MEMORY
LEDA FERRELL REX, HONORARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONISTS
1943-1946
CHAPTER ORGANIZING REGENT
JANE PEEBLES SEXTON CHAPTER
WICHITA, KANSAS
Dedicated 1990



BIG WOODS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Aurora, DuPage County, Illinois

Organized in 1835 in the log cabin of Thompson Paxton.
The current building was erected in 1849 with the
steeple and vestibule added in 1855.

THE ADJOINING CEMETERY DATES TO THE EARLY 1830'S.



Plaque erected by Illinois Sate Society
Daughters of the American Colonist
1975

Faye Fullerton Michelet Grave
Mrs. Charles Jules Michelet, Jr.
Tuscola Cemetery
Tuscola, Douglas County, Illinois

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE
AMERICAN COLONISTS
1970 – 1973**

Dedication of gravestone plaque by the
Illinois State Society
30 September 1999



Georgiana Ford Robinson Grave

Mrs. James E. Robinson

National No. 219

First State Regent of

Illinois State Society

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois

Grave marking dedication by the

Illinois State Society

29 March 2000



St. Francis Xavier Church

St. Francisville, Lawrence County, Illinois

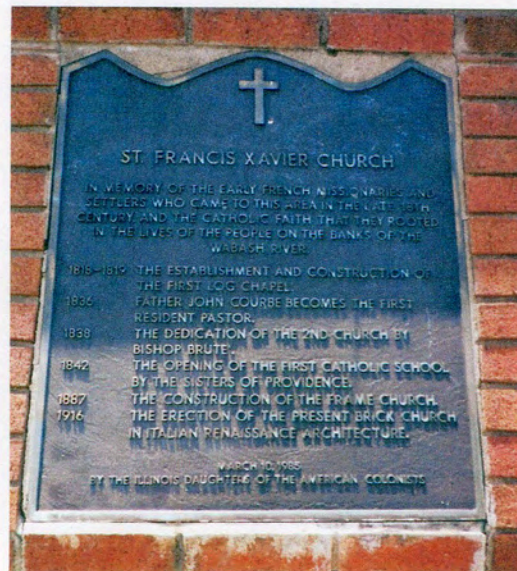
About ten years before the church was organized a small village was established by French settlers from Vincennes, Indiana. The site selected was on a bluff overlooking the Wabash River. In June 1818 two French missionary priests arrived in Vincennes, Indiana. In December they visited the small village across the river in Illinois and decided to set up a church.



**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
IN MEMORY OF THE EARLY FRENCH MISSIONARIES
AND SETTLERS WHO CAME TO THIS AREA IN THE
LATE 18TH CENTURY & THE CATHOLIC FAITH THAT
THEY ROOTED IN THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE ON
THE BANKS OF THE WABASH RIVER.**

- 1818-1819 THE ESTABLISHMENT & CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST LOG CABIN.**
- 1836 FATHER JOHN COURBE BECOMES THE FIRST RESIDENT PASTOR.**
- 1838 THE DEDICATION OF THE 2ND CHURCH BY BISHOP BRUTE.**
- 1842 THE OPENING OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SCHOOL BY THE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE.**
- 1887 THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FRAME CHURCH.**
- 1916 THE ERECTION OF THE PRESENT BRICK CHURCH IN ITALIAN RENAISSANCE ARCHITECTURE.**

**Dedicated of marker by the
ILLINOIS STATE SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONISTS
March 10, 1985**



FORT DE CHARTRES
RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS



**Ceremony of Dedication of the Gateway and the
National Society Daughters of the American Colonists
plaques in English and in French
October 13, 1936**



FORT DE CHARTRES

RANDOLPH COUNTY ILLINOIS

Fort De Chartres, seat of Civil and Military Government in the Illinois Country for half a century, was first completed in 1720. In 1753-56 it was rebuilt of stone at a cost of 200,000 livres and became one of the strongest forts in North America and the key to the French defenses in what is now the United States. By the Treaty of Paris, 1763, France ceded the greater part of her North American possessions to Great Britain, but Fort De Chartres, the last post to be surrendered was occupied by a French Garrison until 1765. Renamed Fort Cavendish, the fort was the seat of British Government in the Illinois Country until 1772, when it was abandoned and destroyed.

The State of Illinois Purchased the Site of Fort De Chartres and made it a State Park in 1913.

This Gateway was restored by the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists and the State of Illinois.

**Ceremony of Dedication of the Gateway and the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists
plaques in English and French.**

October 13, 1936

FORT DE CHARTRES

RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Plaques erected inside the gate by the National Society
 Daughters of the American Colonists in 1936
 with NSDAC Insignia at the top of each plaque.



Words in French

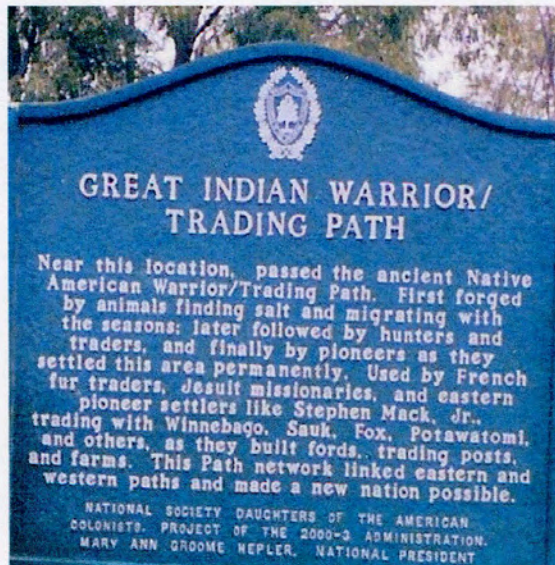


Words in English

GREAT INDIAN WARRIOR/TRADING PATH

Near this location, passed the ancient Native American Warrior/Trading Path. First forged by animals finding salt and migrating with the seasons; later followed by hunters and traders, and finally by pioneers as they settled this area permanently. Used by French fur traders, Jesuit missionaries, and eastern pioneer settlers like Stephen Mack, Jr., trading with Winnebago, Sauk, Fox, Potawatomi, and others, as they built forts, trading posts, and farms. The Path network linked eastern and western paths and made a new nation possible.

National Society Daughters of the American Colonists.
Project of the 2000-2003 administration.
Mary Ann Groome Hepler, National President



Dedicated September 14, 2002
Rockton, Winnebago County, Illinois