

# A Divided City: A History of St. Louis 1851-1876

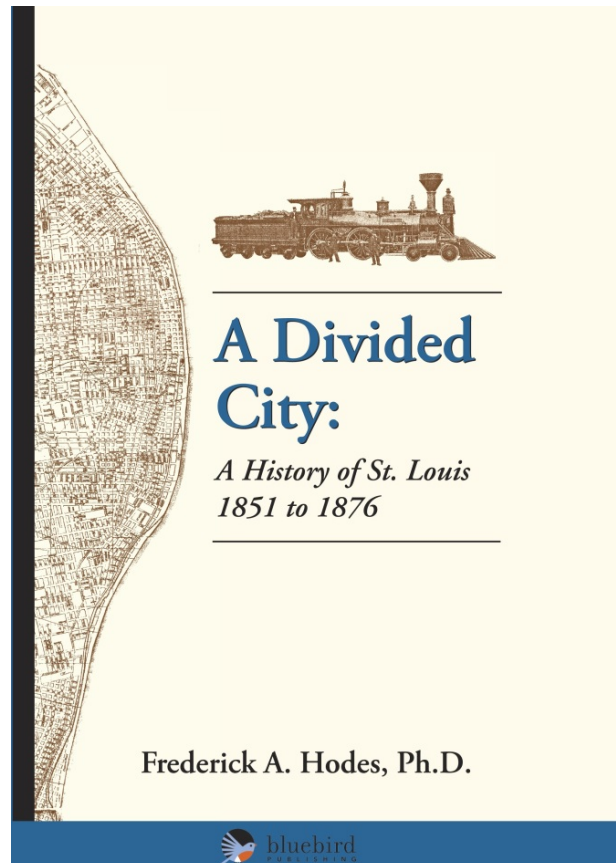
*By Frederick A. Hodes, Ph.D.*

The third part in a multi-volume history, *A Divided City: St. Louis 1851-1876* tells how a great American city was torn apart in the years preceding the Civil War; how its divided loyalties led to civic bloodshed, martial law, and military occupation; and how - despite these challenges - St. Louis continued its rapid growth in population and prominence. The result of more than 30 years of scholarships, this definitive and compelling history tells the story of 25 critical years that would shape modern St. Louis.

Frederick A. Hodes, Ph.D, is the author of the definitive histories *Beyond the Frontier: A History of St. Louis to 1821* and *Rising of the River: St. Louis 1822 to 1850, Explosive Growth from Town to City*. The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* has called his scholarship "a worthy service to our community," and the newspaper noted that for "students of the region who want to delve into the full tale – and keep well-annotated volumes as a ready desk reference – Hodes's books offer a thorough chronicle of social forces and events." A seventy-three-year resident of the city, Hodes began researching his multi-volume history of St. Louis after he received his doctorate in history from St. Louis University in 1973. He is retired from the Defense Mapping Agency where he worked as a cartographer for 33 years. He is married, the father of two, and the grandfather of seven.

**"Hodes describes the deep social divisions and conflict during the Civil War and the tumultuous politics afterward—the crackup of the unionist Republicans, the emerging black vote, the return to respectability of secessionist Democrats—and how all of those forces lead to the schism, or split, of the city and county."**

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