

# Beyond the Frontier: A History of St. Louis to 1821

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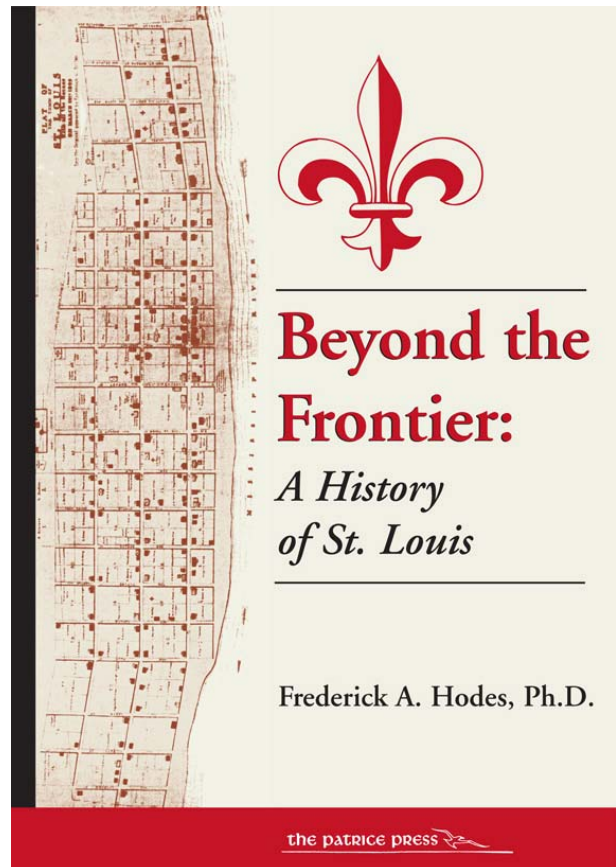
On February 14, 1764, Pierre Laclede's boat touched the limestone ledges at the riverfront, beginning the development of the "Gateway to the West"—a town that would shape the end of colonial conflict on the continent, relations with the Native Americans, and the relentless westward expansion of the United States.

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