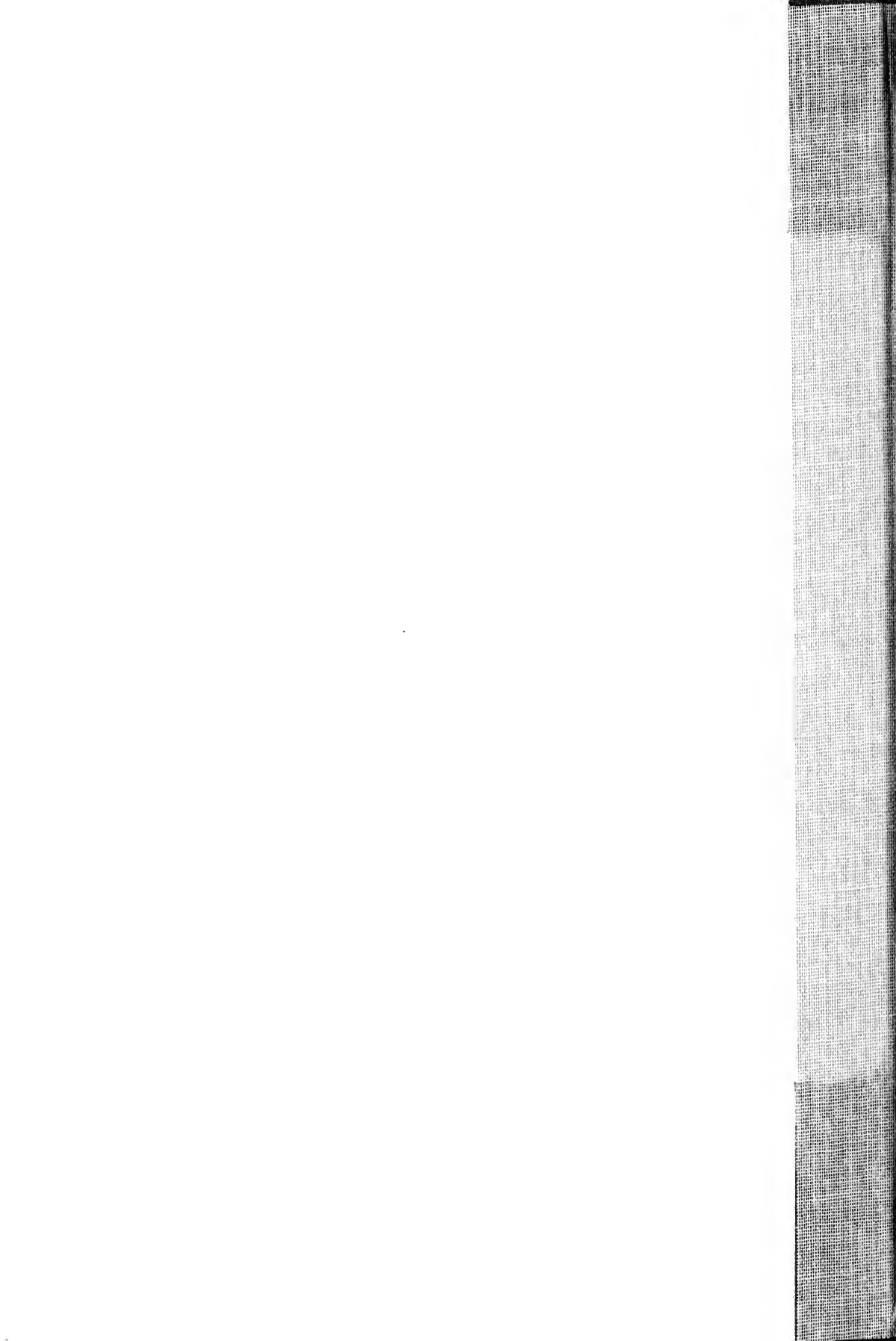


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Cahokia To Commemorate 250 Years As Settlement

CAHOKIA, April 27—(AP)—Two hundred fifty years ago Cahokia took its place in history—first white settlement in the Mississippi valley.

A mission of priests from the seminary of Quebec founded the community May 14, 1699. A celebration commemorating the event will be held here May 14-29.

Bishop Jean Baptiste de La Croix-Chevriere de St. Vallier gave official sanction for the mission July 14, 1698. The party traveled by canoe and portage by way of the Great Lakes and the Illinois and Mississippi rivers.

By May of the next year, a lodging had been constructed. A chapel was being built. The village quickly began to attract French settlers from Canada and the Gulf of Mexico area.

Trading Post

Cahokia was an important trading post until 1800, but it always remained small. Today it is an independent village in the St. Louis-East St. Louis metropolitan area with 830 residents.

The community soon had competition which kept it from growing. The Jesuit order set up a rival mission—first here—then at Kaskaskia, 40 miles down the Mississippi. Kaskaskia later became state capital of Illinois.

Also, in 1763, Cahokia was left in British territory following the French and Indian wars—so most of the French settlers moved across the river to St. Louis—still French territory at the time.

The name for the settlement was taken from a Canadian Indian village near the point from which the mission started. The name went through several English spellings—Coas, Caoquias and Kaouches—before becoming Cahokia.

Present head of the village board of trustees is Ernest Sauget—a name that shows the French influence continued through the years.

The French ambassador to the United States, Henri Bonnet, will be guest of honor at a banquet May 14—opening day of the celebration.

The following week-end members of a tour party will visit Cahokia Mounds State park and see a historical pageant on Friday. On Saturday, May 21, they will visit the courthouse, the state museum, the restoration of the Holy Family church, the old Jarrot mansion and the old burying ground.

CISSNA HOSTESS

CISSNA PARK, April 27—(BSC)—Mrs. H. D. Danforth was hostess to the Stitch and Chatter club at her home Friday afternoon.

ministrations has been offered in the Illinois house.

The new authority, to be run by a superintendent of printing, would perform all printing services required by the county board and any agencies of the county.

County boards would be allowed

to issue revenue bonds without a referendum vote, and to hire all necessary employes to operate the printing establishment.

The bill is sponsored by Representatives Edward C. Hunter, Democrat, Rockford, and Lloyd Harris, Democrat, Granite City.

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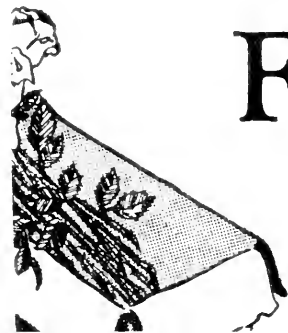
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The memorable date of 1776 is stamped on the parish bell of the Holy Family Church, Cahokia. Earliest writings are not definite on the history of the bell, or where it was cast. Apparently it was brought to Cahokia by traders from the East. The fact that Cahokia was the western-most bastion in the War of Independence makes the inscribed date especially significant. It is planned to mount the bell in the old church as part of the restoration.



Among the prized religious articles cherished by Holy Family parish are these four believed to have been brought by the earliest missionaries. (Left to right): A candlestick, exquisitely designed in old-world handiwork; the Missal, printed in Antwerp in 1668; the ciborium, made of silver and plated with gold; the monstrance, of brass and decorated with fancy die marks, dated 1717.



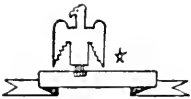
His Holiness, Pope Pius XII

“On this memorable occasion of the celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of Holy Family Parish in Cahokia, Illinois, our Most Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, has very graciously deigned to bestow his special Apostolic Benediction upon Your Excellency, the Bishop of Belleville, upon Father Joseph H. Mueller, Pastor of Holy Family Parish, the Sisters Adorers of the Most Precious Blood, whose Congregation completes fifty-eight years of service in this place, all the clergy and religious who are or have been associated in the work of the parish, the faithful of Holy Family and all the friends and benefactors here gathered . . . ”

*(From the Apostolic Delegate's letter to
the Most Rev. Albert R. Zuroweste, D.D.)*



Harry S. Truman
President of the United States



What an immense lot of history Cahokia has seen. We can all gain strength for the future by recalling the heroic events of our past.

With my best wishes to Cahokia for a successful anniversary party, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.



His Eminence

Samuel Cardinal Stritch

Archbishop of Chicago

Metropolitan of the Five Suffragan Illinois Dioceses

His Eminence will honor the Anniversary Celebration by offering a Pontifical Field Mass at Cahokia on Sunday morning, May 15. At the afternoon program he will extend his personal felicitations to the parish and village, and to all gathered for the opening day of jubilee.



Adlai E. Stevenson

Governor of Illinois

State Honorary Chairman for the Anniversary

"Our appreciation of historic places and events grows ever greater with the passing of time. So it has been with Cahokia. As an outpost of colonization and religious influence in mid-America, this community has come to be increasingly recognized as an authentic shrine of our nation's history. It is therefore proper that the founding here of the first permanent white settlement in the Mississippi Valley, two and a half centuries ago, should be commemorated as the significant event it was in the chronology of America."



The Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani

Archbishop of Laodicea

Apostolic Delegate

"Almighty God has seen fit to bless Cahokia. When the French Canadian missionaries turned their attention to this Illinois territory, it was at the Indian settlement of Cahokia that they established their center for Christian life. There the cleansing waters of baptism flowed for the first time two hundred and fifty years ago. Since that time, despite many and severe hardships, other zealous priests kept alive that supernatural life; and our divine inheritance, the sacraments, were continuously at work. Cahokia did not hide its spiritual treasures but became a fountain head from which other missions sprang and on which they depended during their early years.

"Obstacles, trials, struggles, dangers from water and fire only served to deepen the spiritual stamina of the mission, the village and the town. If progress was slow, patience, perseverance and constancy never failed and Christ's grace was always the impelling force for advancement.

"Two centuries and a half have passed. While we recall the glorious record of the past, we are reminded that the progress of Holy Family Parish continues with ardent zeal and alertness for the same generous Christ, who watched over the early missionaries and their neophytes, inspires the present pastor and his people. May our Divine Master's blessings, ever more abundant, be the reward of the Catholics of Cahokia."



Most Rev. Albert R. Zuroweste, D.D.

Bishop of Belleville

"The Diocese of Belleville, established in 1889, is honored to act as host to the distinguished guests representing Church and Government who are rejoicing with us on this 250th anniversary celebration.

"There are few dioceses in this country blessed with a parish having 250 years of unbroken history. This is a tribute to the pioneers of the Northwest Territory who, in establishing this country, recognized their dependence upon God and recommended their work to His Divine Providence. Today we honor their memory and we pray that God's grace will ever protect us, our Church and our Government."



M. Henri Bonnet

French Ambassador to the United States



“The noble achievements of the founders of the first settlement in the Mississippi Valley are a source of pride to us, who honor the traditions of the French pioneers, just as they are to our American brothers, who have so often fought side by side with us in the struggle for freedom.

“Cahokia is a valued relic of our past as it is of yours.”

Pontifical Field Mass

Sunday, May 15 — 11 a. m. (CDST)

HIS EMINENCE SAMUEL CARDINAL STRITCH

Archbishop of Chicago, Celebrant

His Excellency
Most Reverend
JOSEPH H. SCHLARMAN
Bishop of Peoria
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Deacon of the Mass

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Subdeacon of the Mass



Masters of Ceremonies:

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Metropolitan Cross Bearer: REV. ARTHUR GOLDAMMER

Narrator for the Mass: REV. GEORGE LALLY.

(Minor Officers of the Mass — St. Henry's Seminary Students)

Music of the Mass, "Regina Pacis": Cathedral Men's Choir and St. Henry's Seminary Choir,
Sir Knight B. L. Miller, directing.

"Pomp and Circumstance" (Elgar).....

Processional—Organ

Fanfare of Trumpeteers and "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus"

Proper of the Mass—Gregorian Chant

Ordinary of the Mass—"Missa Regina Pacis" by Pietro Yon

Recessional—"Te Deum"

(Wurlitzer Organ for Mass and Holy Hour, courtesy of Ludwig Music House, St. Louis, Mo.)

Cahokia's Anniversary

by
Joseph P. Donnelly, S.J., Ph.D.

» » During these two weeks of May 15 and 22, 1949, the village of Cahokia, Illinois, celebrates its two hundred and fifty years of continuous existence. The event is being marked with fitting ceremonies which include a solemn Pontifical Field Mass, civic celebrations at which state dignitaries will be present, and a pageant which promises to attract wide attention. While the great antiquity of Cahokia is no surprise to historians, the fact that we have a settlement on the banks of the Mississippi River which is not too many years younger than many of the oldest towns in New England and contemporary in its foundation with settlements in Pennsylvania and Georgia comes as something of a surprise to the average citizen who conceives of everything old in our country as pertaining to the eastern seaboard.

The foundation of Cahokia has something of a unique character about it. When Bishop Laval came to Canada he determined to establish among the clergy of his diocese a community which would follow the lines of the Priests of the Seminary of Paris, an organization which Bishop Laval had helped to establish in France. The Priests of the Seminary of Quebec were established in 1663 with the purpose, eventually, of working among the aborigines. For many years the organization grew slowly. Finally, in 1698, the Society was able to appoint a few of its members to begin mission work in distant places. At the moment the



most attractive goal by way of a primitive people was the Illinois Indians about which Father Jacques Marquette, Jesuit explorer of the Mississippi River, had written so glowingly. These Indians had come to be pictured as the outstanding example of the "noble savages" whose conversion was only a matter of the presence of missionaries. Thus, when the priests of the Seminary of Quebec planned to begin their great mission effort after thirty-five years of preparation, they were anxious to begin among the Illinois. It was their intention to establish some centrally located village out of which they could work among the Illinois and southward into what are now the states of Arkansas, Louisiana and Alabama as well as the whole of the Missouri River area.

A Location Is Chosen

After seeking advice from those who knew the country, the priests from the Seminary of Quebec, at the suggestion of Henri Tonty, decided to locate among the Tamaroa-Cahokia clan of the Illinois Nation. These Indians occupied a plot of ground between two little streams emptying immediately into the Mississippi River. The location, just opposite the present city of St. Louis, had the distinct geographical advantage of being not far from the confluence of the Missouri with the Mississippi. Having received letters patent from the Bishop of Quebec and license to depart from the Governor of New France, three missionaries, Fathers Montigny, St. Cosme and Davion, left Quebec on July 16, 1698, with a group of hired laborers who came to assist in erecting the mission buildings. Tonty also came along to introduce the missionaries to their prospective neophytes. The party reached Cahokia on December 8, 1698, where the Indians were briefly visited. During the rest of the winter and early spring the missionaries examined the country below Cahokia and returned in March, satisfied that Cahokia was the most advantageous location for their headquarters. By May 22, 1699, a log chapel had been erected and a rude dwelling for the priests. They erected a great mission cross and on that day began their apostolic work.

A Typical French Village

For the first quarter of a century the little village had only the most tenuous hold on life. Father Bergier, the first priest to reside at Cahokia for any length of time, had no knowledge of the native language and hence found it most difficult to instruct the Indians. On one occasion the Indians nearly left Cahokia to ally themselves with the Kaskaskia's who were settling across the river. Financial aid, promised by the King of France and the Bishop of Quebec, was not too regular. Eventually, in 1724, the mission was granted four square leagues of land as a sort of seignory from which it was expected that sufficient produce could be



Rev. Joseph Mueller, Pastor Holy Family Church

raised to support the mission work. About 1735, Father Jean Mercier, who spent most of his life at Cahokia, sent home a plan of the mission which shows it to have been, even that early, a typical French village with the homes of the inhabitants grouped about a church square and the fields divided into long narrow strips. The town could then boast about seven resident families and a small Indian village at some distance from the dwellings of the French. The missionaries had erected a couple of mills and a blacksmith shop. The rectory was surrounded by orchards and livestock was common. Already slaves had been introduced from New Orleans. The farmer-trappers were shipping out excess produce. But Father Mercier complained that the French inhabitants were not too sedentary, being inclined to wander off to take part in fur trading. He considered them a bad influence on the Indians with whom they frequently inter-married, though the practice was forbidden.

Conflict for Control

By 1740 Cahokia is no longer a mission center, but it has become a French town whose interests are those of the French. Already the

French crown had extended to the villages in the Mississippi Valley the laws of the parishes of Paris. The area had been divided into nine districts in which there were civil officials who acted as notaries, judges and such like to administer justice and assist in orderly civil life. Internationally, the Mississippi Valley was growing in importance both to France and England. By 1750 each power was striving for domination of the country. The conflict for control brought sad days to Cahokia in the guise of Indian raids, drafting of her men to campaign for France and disturbed conditions resulting from war. When England conquered the French, Cahokia lost her pastor with the departure of Father Duvergier and she also lost her security with the entrance of her conquerors, whom she hated.

Cahokia Becomes Americanized

The years between 1763 and 1778 were critical ones for Cahokia. During that time there was constant confusion about ecclesiastical and civil jurisdiction. The English paid little attention to such frontier posts as Cahokia until many years after the territory came under George III's control. When representatives of England were finally sent they were anything but acceptable because they were often politically corrupt as well as being disdainful of French customs. On the side of ecclesiastical jurisdiction there was question of whether the country was to look to the Bishop of Quebec or to the Bishop of Havana for help. The scarcity of priests made the religious life of the village lapse, at least briefly, until the people of the village petitioned for a pastor from Canada. They were given Father Pierre Gibault who came to the country in 1768, laboring zealously in the Mississippi Valley for the rest of his life. His actual incumbency as pastor at Cahokia was not long, but his influence on the French was unsurpassed. It is probably because he assured the people of the justice of the American Revolution that the French welcomed George Rogers Clark. When the American forces, under Captain Joseph Bowman, marched into Cahokia on July 6, 1778, he was graciously received by the Cahokians who rejoiced at the overthrow of their English overlords. They offered men and money to the American cause and helped build a fort to aid in holding the country for America.

It is rather astonishing how quickly the people of Cahokia assumed characteristics which we think of as typically American. The establishment of civil government and the acceptance of legal traditions stemming from our eastern seaboard seems to have been accomplished in less than a decade. It is true, of course, that Yankee traders poured into the west once we had won the Revolution. Their presence and inter-marriage with the French certainly helped in the transition. By 1800, less than

a quarter of a century after Cahokia had become a part of America, the village ceased to be French and looked to America for its future.

A Church Is Built

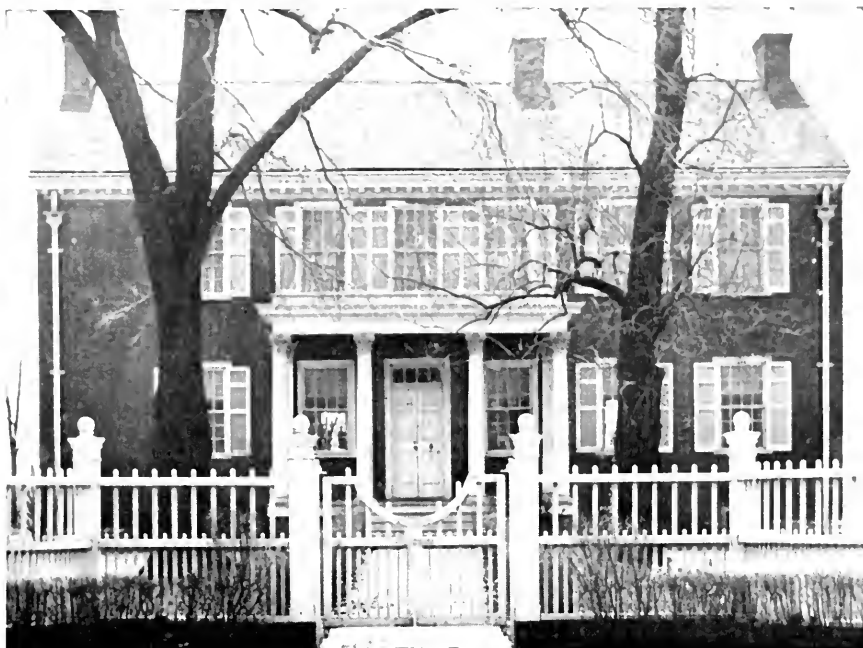
An event of purely parochial importance happened in 1799 when the parish dedicated its new and quite spacious church, built in the Canadian fashion of hewn walnut logs standing perpendicularly. The event is of historical importance due to the fact that the church has survived in surprisingly good condition and has been carefully restored for the celebration. Eventually the building will be placed under the care of our National Park Service. To understand how precious our national government considers this building, it may be pointed out that it is to be placed in a category with Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

Cahokia's hopes of developing into an important city in the heart of America was foredoomed by the very location chosen for it. Unfortunately for the village it was constantly exposed to devastating floods while its neighbor, St. Louis, stood on a protected bluff. Hence, after 1800, Cahokia quickly declined in importance, remaining an agricultural center where life was regular and pleasant.

Though Cahokia's civil history, after 1820, merits no detailed recounting, the story of her parish may briefly be outlined in order to recall the great names which were connected with the place. Father Gabriel Richard, Bishop Flaget, Bishop Du Bourg, Bishop Rosati, all at one time or another had the care of Cahokia. Father John Francis Regis Loisel, the first native St. Louisian to be raised to the priesthood was once its pastor. Members of the Congregations of St. Sulpice and of the Congregation of the Missions may be said to have saved the parish and the town by their untiring service to both over the long stretches of years between 1800 and 1870.

Before 1912 no one paid much attention to the antiquity of Cahokia. In that year, when Father Robert Hynes became pastor of the parish he reviewed the old records and became fired with a determination to save Cahokia for America. He launched a campaign for funds to save the old church from destruction. Because of his interest the church was preserved for its contemporary restoration. Now Cahokia approaches her two hundred and fiftieth anniversary with many societies and civic organizations giving of their time and finances to celebrate the occasion. Cahokia is more than a symbol of a long dead era of our history. She is a beacon reminding our day of the antiquity of European culture in the Mississippi Valley. As such the village deserves a great celebration on her anniversary.

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The Jarrot Mansion

» » The Jarrot mansion is perhaps the oldest brick house in the upper Mississippi Valley. In 1799 when the building was started, workmen made all the bricks by hand on the spot. By 1806 the house was completed and in it Nicholas Jarrot reigned as a "kind of feudal lord."

Jarrot is said to have owned 25,000 acres of land including the present site of East St. Louis, Illinois. Here in the second floor ball room, the first school in Cahokia was held in 1809. Now it is one of the few landmarks left in old Cahokia.

In 1945 the beautiful old mansion was purchased and restored by Oliver Lafayette Parks, President of the Parks Aircraft Corporation. The present porch is probably a fair replica of the original one but it is not definitely known whether it had one or not. Letters dated in the 1820's are said to describe gatherings on "the front porch". Mr. Guy Study, the restoration architect, has stated that no trace of these letters has been found.

In 1948 the parish of the Holy Family acquired the property from Mr. Parks. Today it is used as a home for the sisters who teach in the Holy Family Parish School.

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How the Restoration Came About



» » It was at the Christmas dinner meeting of the Cahokia Historical Society held in the house known as "The Maurice V. Joyce Mansion" East St. Louis, now the property of the Y.W.C.A., that the decision was made to do something about restoring the old church at Cahokia — "The Holy Family Church."

Efforts had previously been made to get it started, even going so far as to have a committee go to Belleville and call upon His Excellency Bishop Henry Althoff, then Bishop of the Belleville Diocese. That committee consisted of Mr. E. G. Barman, Frank J. Holten, Mrs. Anita Hennessy, Mrs. Margaret Gilligan Diehm, all of East St. Louis.

This committee, headed by the President Mrs. Wm. H. Matlack, visited Belleville and offered its services to the Bishop who immediately agreed to visit Cahokia and take steps to save both the old parish house and the church. A plan was to be worked out by which funds could be raised for the work. Shortly after that the sad message came that Bishop Althoff was gravely ill. The Bishop died in July and for a time the Cahokia restoration was at a standstill

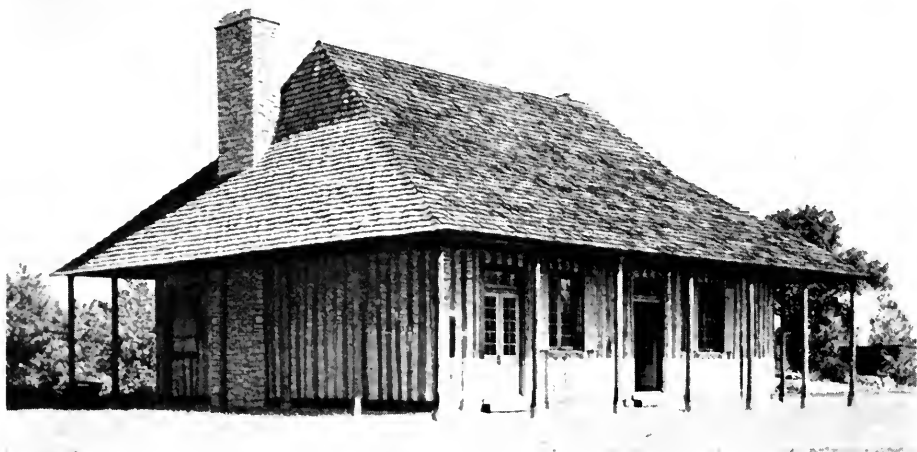
At this December, 1947, meeting, the speaker was Irving Dilliard, then President of the Illinois State Historical Society. His topic was "Altgeld — the forgotten man." A discussion period followed and it was announced that the old parish house had been torn down "for safety purposes." Everyone knew that unless something was done immediately, the venerated old church would share the same fate.

With this in mind, the President, Mrs. Wm. H. Matlack encouraged by Mr. Dilliard, arranged for an organization meeting at the Broadview Hotel, in East St. Louis. On April 12th, at 5:00 p. m., a most enthusiastic group of men and women from organizations in St. Louis, Mo., Collinsville, Prairie du Rocher, Florissant, Mo., Cahokia, Springfield, and Belleville, Illinois, met in the Blue Room and elected Father Joseph Mueller of Cahokia, as temporary chairman. It was decided to form a non-profit organization, incorporated under the State of Illinois laws, for the purpose of restoring the old church and making Cahokia a National Shrine. A nominating committee consisting of Irving Dilliard, Chas. E. Peterson, Joseph Desloge and Father Mueller was appointed to prepare at once

a slate of permanent officers to be elected at the dinner in the Red Room at 6 o'clock. Those elected are listed in another section of this brochure.

From this humble and sincere beginning the "Cahokia 250th Anniversary Celebration Association" grew, and with the endorsement and approbation of Bishop Albert R. Zuroweste and Governor Adlai Stevenson as honorary chairmen, proceeded with the task of furthering this effort. Thanks to the support from the Diocese, the State, many other generous contributors and committee workers it has been possible to arrange a fitting commemoration. The Association is most grateful to everyone.

You are urged to join the Association and help to perpetuate the work, so well started, of making Cahokia a National Shrine.



The Old Court House

» » In the old Court House at Cahokia we have an example of the earliest type of shelter built by white men in the mid-west. It was originally a dwelling of four rooms and an attic with a chimney built at each end, and a gallery surrounding the entire building. It is made of logs in the French pioneer style — the logs standing perpendicularly. It is not known who was the builder but records show that it was later owned by Captain Jean Baptiste Saucier, a former engineer in the French Colonial Army.

The house was sold to the County by his son Francois Saucier, to be used as a courthouse and jail. This was the first County organized in what later became Illinois. It covered most of northern Illinois including Chicago and it was called St. Clair County. It is believed to have been built in 1737.



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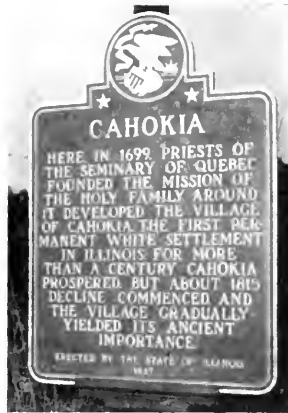
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— Synopsis —

Prologue:

The time, autumn of 1698. The Chief of the Cahokias and members of his tribe beseech their gods with song and dance to bring peace to their lands.

First Episode:

The time, May in 1699. The Quebec Missionary priests arrive at Cahokia and are welcomed by the native tribes

Second Episode:

The time, June in 1769. A village scene, showing the progress and way of life among the villagers in the pioneer settlement.

Third Episode:

The time, July in 1778. Cahokia is won for the Independent Colonies as George Rogers Clark reaches this westernmost outpost and wins the favor of both villagers and Indians.

Epilogue:

The ensemble salutes Cahokia's antiquity, her greatness and her future.

Cahokia 250th Anniversary Celebration Program

Saturday, May 14

- 7:00 p.m. Dinner commemorating the 250th Anniversary of Cahokia
Hotel Statler Ballroom, St. Louis, Mo. (Invitational).
Host, Missouri Historical Society.
Guest of Honor—M. Henri Bonnet, French Ambassador.
Guests—Illinois State Historical Society and the Cahokia
250th Anniversary Celebration Association.

Governor's Day — Sunday, May 15

- 11:00 a.m. Pontifical Field Mass — Cahokia, Illinois.
Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Celebrant.
Most Rev. J. H. Schlarman, D.D., Sermon.
- 1:30 p.m. Anniversary banquet. Music—string ensemble.
Guest cards required.
Honored Guests — Church and State dignitaries.
- 1:45-2:45 Concert by 32-piece band.
- 3:00 p.m. Reception and program. Speakers: Gov. Adlai Stevenson,
Cardinal Stritch, and other notables.
(Military Escort—National Guards, Capt. Leroy LaBardi).
- 5:30 p.m. Special broadcast of "The Land We Live In."
Feature—The History of Cahokia.

Education Day — Monday, May 16

- 10:00 a.m. Educational exhibits.
- 12:00 noon Picnic lunch.
- 1:00 p.m. Address—"History of Cahokia"—Rev. Jos. P. Donnelly, S.J.
- 1:30 p.m. An interview with Pioneers of Cahokia.
- 2:00 p.m. East St. Louis High School Band, Carl Compton, Director.
- 3:00 p.m. French folk songs and dances by pupils of Holy Family
Parish School, Cahokia.
- 5:00 p.m. Public reception of visiting groups at Broadview Hotel.
- 6:00 p.m. Retiring the Colors by the Girl Scouts of America.
- 7:00 p.m. Collinsville Band, 80 pieces—Prof. F. C. Kreider, Director.
Soloist—James Gram, "Star Spangled Banner."
- 8:00 p.m. Lincoln Chorus of 100 voices.
Miss Daisy Westbrook, Director.

Note: All times on this program are daylight-saving time.



Civic Day — Tuesday, May 17

- 10:00 a.m. Educational exhibits.
12:00 noon Picnic lunch.
1:00 p.m. An interview with Pioneers of Cahokia.
2:00 p.m. Motion pictures—Town Hall, Cahokia.
3:30 p.m. Bernice Goedde—"Educational Advantages of Today."
4:00 p.m. 350-voice boy's chorus—Miss Cecile Coombs, Director.
5:00 p.m. Public reception of visitors—Broadview Hotel.
7:00 p.m. Adult Chorus—Mrs. Rosemary Green Brinson, Director.
8:00 p.m. Lenni Lenappi—Indian Dance.
Boy Scouts of East St. Louis, St. Louis and Belleville.
9:00 p.m. Mixer quadrille. Miss Leona Menestrina, Directing.
Boy Scouts will lower the Colors at sundown.

Pioneer's Day — Wednesday, May 18

- 10:00 a.m. Educational exhibits.
12:00 noon Picnic lunch.
2:00 p.m. Motion pictures—Town Hall, Cahokia.
7:00 p.m. Public reception of visitors at Broadview Hotel.
7:45 p.m. Leave Broadview Hotel for Cahokia.
8:00 p.m. Candle-light procession, Cahokia.
Holy Hour; Solemn Pontifical Benediction.
Celebrant—Most Rev. Albert R. Zuroweste, D.D.
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Special Music—Joint Seminary Choirs.—Prof. B. L. Miller,
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Missouri Day — Thursday, May 19

- 10:00 a.m. Educational exhibits.
12:00 noon Picnic luncheon.
2:00 p.m. Motion pictures—Town Hall, Cahokia.
5:00 p.m. Public reception for visitors at Broadview Hotel.
6:45 p.m. Leave hotel for Cahokia.
7:00 p.m. Historical Pageant.

*Note: Education Day and Civic Day are in charge of the Exhibit Committee
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Friday, May 20

- 3:00- 5:30 p.m. Hotel Registration and Society Registration, fee \$1 per member. Obtain tickets for meals and tour at registration.
- 3:15- 5:15 p.m. Conducted tour to Cahokia Mounds State Park for early arrivals. View of American Bottoms from summit of largest mound. Visit to archaeological museum. Those who miss start of tour may catch up by going east on Broadway to Tenth Street, left on Tenth Street, which is U. S. Highway 40, East on No. 40 five miles to Cahokia Mounds State Park. Turn left off highway to auto park behind museum. Do not confuse Cahokia Mounds State Park with the Village of Cahokia. The Park is five miles East of East St. Louis on Highway 40, while the village is three miles South on Highway 3.
- 3:30- 5:00 p.m. Meeting of Directors, Broadview Hotel.
- 5:30- 6:45 p.m. Spring Dinner (\$2.75). Broadview Hotel.
Presiding, Dr. Dwight F. Clark, Evanston, President, Illinois State Historical Society.
Singing of "Illinois."
Introductions, Mrs. William H. Matlack, East St. Louis, President, Cahokia 250th Anniversary Association.
Talk, Harold G. Baker, Belleville, former U. S. District Attorney.
Music—National Guard Escort to Cahokia.
- 7:00- 9:00 p.m. Historical Pageant. At Village of Cahokia in celebration of 250th anniversary of the oldest continuous settlement in the Mississippi Valley and the first settlement on the Mississippi River.

Saturday, May 21

- 7:30- 8:15 a.m. Group Breakfast (\$1.25), Broadview Hotel. Directors' breakfast.
- 8:30 a.m. Start of Bus and Automobile Tour from Hotel. Tour Chairman, Irving Dilliard, Collinsville; past president, Illinois State Historical Society.
- 8:45-10:30 a.m. Cahokia. Visit to Cahokia Courthouse, State Museum. Inspection of restoration of Holy Family Catholic Church, completed in 1799. Visit to Jarrot Mansion, built about 1799-1805, and to the Old Burying Ground. Village Guide at Cahokia, the Rev. Joseph H. Mueller, pastor of the Holy Family Parish, Cahokia.
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. En route via Columbia, Waterloo, Red Bud (Highway 3) and Ruma and Prairie du Rocher (Highway 155). View of Creole House and Lee Mansion, Prairie du Rocher.
- 11:30- 1:30 p.m. Fort de Chartres State Park. (End of Highway 155). Visit to State Museum on site of French fort erected in 1719. Inspection of powder magazine, which contains original materials, and to reconstructed guard-house and chapel. Complimentary picnic luncheon, chairman, Miss Rose Josephine Boylan, East St. Louis. Guide at Fort de Chartres, Tom J. Connor, Prairie du Rocher, member of Fort de Chartres Restoration Commission.
- 2:30- 4:00 p.m. Fort Kaskaskia State Park. (Highway 3). View of Mississippi River from site of Fort, first built in 1733. Previously a French mission was established on the low river bank in 1703. This became Illinois' first capital in 1818, but gave way to Vandalia in 1820. The 1844 flood nearly washed the original settlement away. By 1910 the encroachment was complete and the Mississippi ran where Kaskaskia stood two centuries earlier. Visit to Garrison Hill Cemetery to which 3800 boxes of remains were taken when the Mississippi began to threaten Kaskaskia. Inspection of Pierre Menard house, completed in 1802. This French Creole type home of Illinois' first Lieutenant Governor recalls plantation houses in Louisiana, and Lafayette was entertained in the drawing room in 1824. Guide at Kaskaskia, Jay Monaghan,

- 4:15- 6:15 p.m. Return trip. By way of Southern Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard; historic river town of Chester and north on Highways 3 and 159 (from Red Bud) to Belleville for view of home of Gov. John Reynolds, one block north of square. Follow either highway 13 or highway 15 from Belleville to East St. Louis and disband at Broadview Hotel. Illinois Central train leaves East St. Louis, Relay Depot for Springfield and Chicago at 6:15 p.m., daylight-time.
- 6:45 p.m. Leave for Cahokia.
- 7:00 p.m. Historical Pageant.

FOR THOSE WHO COME EARLIER . . . OR STAY LONGER

1. The Missouri Historical Society, Illinois State Historical Society, and other Mississippi Valley historical organizations will join in a Cahokia anniversary dinner honoring the French Ambassador, Henri Bonnet, Saturday, May 14, 7:00 p.m., Statler Hotel, St. Louis. Dress optional. Send reservations to Missouri Historical Society, Forest Park, St. Louis.
2. The Cahokia Historical Pageant will be presented four nights, May 19-22.
3. The Cahokia Mounds trip would be suitable for Sunday morning for those who do not arrive in time for the scheduled visit Friday afternoon.
4. Nearby historic sites in Illinois, include: Alton, sites of Lincoln-Douglas debate, Lovejoy's death and first public building in Illinois; Godfrey: home of Capt. Benjamin Godfrey, founder of Monticello College; Lebanon: home of McKendree College, pioneer Methodist school; Collinsville: William B. Collins Home; Edwardsville: Fort Russell; East St. Louis: Bloody Isle.
5. Historic sites in St. Louis, include: Old Courthouse, Riverfront Memorial Park; Old Cathedral with Art Exhibition; Eugene Field Birthplace, 634 South Broadway; Robert Campbell House Museum, 1508 Locust Street; Henry Shaw Home, Missouri Botanical Garden; Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, Forest Park; George Caleb Bingham paintings, "Stump Speaking," "County Election" and "Verdict of the People," Boatmen's Bank Building, Broadway and Olive.

Cabokia Day — Sunday, May 22

- 10:00 a.m. Exhibits.
- 11:00 a.m. Educational exhibits.
- 12:00 noon Picnic lunch.
- 3:00 p.m. Dupo-Maplewood-Cahokia joint Band Concert
Director, Edward H. Wirtle.
- 4:00 p.m. Cahokia Lutheran Church. Rev. E. H. Fleeer, Chairman.
- 6:30 p.m. Public reception of visiting guests, Broadview Hotel.
- 7:00 p.m. Historical Pageant.

Queen's Daughters Day — Thursday, May 26

- 1:00 p.m. Anniversary luncheon and reception for special guests.
- 2:00 p.m. Open House.
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Veterans' Day — Monday, May 30

- 11:00 a.m. Military Field Mass—Auspices Veterans of Foreign Wars.
National Chaplain, Celebrant.
- 2:30 p.m. Military parade.
- 3:30 p.m. Memorial in old cemetery, Cahokia.
Speaker—Lyle T. Beggs National Commander V.F.W.
Cahokia Pontiac Post V.F.W., hosts.

FOR THESE WE ASK GOD'S BLESSING

The Cahokia 250th Anniversary Celebration Association is deeply grateful to each and every one who has aided in any way to make this historical event possible. We are especially thankful for the magnificent church services, the exquisite music, and the beautiful historical pageant. We appreciate the many generous donations, both small and large; the long tedious hours of labor required to give us this souvenir program. We salute the chairmen and all committees for a job well done. Again we say "THANK YOU" and may God bless you for your labor of love.

The 250th Anniversary Association is happy to announce the publication of two books in conjunction with the St. Louis Historical Documents Foundation. "Old Cabokia: A Narrative and Documents Illustration of the First Century of its History" by John Francis McDermott, member of the Department of English at Washington University. "The Parish of the Holy Family—Cabokia, Illinois" by Joseph P. Donnelly, S.J., Ph.D., Associate Professor of American History at St. Louis University. These books are on sale at Broadview Hotel, East St. Louis, and at Cabokia.

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The County Officials listed on the facing page are proud to take part in this Anniversary of Cahokia, to let the world know that the relics of Cahokia are being cherished in our own boundaries . . . and that these earliest traces of Mid-West civilization are being preserved for future generations!

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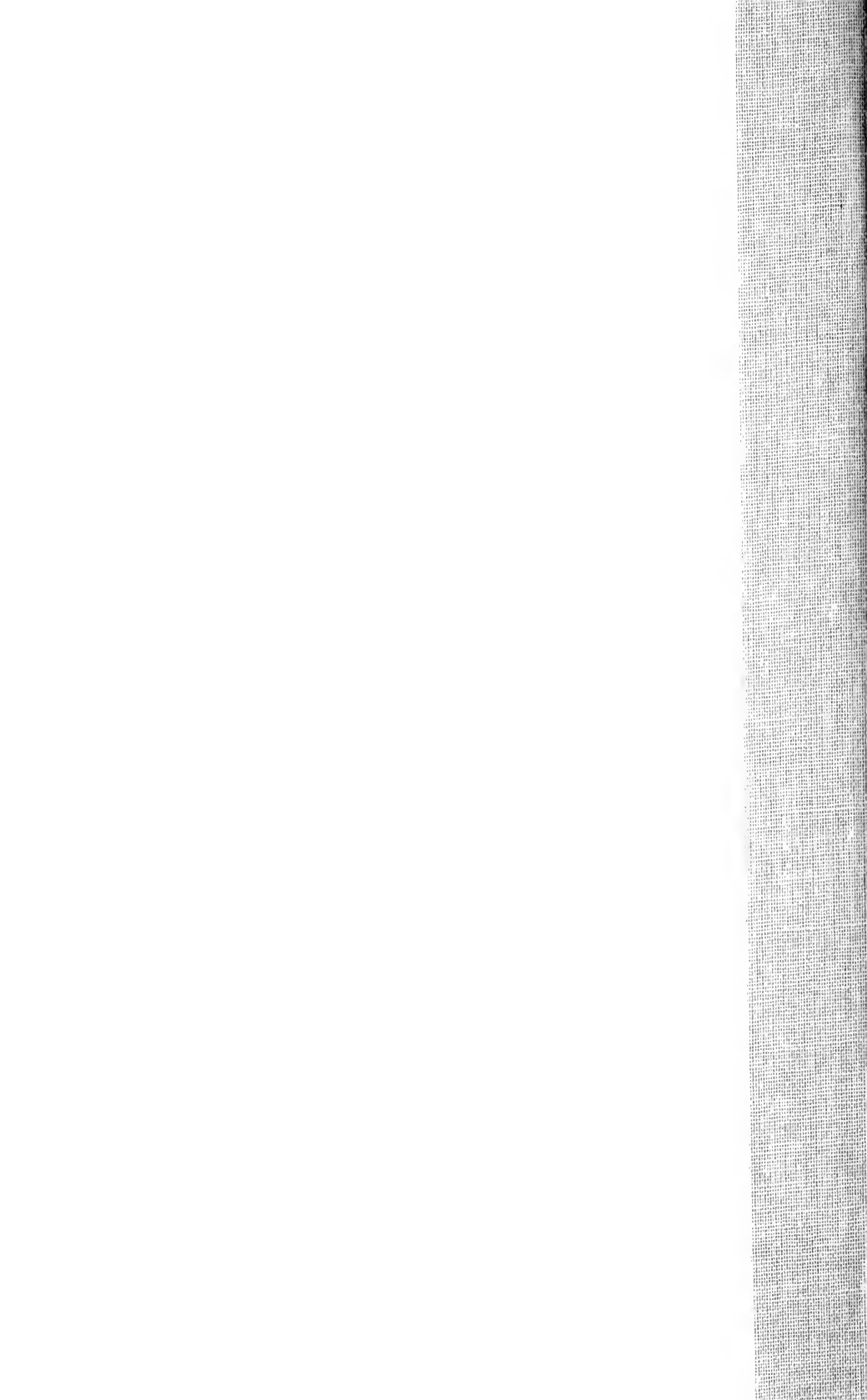
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