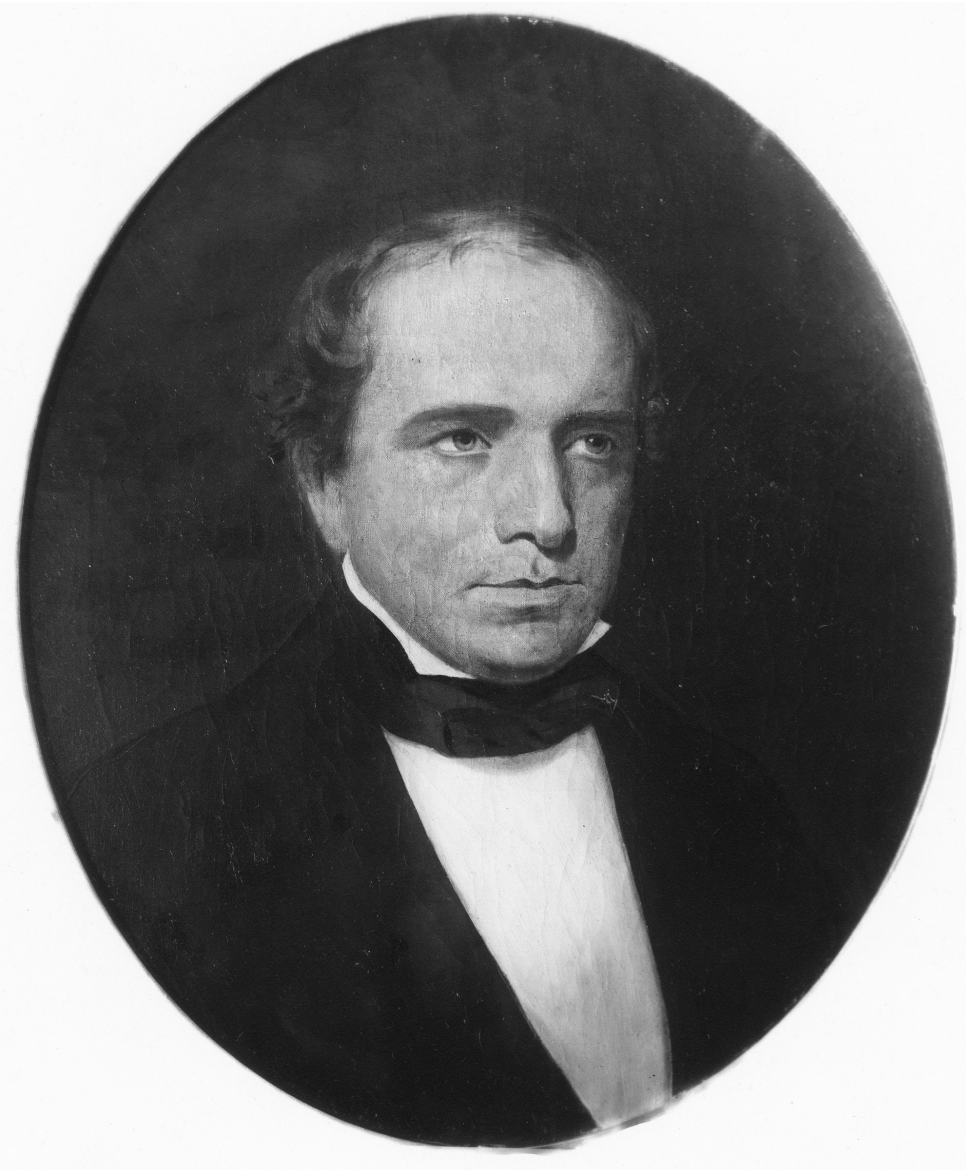


The Peculiar Life of Bryan Mullanphy

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Bryan Mullanphy



A Brief Biography

- Born Sept. 16, 1809, in Baltimore to Irish immigrants John and Elizabeth Mullanphy. (John made a fortune selling cotton at a massive profit — first millionaire in St. Louis)
- 1818-1827 - Attends school in Paris and at Stonyhurst in England
- 1827-1829 - Studies law at St. Louis College
- c. 1830 - Becomes an attorney in St. Louis
- 1835-36 - St. Louis Alderman
- 1841-1844 - Circuit Court Judge
- 1846 - Helps establish St. Vincent de Paul Society in US
- 1847-48 - 10th mayor of St. Louis (one-year term)
- 1840s-on - Assists Irish refugees and the poor
- Approx. January-April 1849 - Hospitalized for mental illness
- August 1849 - Writes will
- June 15, 1851 - Dies of cholera. Never married.
- Bequeaths 1/3 of his estate to St. Louis in trust

A Civic Leader

Incorporator of Union Fire Company No. 2



Bryan Mullanphy's helmet



First location in
frame shed E side
3rd St 2 doors N of
Washington Ave.
1832-36.

2ND ENGINE HOUSE OF UNION NO. 2.
BUILT IN 1836 AND TORN DOWN IN 1847.
PRESENTED BY TOM. LYNCH. WHO WAS BORN IN THE HOUSE
ON THE LEFT, JAN. 1ST 1833.

3rd house a
Gothic structure
on same site as
No. 2. Built in 1847.
Sold in 1855.

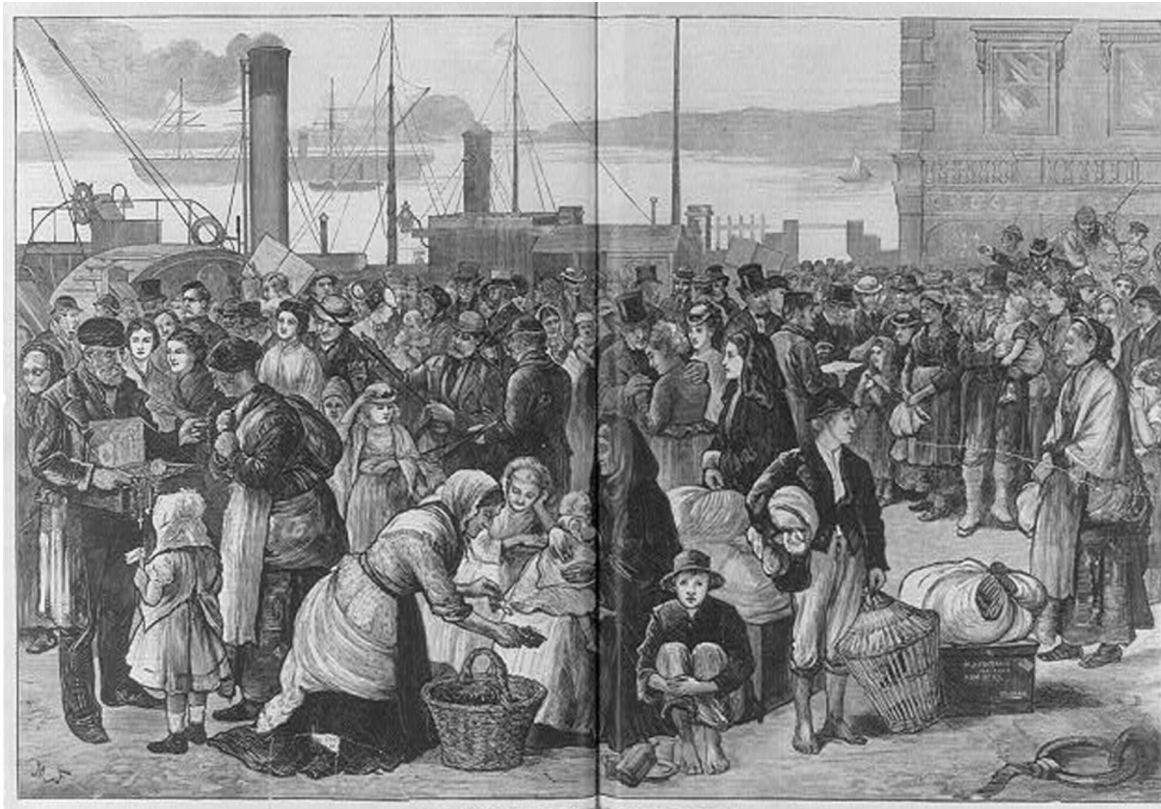
2nd location, 1847, on 3rd and Washington, now Laclede's
Landing (land owned by Mullanphys)

St. Vincent de Paul Society

First Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference in the U.S. at the Old Cathedral 1846.



Generosity towards Irish immigrants



Irish preparing to leave Cork for the US, 1874



The Kerry Patch
in St, Louis

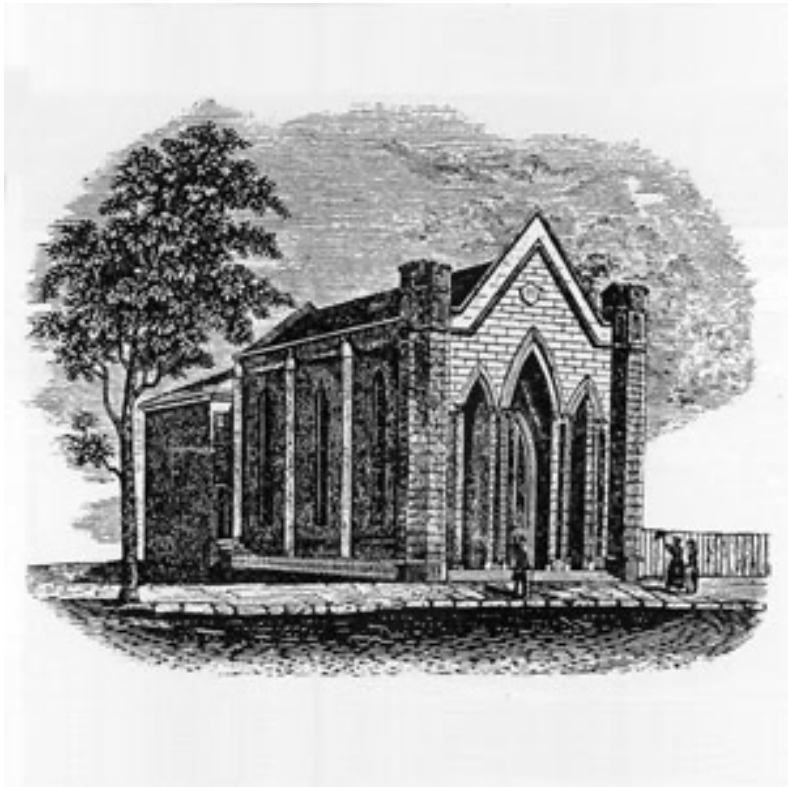
Franklin to
Mullanphy,
Wharf to
Jefferson

Cathedral Basilica



Riots & Disturbances

Riot at St. Louis University



St Louis University's first medical school building on Washington Avenue at Tenth Street.



Joseph Nash McDowell

Freedom trials

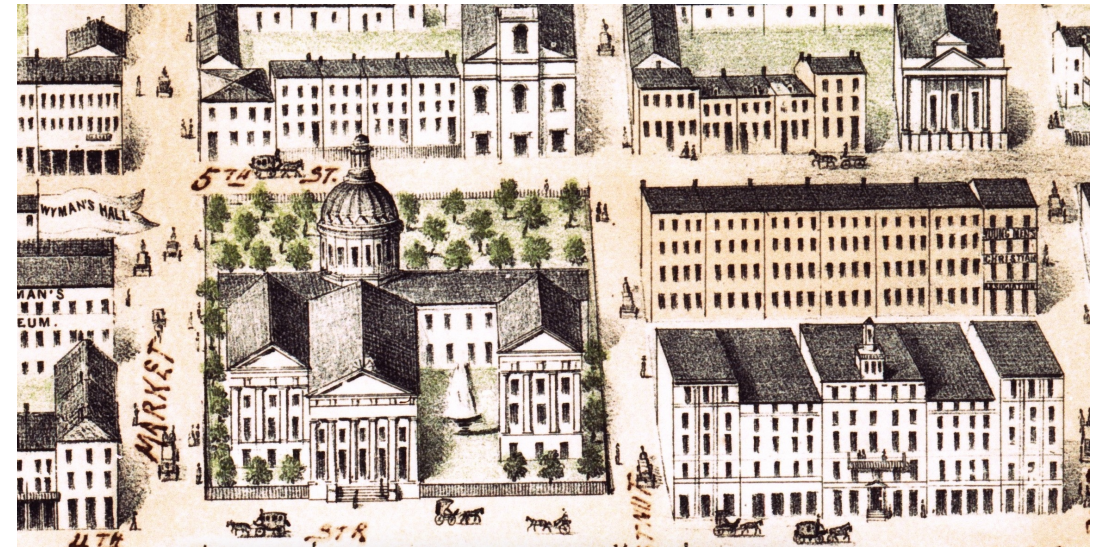


Interior of Circuit Court Courtroom, Old Courthouse

Dispute with Ferdinand Risque



Old Courthouse by JC Wild 1840



James Palmatary, Bird's Eye View of St Louis 1858

Incident at 4th & Chestnut



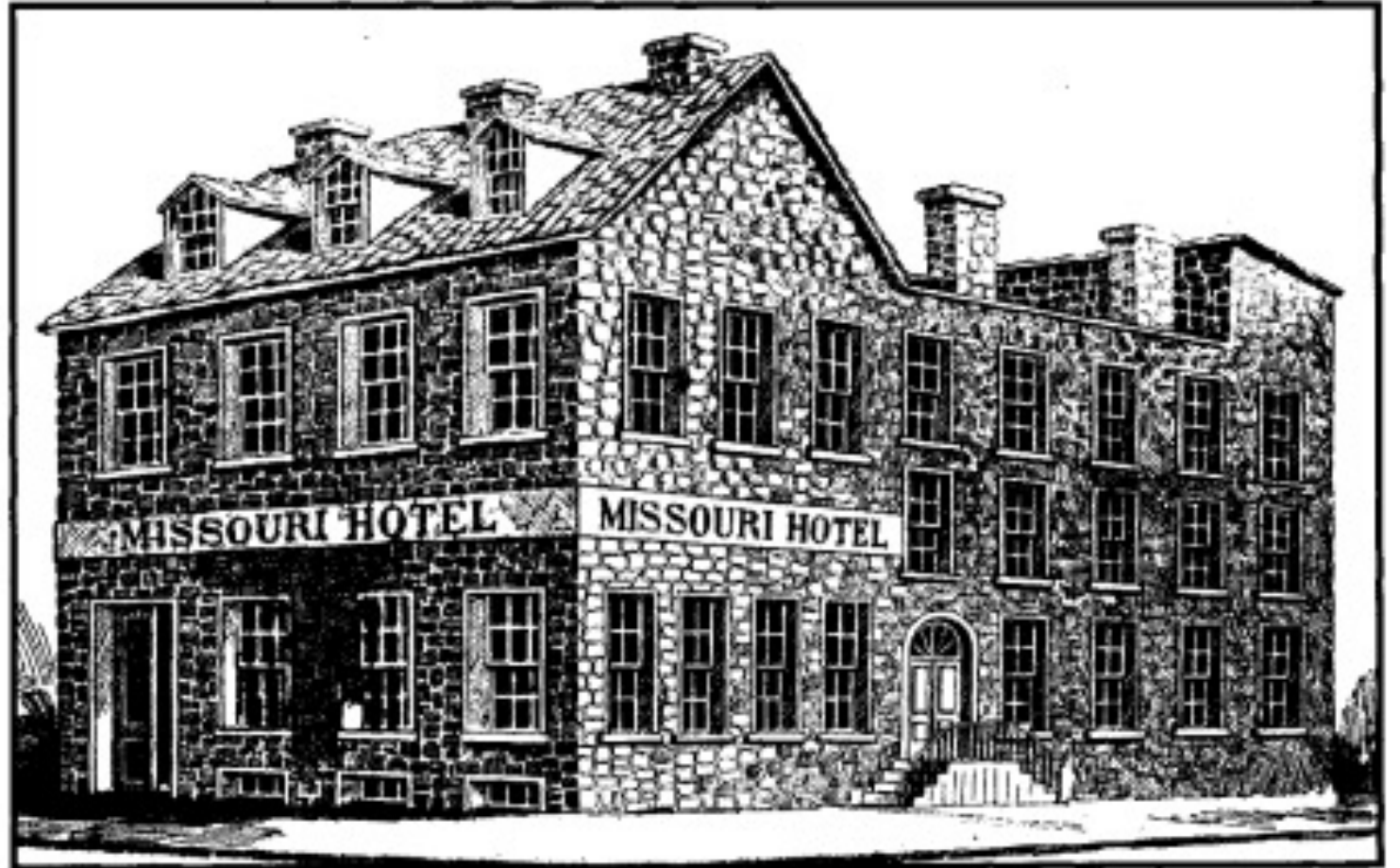
1841 Colt Pistol, spectacles, and sword cane



Death & Legacy

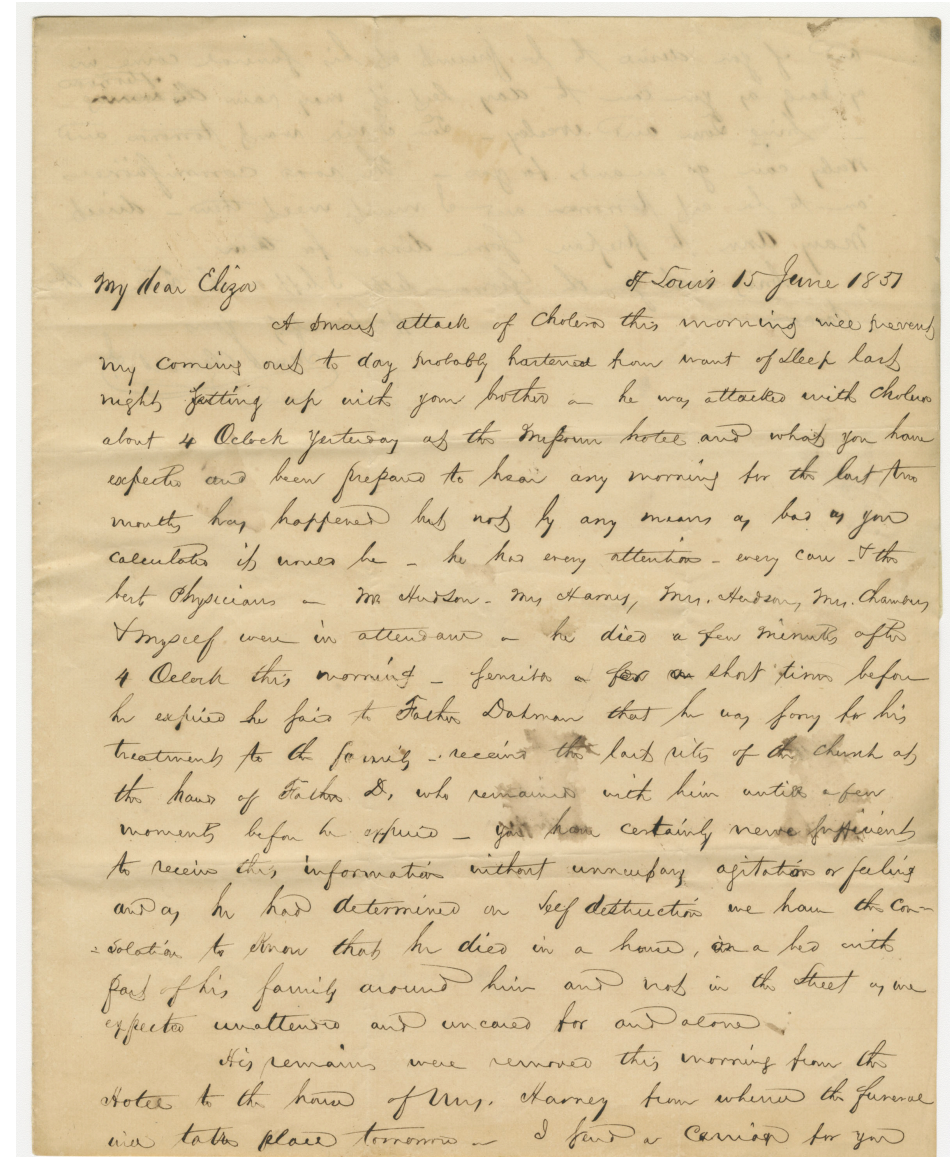
Missouri Hotel

Where Bryan died



Letter from James Clemens Jr. To Eliza

“[Bryan] was attacked with cholera about 4 o'clock yesterday at the Missouri Hotel and what you have expected and prepared to hear any morning for the last two months has happened but not by any means as bad as you calculated it would be... sensible for a short time before he expired he said to Father Dolman that he was sorry for his treatments to the family... [because] he had determined on self-destruction we have the consolation to know that he died in an hour, on a bed with part of his family around him and not in the street as one expected, unattended and uncared for and alone.”

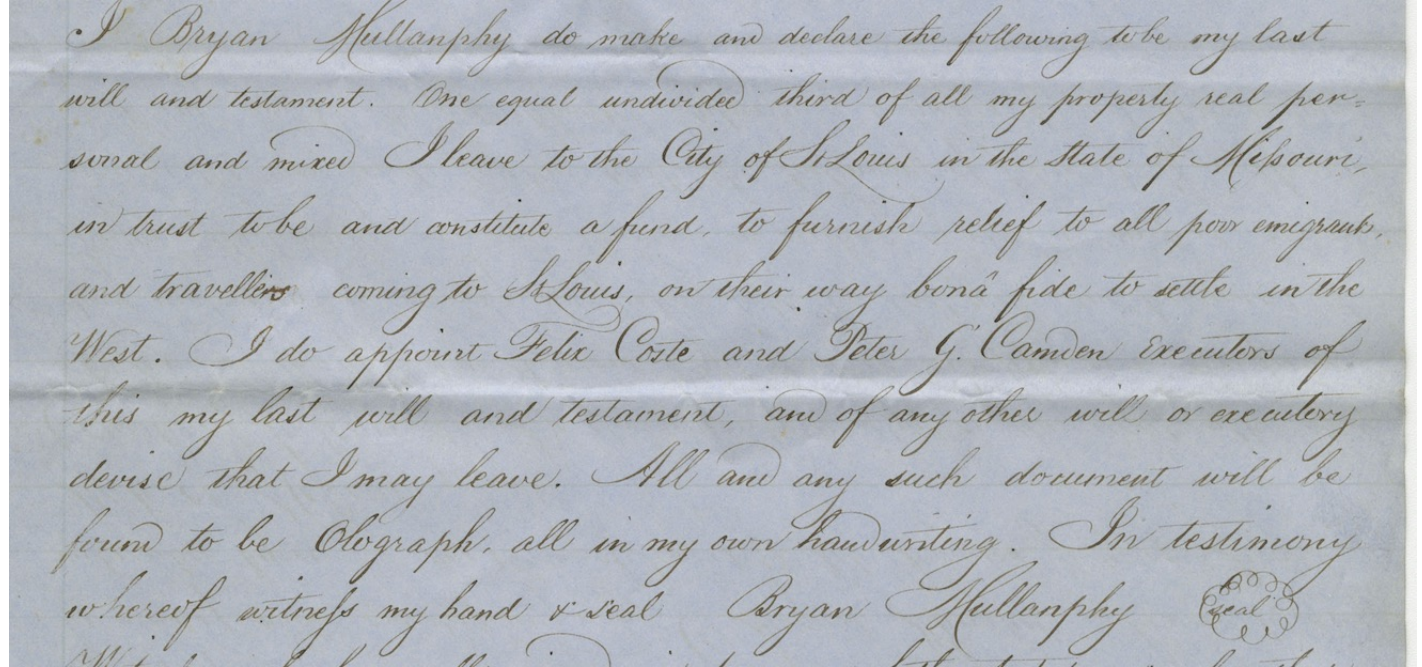


Bryan Mullanphy's grave

Calvary Cemetery



Bryan Mullanphy's will



I Bryan Mullanphy do make and declare the following to be my last will and testament. One equal undivided third of all my property real personal and mixed I leave to the City of St. Louis in the State of Missouri, in trust to be and constitute a fund, to furnish relief to all poor emigrants, and travellers coming to St. Louis, on their way bona fide to settle in the West. I do appoint Felix Coste and Peter G. Camden executors of this my last will and testament, and of any other will or executory devise that I may leave. All and any such document will be found to be Olograph, all in my own handwriting. In testimony whereof witness my hand & seal Bryan Mullanphy

Contemporary copy of will made in 1851 for probate court

“One undivided, third of all my property, real, personal and mixed, I leave to the city of St. Louis, in the state of Missouri, in trust, to be and constitute a fund to furnish relief to all poor emigrants and travelers, coming to St. Louis, on their way, bona fide, to settle in the west.”

Mullaphy Emigrant Home

Formerly at 1609 N. 14th Street

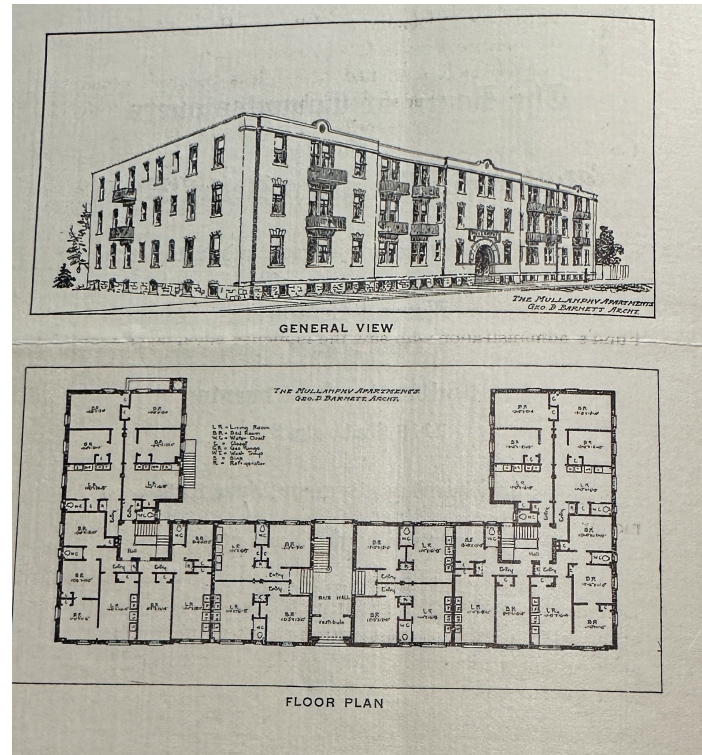
Designed by George Barnett and Albert Piquenard in 1867



Read more: <https://unseenstlouis.substack.com/p/from-refuge-to-rubble>

Mullaphy Apartments

2118 Mullanphy St.
Designed in 1909 by George D. Barnett



THE splendid philanthropy of the late Bryan Mullanphy was directed towards ameliorating the condition of those upon whom fortune had smiled less generously than others upon whom she had showered her favors. To a very great extent the peculiar purpose for which the Mullanphy Emigrant Relief Fund was devised has passed away with the growth and development of the great West, but there still remain great opportunities to promote the spirit animating its founder.

The prevailing impression that apartment houses were limited to that class of people who find more than the ordinary time to devote to seeking the pleasures of life was not shared in by the members of the Mullanphy Board charged with the Fund's administration who saw the immense advantages accruing to the residents of a district where the conditions, through various causes, prohibited the maintenance of the proper home environment, by establishing such a house, and the splendid three-story structure, containing thirty-six apartments, located at 2118 Mullanphy Street, is the result of their determination to give concrete expression to this conviction and to rear a visible monument to the memory of one who made such action possible.

The members, confident of the success awaiting this departure from its precedents, have through their Building Committee watched the erection of this the first apartment house open to those of moderate means with more than usual pride and in justification thereof request your presence at this formal inspection.

Bryan Mullanphy School

4221 Shaw Ave.
Designed by William B. Ittner
Built in 1915



“All of his oddities are but as dust in the balance when weighed against the uprightness of his life and the succession of his charities.”

from the Resolution of the St. Louis Bar upon Bryan Mullanphy's death

