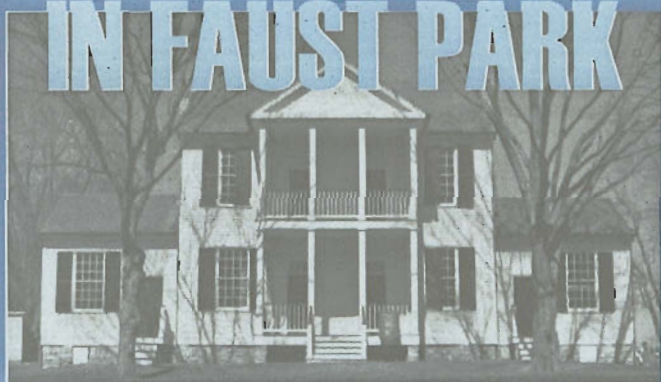


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# THORNHILL HOME IN FAUST PARK



## **THORNHILL IN FAUST PARK** **Home of Missouri's Second Governor**

15185 Olive Street Road

- one mile north of U.S. Highway 40/I-64 -

Chesterfield, Missouri 63017

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Relive St. Louis County's territorial history at the Thornhill farm in Faust Park, home of Frederick Bates, Missouri's second governor. The park was created in 1968 through the generosity of Leicester and Mary Plant Faust who donated the property.

The Thornhill homestead includes the classic **Federal style two-story house** (pictured) and utility buildings of Frederick Bates (1777-1825), his wife Nancy and their children, and shows how a Jeffersonian farming estate could be created on the frontier during the early 1800s. But Frederick Bates was more than just a farmer; he played a pivotal role in bringing the Louisiana Territory under the control of the United States government, which was important to the development of Missouri.

The site includes his 1820s home, barn, reconstructed summer open-hearth kitchen, ice and smoke houses, peach orchard, herb garden, and original family cemetery. The home has been restored and partially furnished as it might have been when Governor Bates would set off on a one to two-day trek to St. Charles, the first capital of Missouri.



Frederick Bates' contributions to this growing area began when he came to St. Louis in 1807, just one year after the return of Lewis and Clark's "Corps of Discovery" that opened the West to settlement. He began as the Secretary, Recorder of Land Titles and a member of the Board of Land Commissioners in the new territory. In these posts he helped determine whether Spanish, French or American claims and customs would predominate. As Secretary, he served as acting Territorial Governor for much of the time. He was also responsible for a codification of territorial laws, compiled in the first book published in Missouri. **On November 17, 1824, in St. Charles, Bates was sworn in as second governor of Missouri, succeeding Alexander McNair.** On August 4 the following year, however, he died of pleurisy. He is buried in the family cemetery near his house with his wife and two of his children.

**Tours and Admission:** 90 minute guided tours for groups of 10 or more available by appointment. Admission is \$3 per adult and \$1.50 per child, ages 5 to 12. Special event fees may apply. For more information, call 636/532-7298. **A free self-guided tour is available at the Seed Visitor Center.**

**Living History Educational Outreach Programs:** Faust Park offers unique educational opportunities for children to visit and understand the historic past. Created for classes and children's groups in grades 3 through 8. For information, call 636/532-7298.

**Other Faust Park Attractions:** Don't miss riding the St. Louis Carousel or touring the Historical Village and the Butterfly House.

**Accessibility:** For accessibility accommodations or this card in an alternative format, call 636/532-7298 or 800/735-2966 TTY. Notice of two business days is needed for sign language interpreters or Braille.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 40/I-64 to exit 19, Olive/Clarkson exit. Go north on Olive Boulevard for 1 mile. Park entrance on left.