

## August 9

**1805** Lieutenant Zebulon Pike and 20 men left St. Louis on a nine month expedition to the headwaters of the Mississippi. The following summer, he would begin his famous trip to the southwestern part of the Louisiana Purchase.

**1811** Henry Kayser was born in Germany. Among the important projects completed during his tenure as the first city engineer was a dike from "Bloody Island" to the east bank of the river to keep the channel from leaving St. Louis high and dry. He also oversaw construction of the sewers that drained Chouteau's Pond.

**1834** The Road to St. Charles was declared a public road. Perhaps the oldest road in the county, it was laid out as early as 1772. It was made a toll road in 1837, and improved with rock in 1865. Since then, it has been known as the St. Charles Rock Road.

**1858** St. Louis County bought out the bankrupt Central Plank Road Company, operators of a toll road from the city limits to Howell's landing on the Missouri River. (Near where the Boone Bridge now stands) The road was declared a public road, and renamed Olive Street Road.

**1869** Annie Turnbo Pope Malone was born in Metropolis, Illinois. She moved to St. Louis in 1902, and marketed beauty products for African-American women. Her Poro Products made her perhaps the first black female millionaire. In 1918, she established Poro College, the first cosmetology school for African-Americans. In 1922, Malone donated money for the St. Louis Colored Orphans Home. The home was renamed in her honor in 1946.

**1880** The *Post-Dispatch* charged that President Ulysses S. Grant knew that St. Louis Republicans were skimming money from whiskey taxes for a political slush fund. The newspaper printed letters from Grant's personal secretary, Orville E. Babcock to General John A. McDonald. McDonald was sent to prison. Grant intervened on Babcock's behalf.

**1905** The St. Louis Police Department unveiled its second automobile. "Skidoodle Wagon Number Two" was expected to help nab "scorchers" who had the laugh on Number One. The new car could hit 50 miles per hour while enforcing the eight-mile-an-hour speed limit. The old auto was one of the first police cars in the country, but had a top speed of 15 miles-per-hour.

**1907** The first public bathhouse in St. Louis opened at Tenth and Carr. At the end of the day, after the facility had been packed all day long, the attendants said they thought the neighborhood looked cleaner than it had in years.

**1907** A committee planning President Theodore Roosevelt's visit to St. Louis in October rejected a proposal to use automobiles to transport the presidential party. No committee member had ever heard of the president riding in an automobile.

**1922** WIL radio signed on the air. WIL lays claim to being the first commercial station in St. Louis.

**1936** Helen Stephens, "The Fulton Flash," set a world record and won the gold medal in the 100 meters at the Olympics in Berlin. She was the only American athlete Hitler asked to meet and congratulate. Helen asked him for his autograph.

**1947** Archbishop Ritter ordered that black students be allowed to enroll in the five diocesan high schools. Ritter would later take the unprecedented step of threatening desegregation opponents with excommunication.

**1949** Ted Lyle Simmons was born in Highland Park, Michigan. One of the best defensive catchers of all time came up with the Cardinals in 1968 and played full time from 1970 to 1980. He batted over .300 for six of those seasons.

**1951** President Truman approved a \$21 million slum clearance and public housing project for St. Louis. A 12-block area, regarded as one of the worst slums in the country, would be cleared. Nearly 1700 families in the area between 18th and 20th, Cass and Cole would be relocated, and the new Vaughn Apartments would be built on the site.

**1964** Brett Hull was born in Belleville, Ontario. The Calgary Flames used the 184<sup>th</sup> overall pick in the 1984 Entry Draft to pick Hull. The son of the legendary Bobby Hull made his debut with the Flames on November 13, 1986. The Blues traded Rob Ramage and Rick Wamsley for Hull in 1988. He spent ten seasons with the Blues, and then went on to play for Dallas and Detroit.

**1971** The great Satchel Paige was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He may have been the greatest pitcher ever. Unfortunately, much of his career was during the time when the major leagues were closed to black players. He finally joined the Cleveland Indians in 1948. He pitched in St. Louis for two years with the Browns.

**1972** Ted Simmons of the Cardinals signed his 1972 contract. He had played the entire season without one. Simmons is believed to be the first major leaguer to play without a contract.

**1975** KMOX announced that Jack Buck would quit announcing Cardinal games at the end of the season. Buck planned to take part in a new weekend sports show broadcast by NBC from New York. As grateful Cardinal fans know, Jack changed his plans.

**2004** A 25-year-old man was arrested for allegedly killing his two children on a muddy riverbank near the Chain of Rocks Bridge. Nine-month-old Kanya Derrick Anderson and two-year-old Toni Mickyala Camille Moore were suffocated in the mud. Police used a taser to subdue the suspect and father of the children, Anthony Moore.