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**Malcolm Drummond, *Historic Sites in Saint Charles County, Missouri* (St. Louis: Harland Bartholomew and Associates, 1976), 22**

These three buildings are well known as “Peck’s Row.” Ruluff and Charles Peck, early merchants of St. Charles, built the two buildings on the left for their residence and store. The Masonic Lodge, organized in 1848, used the upper floor. The third building was built by Chauncey Shepard. The Missouri Compromise of 1820 established Missouri as a state and St. Charles became the first state capital. The second floor of the Peck Building was used as the assembly hall and the Shepard House was used as the governor’s office and committee rooms. The capital was located in St. Charles between 1821 and 1826.