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Farmers Home, a popular tavern in the year 1818 is still standing. It is located on the corner of Main and Perry Streets. ...

1806—sold to Alexander McNair

1811—Don Carlos Tayon became the owner

1822—**Book B, p. 177**—John Frazier purchases property

Advertisement of J. J. Dozier in 1818—The Farmers Tavern has lodging for 2 bits a night.

1849—owned by Melchior Thro

At the time of his ownership records tell of a Park near the tavern that was beautiful located on Main Street and is listed as a City Park. It became so popular for loafers it soon was nicknamed the "City Loafer's Park."

1856—Christian Waje bought the Farmers Tavern

1856—13 September—advertised in the St. Charles Reveille—tells of this family of Mr. Waje making many improvements in the tavern, and it was he who changed the name to Farmers Home. Mr. Waje had six boys and a beautiful daughter. The only daughter only seven years old died suddenly and I found a good deal in the newspapers about her death. When Waje bought the tavern, he continued keeping August Biermann as the "proprietor" as he was so well known and liked by the farmers.

1876—26 February—tornado damages the Farmers Home, August Slingman was taking a snooze in his room on the N side of the home. Bed and man dropped in the street not even scratched or bruise [Justin Watkins note: See Dengler's article in Historic Main Street Saint Charles, Missouri, Magazine]

When Andrew Waye bought the building, he converted it into his home

1927—16 July—B. M. Worful purchases Farmer's Home

Ryne Stiegemeier restored old picture of the Farmer's Tavern for Edna Olson

(Edna McElhiney Olson was Archivist for the St. Charles County Historical Society during the 1960's. She searched records of the people of early St. Charles and its historical buildings. Now out of print, her 'blue book' of St. Charles early structures is among the treasures in the

Historical Society archives and many personal libraries.

Edna wrote and published stories of the people and events, and though some stories might be considered to have some 'glamour added', they are all interesting and reflect the character of the people and the events of the period. Edna Olson loved St. Charles: she inspired others to continue researching and collecting records and more is now known about many of the buildings and events about which she wrote. Her work still serves as a reference in the continuing research into St. Charles long and proud history.)