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The historic Ste. Genevieve Academy was built in 1808 and was the first publicly funded school west of the Mississippi River, incorporated by the United States government. The first headmaster of the school was a noted historian, Mann Butler, who served as headmaster from 1812-1814. In 1819, it became the first school in the Western Hemisphere taught by members of the Congregation of Christian Brothers (commonly known as Christian Brothers). General Firmin Rozier became headmaster in 1848 and added to the size of the school in 1854. The school continued to operate until the Civil War. It is currently the residence of Annette and Frank Rolfe, who purchased the home in 2005. The Foundation for Restoration of Ste. Genevieve issued a proclamation on the house which reads, "We declare that this building known as the Ste. Genevieve Academy is of supreme significance to the tapestry that is Ste. Genevieve."