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Lindenwood University archaeologist Dr. Steve J. Dasovich has announced that he has located the archaeological remains of a French Colonial building's foundation and dirt floor at 906 S. Main Street in Old Town St. Charles, Mo.

The building, which was built around 1770, was likely constructed by Louis Blanchette, the founder of St. Charles, Dasovich said. This date, the type of artifacts found in the dirt floor, and the history of ownership of this property, tie directly to Blanchette, who arrived in the area around 1769 and established a trading post that later became St. Charles.

Students in an archaeological field school run jointly by the University of Missouri–St. Louis and Lindenwood University conducted the excavations this summer. Though the field course has ended, Dasovich is planning on conducting further excavations at this location next summer.

Lindenwood University has recently started a new anthropology/archaeology program.