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Over the past several years the *Middle of the Mitten Association*, the St. Louis branch of the Gratiot Area Chamber, has published three excellent history books by local author and historian David McMacken. Proceeds from the sale of these books go directly towards supporting community events in St. Louis.

The first of these, *St. Louis at 150 – The Story of the Middle of the Mitten*, was published in 2003 which was St. Louis’ Sesquicentennial year. This is a comprehensive history of St. Louis with 148 pages of text and an 8-page full color section of photos from 2003.

The Story of Colonel Ellwell’s Castle followed in 2006 with a 56-page history of the huge Victorian house on the corner of M-46 and Delaware Street, a true St. Louis landmark. The book also contains 20 pages with color photos from the restoration efforts as well as fabulous interior details of the house and tells the story of those who have owned and lived in the house over the years.

Finally, in 2008 the new revised and updated version of *The Saratoga of the West* book was published. This 90-page book is the story of the Magnetic Mineral Springs and Park Hotel and is a beautiful book with color cover and many interesting rare photos not in the original version.

Books are available from the T.A. Cutler Memorial Library on Michigan Avenue here in St. Louis as well as from Phil Hansen’s office in City Hall. Cost is **\$15** per copy by picking them up in person and the cost to have the books mailed to you will be an additional **\$5** per copy. To order by mail, please fill out the form below and return it **with payment** to: History Book Order, City of St. Louis, 108 West Saginaw Street, St. Louis, MI 48880. Make checks out to “*Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce*.”

Thanks for your support and interest in this unique part of St. Louis’ history. Please call (989) 681-3017 if you have any questions and please tell your friends about the books and encourage them to order too!

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