
French Heritage in Mendota

A history of the Early Settlement

August 10, 2018, 5:30 p.m at the Sibley Historic Site, Dupuis House in Mendota

Presenter: Mark Labine, President of the French-American Heritage Foundation



Mendota from Fort Snelling. Painting by Seth Eastman (1808-1875)

Mark Labine will give a presentation on the early history of Mendota, including the early French explorers, the St. Peter treaties of 1805 and 1837, (Mendota was originally called St. Pierre or St. Peters), the establishment of Fort Snelling and the early fur traders including Faribault, Dupuis, Sibley, and Bailly, and the migration of the Selkirk Colonists from the Red River land near Winnipeg to the area.

Sponsored by the **Dakota County Historical Society**. To register, go to Dakota County Historical Society Website at <https://dakotahistory.org/events/575-aug-10-mendota-after-hours-french-canadian-heritage-in-minnesota-at-sibley>. Admission price \$20. Light food and beverages will be available.

Mark Labine is a lover of history and the President of the French-American Heritage Foundation. He compiled a book titled "They Spoke French" which discusses early French heritage in Minnesota, and a book titled "In the beginning, There was a Chapel" which discusses the early French speaking settlement in St. Paul, Minnesota.

