

DESCRIPTION DE ST-PAUL

Minnesota Historical Society, P 2379, Clouston, Robert. Narratives.

« St Paul's is a wretched little village consisting of a few scattered houses stuck here and there on the top of steep bank almost overhanging the Mississippi : almost every house is either a shop or a « grocery » for the supply of the farmers in the neighboring country and for the Sioux Indians, and, certainly, a grocery keeper cannot complain that he had no patronage, for, drinking whisky seems to occupy at least half of the time of the worst citizens of St Paul's while the balance of their time is employed in cheating each other or imposing upon stranger: the farmers cultivate merely enough ground to furnish themselves with the necessaries of life without, apparently, making any attempt to better their condition: they seem an indolent, lazy, worthless class of men, so the miserable and dirty appearance of their houses may be imagined.»