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**St. Louis (St. Louis), Missouri**

## **Du-Good Chemical Laboratory Building**

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**1215-23 South Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri**

In 1947, African American organic chemist Dr. Lincoln Isaiah Diuguid (1917-2015) (pronounced do-good) converted the 1896, two-story, red brick veterinary infirmary building that had housed the St. Louis Veterinary Hospital at 1215-23 South Jefferson Street into his chemical research laboratory and small manufacturing facility. His company was headquartered in the building for more than sixty years.

Born the youngest of 9 children in Lynchburg, Virginia, Dr. Diuguid studied chemistry and education at West Virginia State College along with earning MS and PhD (organic chemistry, 1939) degrees from Cornell University. After teaching organic chemistry for several years, he opened the Du-Good Chemical Laboratories and Manufacturers with an older brother in St. Louis and did cancer research. "In addition to his research, he taught at Washington University and for nearly 40 years at Harris-Stowe State University. He was well known for directing hundreds of young African Americans into science careers. He received numerous awards."

MORE INFORMATION:

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