

Pond House.
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POND HOUSE.
1855
Bloomington, Minn.

Built by Gideon and Samuel Pond in 1855, on the bluff overlooking the beautiful Minnesota River valley, near what is now the end of Nicollet Avenue. The house is of dignified, almost formal design, built of salmon-colored brick made by hand on the ground.

In 1843 Gideon Pond built the first log cabin in Minnesota, on the high bank overlooking Lake Calhoun, between 34th and 35th Sts. In 1852 he built the Oak Grove Church at Bloomington. In 1850 Pond published the first news-paper in Hennepin County, in English and Indian language. He came to this region as missionary to the Indians.

The home is now owned and occupied by a grand-daughter, Mrs. Edgar StMartin.

Authorities:

Minneapolis Journal.
Mrs. St. Martin.

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