

## Bibliography for “Spirits in the Valley”

These books and publications are excellent resources for preparing teachers to teach the history of the Lower Minnesota Valley area, 1800’s to 1870’s. Most are available at Twin Cities public libraries.

### Dakota History and Culture

Gary Clayton Anderson, Little Crow: Spokesman for the Sioux, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1986. Biography of the Dakota leader prior to and during the 1862 Dakota Conflict.

Charles Alexander Eastman, The Soul of an Indian, University of Nebraska Press, 1911 reprinted 1980. Short, concise explanation of the spiritual beliefs of the eastern Dakotas as contrasted with the values of modern, materialistic civilization.

Charles Alexander Eastman and Elaine Goodale Eastman, Wigwam Evenings: Sioux Folk Tales Retold, University of Nebraska Press, 1909 reprinted 1990. Legends and tales told by the Dakotas who lived in the Lower Minnesota River Valley. Twenty-seven evenings of good stories.

Charles Alexander Eastman, Indian Boyhood, Dover Press, 1971. Charles Eastman’s account of growing up as a Santee Dakota. Charles Eastman was the great-grandson of Chief Cloudman and grandson of Seth Eastman.

Charles Alexander Eastman, from Deep Woods to Civilization, University of Nebraska Press, 1916 reprinted in 1977. The autobiography of Charles Alexander Eastman (1858-1939), a medical doctor and a founder of the YMCA, who grew up as a Native American in Minnesota, Canada, and Dakota Territory.

Roy W. Meyer, History of the Santee Sioux: U.S. Indian Policy on Trial, University of Nebraska Press, 1967 revised 1993. The most comprehensive history of the Santee Dakotas from their first contact with the French explorers, Radisson and Groseilliers, in 1660, to Mystic Lake in 1993. Especially good accounts of the treaties of 1825, 1837, and 1851.

Sarah Boehme, Christian Feest, Patricia Condon Johnson, Seth Eastman: A Portfolio of North American Indians, Afton Historical Society Press, 1995. 100 full pages of paintings and drawings by Seth Eastman, a premier pictorial historian of the American Indian, shows the Dakotas of this area as they lived in their traditional ways. A beautiful book and excellent teaching resource, especially when coupled with...

Samuel W. Pond, The Dakota or Sioux in Minnesota as they were in 1834, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1908 reprinted 1986. The definitive ethnographic work about the Santee Dakotas and how they lived in their traditional ways before extensive white settlement.

Gary Clayton Anderson , Kinsmen of Another Kind: Dakota-White Relations in the Upper Mississippi Valley, 1650-1862, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1997. Excellent, comprehensive account of the contact between whites and Dakotas from the perspective of the complex web of kinship ties which bound Dakota people and whites together --- and which were broken as a prelude to the Dakota Conflict of 1862.

Mary Henderson Eastman, Dahcotah: Life and Legends of the Sioux, Afton Historical Society Press, 1995. Illustrations by Seth Eastman. Mary Henderson Eastman was Seth Eastman’s second wife. She tells legends and stories of the Dakotas of this area but in a patronizing style typical of that time period.

Joseph Nicollet, Journals of Joseph Nicollet on the Mississippi Headwaters With Notes on Indian Life, 1836-37, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1970. Wonderful account of the natural history of this area and the Dakota and Ojibway tribes that inhabited it prior to white settlement and the clearing of the Big Woods.

Raymond J. DeMallie and Douglas R. Parks, Sioux Indian Religion: Tradition and Innovation, University of Oklahoma Press, 1987. A compilation of writings and opinions about modern Dakota, Nakota, and Lakota spiritual beliefs and their relationship to Christianity and to other Native American beliefs.

Mark Diedrich, Famous Chiefs of the Eastern Sioux, Coyote Books, 1987. Biographical portraits of important Dakota chiefs of the 1830s-1860s period. A great book for elementary students.

Stephen R. Riggs, Dakota-English Dictionary, 1890. Forward by Carolyn Schommer, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1992. Gideon and Samuel Pond did much of the work on which this dictionary is based.

John P. Williamson, English-Dakota Dictionary, 1890. Forward by Carolyn Schommer, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1992.

N.H. Winchell, Aborigines of Minnesota: Report Based On Collections of Jacob Brower, Alfred J. Hill, and Theodore Lewis, Minnesota Historical Society, 1911. The definitive reference book concerning the location of Indian villages, burial mounds and other Native American sites and legends.

Janet D. Spector, What This Awl Means: Feminist Archaeology at a Wahpeton Dakota Village, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1993. A good account of the archaeological excavation at Carver Rapids near Jordan, Minnesota. Also tells the history of Mazomani's band of Wahpeton and the role of women in Dakota society.

Thomas Vennum, Jr, American Indian Lacrosse: Little Brother of War, Smithsonian Institution Press, 1994. Comprehensive history of our original national game – lacrosse. Tells about the three-day game involving Shakopee's band played in July 1852 at Oak Grove, right on the grounds of Bloomington's River Rendezvous.

Paul C. Durand, Where the Waters Gather and the Rivers Meet: An Atlas of the Eastern Sioux, Paul Durand, 1994. Excellent map and atlas of Minnesota with original Dakota geographical names, their meanings, and stories.

Paul C. Durand, Ta Ku Wa Kan Ti Pi – Dwelling Place of the Gods: The Dakota Homeland in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, 1982. Excellent map and atlas of the Twin Cities with original Dakota geographical names, their meanings, and stories.

Lois Glewwe, editor, South St. Paul Centennial 1887-1987, History of South St. Paul, Minnesota, So. St. Paul Chapter of Dakota County Historical Society, 1987. Tells the story of Little Crow's village of Kaposia.

Thomas Hughes, Indian Chiefs of Southern Minnesota, Ross and Haines, 1969. Tells the stories of Wabasha, Little Crow, and Sleepy Eyes.

Edward D. Neill and J. Fletcher Williams, History of Dakota County. Good account of the negotiations at Pilot Knob that led to the Treaty of Mendota, 1851. Rev. Neill helped Gideon Pond write and edit *The Dakota Friend* newspaper. He later founded the Minnesota Historical Society, House of Hope Presbyterian, and Macalester College.

## Dakota Conflict 1862

Gary Clayton Anderson and Alan Woolworth, editors, Through Dakota Eyes: Narrative Accounts of the Minnesota Indian War of 1862, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1988. The Dakota Conflict of 1862 told by surviving Dakotas who took part on both sides.

Kenneth Carley, The Sioux Uprising of 1862, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1976. Fast-paced account of the uprising with excellent photos, maps, and illustrations.

Dee Brown, Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West, Chapter 3 “Little Crow’s War,” Henry Holt Co., 1970.

Nick Coleman and St. Paul Pioneer Press, The Great Dakota Conflict, newspaper supplement from 1987. No longer available from the St. Paul Pioneer Press Newspapers In Education Office, this supplement is an excellent guide to the history of white/Dakota relations past and present. It was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

### Minnesota History – General

Theodore C. Blegen, Minnesota: A History of the State, University of Minnesota Press, 1963. Comprehensive history of the state.

William Watts Folwell, History of Minnesota, Vols. I and II, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1921 reprinted 1969. The definitive history of the state (prior to 1930) has a lot of material about the Dakotas and the influence of the Ponds and other missionaries.

Lucy Leavenworth, Wilder Morris, Old Rail Fence Corners, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1914 reprinted 1976. First-person narratives from whites who came to Minnesota in the 1830s, 40s, and 50s. Wonderful stories about what it was like to settle a new and strange land. Includes interviews with Agnes Hopkins Pond who came to Minnesota in 1837 and eventually became Gideon Pond’s second wife.

### Gideon & Samuel Pond and the Dakota Mission

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Samuel W. Pond, Jr, Two Volunteer Missionaries Among the Dakotas. This book is a real thriller, detailing how the Pond brothers moved from one adventure to the next.

Sue Holbert and Judy Homquist, History Tour of 50 Twin Cities Landmarks. Tells about the original Pond brothers’ 1834 mission at Cloudman’s village on the east shore of Lake Calhoun.

Charles M. Gates, Lac Qui Parle Indian Mission, Minnesota History 1935, No. 2. Story of the Lac Qui Parle mission of Thomas Williamson where Gideon Pond and Little Crow spent their formative years, 1836-1839.

John Willand, Lac Qui Parle and the Dakota Mission, Lac Qui Parle Historical Society, 1964. Account of Dr. Thomas Williamson mission, Joseph Renville, Riggs, the Pond brothers, Little Crow, and many other important historical figures.

Stephen R. Riggs, Mary and I: Forty Years With the Sioux, Corner House Publishing, 1880 reprinted 1971. Riggs was a missionary and colleague of the Ponds in the Dakota Mission.

Priscilla Norman, With Many Voices: A History of Oak Grove Presbyterian, 1855-1980, published by Oak Grove Presbyterian, 1980. The first 94 pages describe Gideon and Samuel Pond and Chief Cloudman in great detail, from the Pond brothers’ religious conversion in Connecticut in 1831 to the death of Rev. Gideon Pond, pastor of Oak Grove Presbyterian in 1878. May be available by calling the church, 888-4621.

Winifred W. Barton, John P. Williamson: A Brother to the Sioux, Sunnycrest Publishing, 1980. Rev. John P. Williamson went with the Dakotas to desolate Crow Creek, Dakota Territory when the Dakotas were banished from Minnesota in 1863.

Edna Hong, The Way of the Sacred Tree, Augsburg Press, 1983. Historical fiction account of the Christian missionaries and the Dakota Conflict as seen through the eyes of a young Dakota boy growing up to be a warrior.

Sandy Thomas: “Grizzly Bear and His Red Nation” a short play written for the River Rendezvous about the interaction between Gideon Pond (Grizzly Bear) and Little Crow (His Red Nation) which demonstrates the spiritual conflict between Christian missionaries and Dakotas who did not convert. Videos available by from the City of Bloomington, Parks and Recreation Dept., Arts in the Park.

### Bloomington and Pond-Dakota Mission Park

Judith A. Hendricks & Bloomington Bicentennial Committee, Bloomington on the Minnesota, T.S. Denison Co., 1976. First 68 pages are an excellent account of the Dakota “ancient village” at the mouth of Nine Mile Creek, Chief Cloudman, Gideon and Samuel Pond.

City of Bloomington, Gideon Pond and Agnes Hopkins Pond House and Farm Site Reuse Study, 1992. Details the plans for development of Pond-Dakota Mission Park to become a living-history site telling stories from a multi-cultural perspective.

City of Bloomington, Gideon Pond and Agnes Hopkins Pond House and Farm Site Archaeological and Historical Resource Survey – Phase I. Details the archaeological work that was done at Pond-Dakota Mission Park in 1993 and gives a background on the structures that once stood on the property.