

Almon Babbitt House |  
Nauvoo, Illinois

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"Local Histories"

The Babbitt House is situated on what is known as the flats - a strip of level land extending from the banks of the Mississippi River about one mile inland to the bluffs. It has been said that at one time this flat contained no less than 2000 homes whereas today fifty would be a maximum number.

This house faces on what was known as Main Street and has been unoccupied for years. The present owner, name unknown, has lived in Florida or did live there some twenty years ago, but who she is or what has become of her is unknown to any of the local townsmen. It appears that she never did live in Nauvoo herself, but inherited the property as a relative.

From records at Carthage the county seat we are told that the house was built for Almon A. Babbitt in 1842. He was a member of the Mormon church who later acted as one of the trustees in the sale of the Temple.

After the abandonment of the town by the Mormons all records of further transfer of this property were lost.

The building is in very poor condition and is gradually falling into decay but stands today as originally built, with the exception of new roofing.

All exterior walls are of native brick sand molded and salmon in coloring, and have sometime in the past been painted white, but at present are exposed to the weather.

All interior structural wood work, such as posts, studs and rafters are of oak while the trim is white pine painted at present to imitate oak.

A basement 6' 6" deep with a brick paved floor exists under the service wing of the building. No basement under main building. All foundations are of native stone 18" thick.

The building stands at Main and Kimball Streets, Nauvoo, Illinois

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