

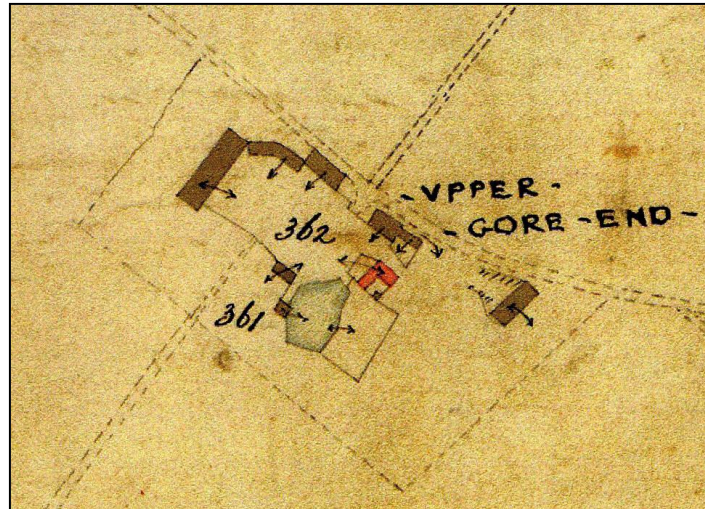
UPPER GORE END'S DUCK POND

For many hundreds of years there was a pond behind Upper Gore End Farmhouse. Local people still remember going round the back of the house in their childhood to watch the ducks on it. The 1840 map shows it was quite size at that date. Because it was the natural collection point for water there, it would become very large after heavy rain.

One of the tenants of the farm built a wall around part of it to stop it overflowing too much at such times. Not many years ago the son of one of the tenants had a swim in

it after one of those downpours. It had to be admitted that it was not sparkling clean water - in fact, more like a thin brown soup colour - but the young always enjoy a challenge.

The wall and dip where the pond stood are still clearly visible today, but totally dry these days.



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