

## GLADSTONE

The city of Gladstone was founded in the spring of 1882. It was first called Green River, later Gladstone. The name was chosen in honor of the residents that lived in an immigrant house built by the Northern Pacific Railway consisting of three rooms. Since the first residents bore English names, Gladstone, the name of a noted statesman, was chosen for the new settlement.

Gladstone had the first post office west of Mandan and the first educational center on the Missouri Slope. In 1883, a school building was erected on a tract of land owned by Stephen Putschler. Gladstone was an active and prosperous town. At one time there were two banks, "Gladstone Bank" owned by John Dolwig and "The Farmers State Bank" owned by Adam Lefor.

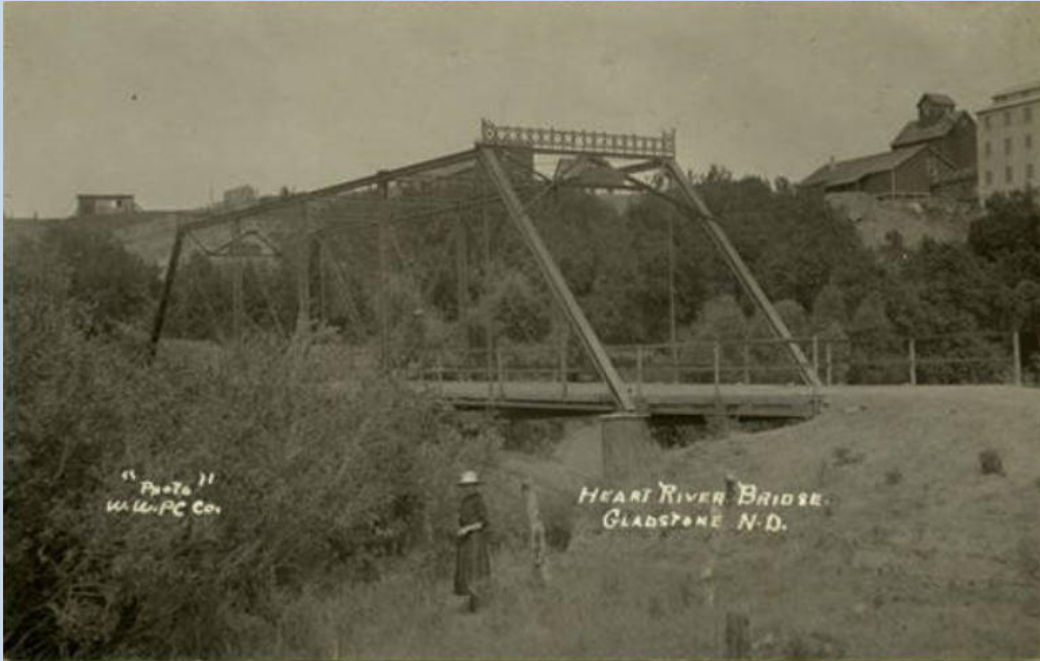
In 1920, the Gladstone City Hall was erected. The hall was used for township meetings, business meetings, social gatherings, and dances.

On the night of Aug. 3, 1933, there was a disastrous fire which started in the Walery Pool Hall. Two years later, another fire ripped through the town, taking with it an entire city block.

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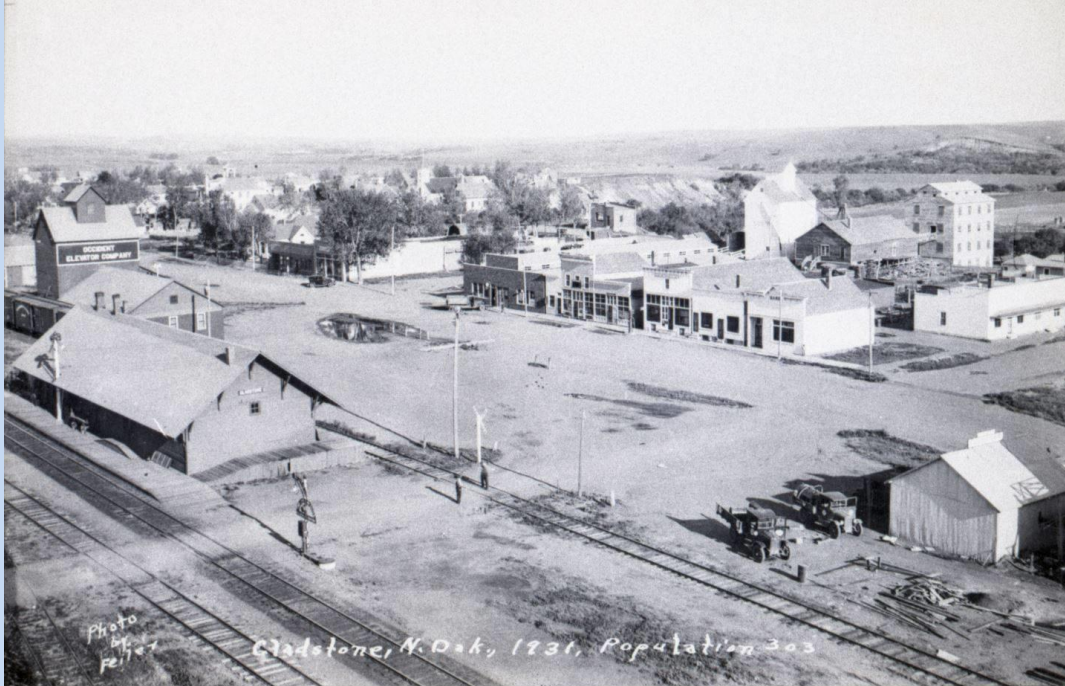


This real photo postcard shows an elevated view of Gladstone. Circa 1912.  
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A woman stands by Heart River Bridge in Gladstone. Circa 1915.  
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This 1931 image shows a bustling town with a roller mill, several grain elevators, downtown businesses and numerous residences.  
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The aftermath of a devastating fire in 1933 in Gladstone.  
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The Gladstone High School Building, 1955  
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