

Twp. William F. Hess became pm in 1913, and the facility closed March 31, 1914 with mail to Bessie. The community now became known as HESS, but when Mr. Giese reestablished the post office in 1917, he called it SLOPE CENTER. (2, 3, 40, 82, 414)

**GILBERT** (Steele). This townsite was platted by Mary E. Patterson in September 1896 in NW¼ Sec. 32-147-56, Finley Twp. Considerable development took place, with several lots sold for business and residential purposes. C. K. Norcott opened a general store, and his wife was preparing to establish a post office when the sales of lots were found to be invalid, and all property was returned to the original site owner, W. H. M. Phillip. In January 1897 the townsite was purchased by the GNRR, which annexed it to their adjacent townsite of FINLEY. The origin of GILBERT, a Teutonic name meaning illustrious pledge, is unknown. (2, 19, 99, 326)

**GILBY** (Grand Forks). This was a farm post office established May 2, 1881 with John Braithwait pm. It was located in SW¼ Sec. 22-153-53, Gilby Twp., and named for John Gilby Jr., one of the brothers who came to this area in 1878. In 1887 it was moved to the new NRR townsite in SE¼ Sec. 8 & SW¼ Sec. 9-153-53, two miles NW of the original site. The townsite was platted in August 1887, and reached a peak population of 544 in 1930. The elevation is 906, and the Zip Code is 58235. Notable among its pioneers were physician Robert Machray McLean (1867-1930), and merchant Lars P. Bjerklie. (1, 2, 25, 31, 33, 40, 69, 79, 240, 338)

**GILL** (Cass). This post office was established May 6, 1886 in the home of pm William M. Smylie in NW¼ Sec. 35-139-53, Gill Twp., replacing the EMBDEN post office about three miles to the west. It was named for its township, which was named for James C. Gill, owner of a 4,000 acre farm in the area, and later a state legislator. It closed September 30, 1895 with mail to Chaffee. (2, 40, 77, 240)

**GILMA** (Mercer). This was a farm post office established February 29, 1916 with Knute C. Stai pm. He came here in 1906 from Norway and operated the Triplet Spring Farm in NW¼ Sec. 2-142-90, nine miles south of Goldenvalley. He named the post office for his wife, the former Gilma Pederson. It closed October 15, 1917 with mail to Hebron. (2, 18, 40, 64)

**GILSTRAP** (Adams). This was a rural post office established February 2, 1907 with Thomas R. Sarver pm. It was located in SW¼ Sec. 33-129-93, Gilstrap Twp., seven miles ESE of Haynes, and just north of the SD border. It was named for Charles Gilstrap, the original settler at this site. It moved a couple times in the same general area, the last of which amounted to only about one-quarter mile, but this move put GILSTRAP into SD. On December 31, 1909 GILSTRAP, ND became White Butte, SD. (2, 3, 40, 189, 414)

**GINGREY** (Stutsman). An 1890 guide to ND lists this place as being in Stutsman County, and served by the Esler post office. The

name likely honors Frank Gingrey, a county pioneer who was active in establishing rural schools. No other information is available. (3, 25, 148, 415)

**GIRARD** (Pierce). This was a rural post office established April 18, 1901 with Carl E. Ellertson pm. It was located in Sec. 19-153-72, Rosedale Twp., at the NE end of Girard Lake about eight miles SE of Balta. On January 31, 1904 it was moved two miles ESE to the home of new pm Ole J. Olson in NW¼ Sec. 29-153-72, at the SE end of Girard Lake near the place where ND Highway 3 crosses Buffalo Lake. The post office was named for the lake, which was named for Antoine Girard, a famous pioneer of the Red River valley. It closed August 31, 1909 with mail to Fillmore. (2, 3, 40, 53, 79, 114, 149)

**GLACIS** (Cass). This NRR station three miles west of Casselton had been founded in 1882 as SIDNEY, and at the time was promoted as a replacement for Casselton. None of this happened, and the station's development stagnated for many years. On November 19, 1905 it was renamed GLACIS, operating as a loading station until it was removed in 1940. A glacis is a gentle slope or incline, and is descriptive of the locale. (2, 3, 18, 34)

**GLADSTONE** (Stark). This city was founded in the spring of 1882, and platted in February 1883 in N¼ Sec. 17-139-94, Heart River Twp., one mile SE of the Green River construction camp. It was named for William Ewart Gladstone (1809-1898), the British Prime Minister at the time. The post office was established June 7, 1882 with Oliver C. Bissell pm. It challenged for county seat honors in 1883, but lost to Dickinson. The elevation is 2348, the Zip Code is 58630, and the village, which incorporated in 1939, reached a peak population of 316 in 1980, although a population of 400 had been claimed in 1890. It became a city in 1965 with Anton Degel Sr. (1889-1974), who had been mayor since 1939, continuing in that position under the new form of municipal government. (1, 2, 3, 10, 13, 18, 25, 33, 40, 52, 74, 79, 244)

**GLADYS** (Williams). This was a rural community founded in 1905 in SE¼ Sec. 23-158-102, Good Luck Twp., ten miles SE of Grenora. At one time it had a general store, bank, printing office, blacksmith shop, and a post office which was established April 1, 1906 with William H. Rowe pm. The town was founded by Richard Evans, who named it for his wife, the former Gladys McCurdy. Gladys is a Welsh feminine form of the Latin name Claudius, and means lame. The town failed to attract a railroad and declined. The post office closed March 15, 1918 with mail to Grenora. (2, 18, 19, 40, 50, 53)

**GLANAVON** (Emmons). This was a rural post office established January 17, 1903 with Martha Whitney pm on the ranch owned by her husband, Ben W. Whitney. It was located in NW¼ Sec. 28-129-78, one mile north of the SD border on the east bank of the Missouri River. The name is of Scottish origin, but its meaning is unknown. The post office closed November 2, 1907 with mail to Winona. (2, 3, 18, 40, 66)

**GLASCOCK** (Burleigh). This was a farm post office established July 14, 1886 with James B. Glascock pm, whose suggested name of Logan was rejected because of duplication in Barnes County, although that office had closed a few months earlier. It was located in SW¼ Sec. 26-138-77, Logan Twp., eight miles SSE of McKenzie. In 1888 it moved three miles SW to NE¼ Sec. 4-137-77, Morton Twp., the home of new pm David W. Ritzenhouse. A population of 30 was reported in 1890. The post office closed July 16, 1895 with mail to Sterling. Glascock is an erroneous spelling. (2, 3, 25, 40, 414)

**GLASSER** (McKenzie). This was a rural post office that was authorized, and rescinded, on three occasions. It was first authorized July 14, 1906 with Lenora K. Glasser as pm, and rescinded November 6, 1906. She was reappointed pm January 4, 1907, and on February 6, 1907 a new order appeared, but listing John K. Glasser as pm. Both of these orders were rescinded May 24, 1907. The reasons for these actions and the location of the post office remain unknown. (2, 3, 40)

**GLASSTON** (Pembina). This GNRR station was founded in 1886 in Sec. 2-160-53, Saint Thomas Twp., just south of the Baltimore post office, which was transferred here on September 20, 1886 with Archibald Glass pm. The new townsite was named in honor of Mr. Glass. A small village has continued to exist at this site, with its population rarely exceeding 100. The elevation is 844, and the Zip Code is 58236. Conrad W. Leifur (1897-1982), a well known educator and author, was born here. (1, 2, 3, 18, 40, 108, 146)

**GLEASON** (Towner). This was a rural post office established November 3, 1888 with Charles W. Gleason pm. The order was rescinded November 25, 1893, over five years after its authorization, with the notation "no papers." The location of GLEASON is unknown. (2, 3, 40)

**GLENBURN** (Renville). This GNRR townsite was founded in 1903 in NE¼ Sec. 14-158-82, Ensign Twp., as LINCOLN. Because of duplication the name was changed to GLENBURN when the Walter post office moved here October 9, 1903 with Wilson Walter continuing as pm. Some say the name came from Glenburn, Ontario, Canada, while others say it was named for a GNRR official. Folklore tells of a young newspaper boy, Glenn D. Colcord, whose zeal for his job prompted the remark, "Look at Glenn burn up the road with his bicycle." Mr. Colcord, many years later, did not deny that GLENBURN's name was derived from this tale. The elevation is 1577, the Zip Code is 58740, and the village, which incorporated in 1903, reached a peak population of 454 in 1980. Among its notable citizens are Reinhart Gilbertsen, longtime pm and newspaper editor, and Richard John Backes, a prominent state legislator. (1, 2, 3, 18, 33, 40, 52, 71, 79, 253, 322, 323)

**GLENCOE** (Burleigh & Emmons). This was a rural community named by pioneer settlers for Glencoe, Argyllshire, Scotland. It was located primarily in Sec. 6-136-78 and Secs. 1 & 12-136-79 in Emmons County, although the well known and still existing

Glencoe Church is just north of the main settlement in SE¼ Sec. 32-137-78, Telfer Twp., in Burleigh County. The post office was established May 2, 1883 with Cyrus M. Robinson pm, and it moved several times within the community until closing November 29, 1930 with mail to Bismarck. A population of 18 was reported in 1890. The site once boasted of a store, dance hall, hotel, school, and church, but the settlement is now largely abandoned. (1, 2, 3, 13, 18, 25, 40, 66, 401)

**GLENFIELD** (Foster). This was a rural post office established December 15, 1886 with Robert Clendenning pm, and closed September 30, 1897 with mail to Corinne. It reopened February 11, 1898 and closed October 31, 1902 with mail to McHenry. Both of these post offices were located within three miles of a GNRR townsite founded in May 1912 in NE¼ Sec. 21-146-62, Glenfield Twp., on the newly-built Surrey cutoff line. A post office was established here September 12, 1912 with Lottie Posey pm, who revived the old name, which is descriptive of the locale. Mrs. Posey served as pm until 1958. The village incorporated in 1953, and reached a peak population of 164 in 1980. The elevation is 1500, and the Zip Code is 58443. (1, 2, 33, 40, 97)

**GLENILA** (Cavalier). This post office was established November 8, 1902 with Richard H. O'Neale pm. It was rescinded January 8, 1903 before it went into operation. GLENILA was to be located in Glenila Twp. (162-64), near Calvin. The origin of the township name is unknown. (2, 3, 40)

**GLEN LAUREL** (Dunn). This post office was established February 8, 1911 with Henry B. Schaffner pm, who gave it a descriptive name. Mr. Schaffner owned six full sections of land in the township, and it is thought that the post office was housed in a rural school in S½ Sec. 15-142-91, thirteen miles south of Dodge. The post office was discontinued December 31, 1912 with mail to Hebron. (2, 3, 40, 223)

**GLENN** (Renville). This was a rural post office established May 22, 1903 with Fred H. Giddings pm in SW¼ Sec. 21-160-85, Grassland Twp., ten miles SW of Mohall. It was named to note its location at the mouth of a large ravine, and to honor Mr. Giddings son, Glenn. The name is of Gaelic origin, and means valley. The post office closed July 14, 1906 with mail to Mohall. (2, 3, 18, 19, 40, 71)

**GLENORA** (Richland). This was a Milwaukee Road RR station in Sec. 5-131-47, Summit Twp., five miles south of Wahpeton. It was shown on many maps during the first twenty years of this century. The origin of the name is unknown. (1, 2, 3, 18)

**GLENULLEN** (Morton). This spelling was used on the NPRR station at GLEN ULLIN from the time it was built in 1883 until the depot was replaced by a new building in 1949. The difference in spelling was the source of much confusion, and it is a continuing topic of conversation as to why the sign on the depot was not changed. It is apparent that the spelling had some influence, with the Glen Ullen State Bank of

1905-1908 using a name containing elements of both the railroad and official names. (2, 3, 105)

**GLEN ULLIN** (Morton). This NPRR station was built in 1879 in Sec. 31-139-88, Curlew Twp., and settlement began in 1883. NPRR land agent Alvin E. Bovay, known as the father of the Republican Party, coined the name from "glen", Gaelic for valley, and "Ullin", taken from *Lord Ullin's Daughter*, a ballad by Thomas Campbell. The post office was established June 4, 1883 with Dr. Sid O. Morgan pm. From November 30, 1895 to December 1, 1905 the name was spelled as one word to conform to government spelling regulations. From 1883 until 1949 the NPRR depot displayed the town's name as GLENULLEN. The village incorporated in 1901, and it became a city in 1910 with Michael Tschida (1866-1956) as mayor. The reservoir at nearby Heart Butte Dam is named in his honor. The elevation is 2067, the Zip Code is 58631, and a peak population of 1,324 was reached in 1950. (1, 2, 3, 17, 25, 33, 40, 52, 79, 105)

**GLENULLIN** (Morton). This one-word spelling was officially used by the post office at GLEN ULLIN from November 30, 1895 to December 1, 1905 to conform with government regulations for place names. (40)

**GLOVER** (Dickey). This Chicago & NW RR station was founded in 1886 in Secs. 13 & 24-132-60, James River Valley Twp., eight miles NNW of Oakes, and named for Samuel Glover of Delaware, OH, who traded his NPRR stock for 30,000 acres of land in this area. He had originally settled in KS, but did not like that area of the country. The post office was established January 26, 1887 with Elling O. Ulness pm. He had been pm at the nearby Ulness post office, and later started another Ulness post office in Richland County. The elevation is 1396, and the population has been under 100 during its entire existence. The post office closed February 28, 1943 with mail to Oakes. (1, 2, 3, 18, 25, 38, 40, 154, 318)

**GOA** (Benson). This was a farm post office established January 8, 1900 with Elisabeth Hunter pm. It was located in SE¼ Sec. 22-152-71, Rich Valley Twp., seven miles SE of Esmond. Area residents wanted to name it Roberts for Robert Hunter, who had petitioned for the office, while Mr. Hunter wanted to name it for mail carrier William August Preuss (1868-1937). Some sources credit Mr. Preuss with suggesting the compromise name of Go, which evolved into GOA, although postal records show Roberts as the submitted name, with GOA apparently substituted by postal officials. The post office closed November 30, 1905 with mail to Esmond. (2, 18, 40, 53, 149, 414)

**GODKIN** (Emmons). What became TEMVIK was first called GODKIN, which according to folklore resulted from a 1904 conversation between either two local settlers, or two railroad crewmen. One is said to have asked, "Who could possibly see much of a future at this desolate location?" and the other answered in broken English, "God kin." When the post office was established the following year, it was called BROFY. The rival townsites of LARVIK and

TEMPELTON began here, with a merger in 1911 as TEMVIK. (2, 3, 66)

**GOETZ** (Ward). The first DONNYBROOK post office was established in 1895 in Sec. 14-158-87, Carbondale Twp., and on December 29, 1887 new pm Edward C. Henry changed the name to GOETZ, for unknown reasons. On March 9, 1898 a new Donnybrook post office was established one-half mile to the west at the new Soo Line RR townsite. Both post offices operated until GOETZ closed April 13, 1899 with mail to Donnybrook. (2, 40, 100)

**GOHRING** (McIntosh). This was a farm post office established October 5, 1896 with Jacob Gohring pm at his home in NE¼ Sec. 26-132-69, Lowenthal Twp., six miles SE of Lehr. It closed July 31, 1899 with mail to Kulm. (2, 3, 40, 133)

**GOLDEN LAKE** (Steele). This pioneer settlement was founded as INTERLAKEN, but when the post office was established February 26, 1885 with Isaac Golden pm, the name was changed to GOLDEN LAKE. The site, Sec. 2-147-55, Golden Lake Twp., nine miles NE of Finley, was between Golden Lake, named for Isaac and Fannie Golden, who came here in 1883, and Swan Lake. The post office closed June 14, 1902 with mail to Hatton, reopened January 27, 1903, and closed for good October 15, 1904 with mail again to Hatton. A population of about 15 was here for many years, centered around the Golden Lake Store, but this business closed in 1936 ending the history of GOLDEN LAKE as a rural community. John Arthur Engen (1897-1963), longtime ND Tax Commissioner, was born here. (1, 2, 3, 25, 40, 99, 240, 326)

**GOLDENVALLEY** (Mercer). This post office was established May 11, 1909 with George Bratzell pm, who chose a name descriptive of the location in the Knife River valley. In 1913 it moved one mile south to E½ Sec. 15-144-90, where the NPRR had established a townsite. The elevation is 1946, the Zip Code is 58541, and a peak population of 400 was reported in 1940. The post office name has always been officially spelled as one word, but the two word spelling is used so often that it is almost a *de facto* correct spelling. (1, 2, 3, 18, 33, 34, 40, 64)

**GOLDWIN** (Stutsman). This NPRR station was founded in 1914 in Sec. 5-142-67, Paris Twp., six miles east of Woodworth, and named RAMONA. The post office was established November 5, 1915 with Nels Handevitd pm, and the name was changed at this time to GOLDWIN at the suggestion of W. H. Stripp, a local pioneer, although there is no known significance to the name. The townsite never experienced a boom, reaching a peak population of just 45 in 1930. The post office closed December 31, 1943 with mail to Woodworth. (2, 3, 40, 158)

**GOLTZ** (Sargent). This GNRR townsite was founded in 1886 in Sec. 13-130-53, Kingston Twp., and named for one of its employees, said to be the construction foreman. The first settlers did not like the name, and changed it to GENESEO in 1887. (2, 18, 434)