



Among the early pioneers in search of land for homesteads in Grant County during the early 1880's, many were from the Scandinavian countries. They settled in the hills section of the county. Since most of the settlers were Swedish, they named their settlement Stockholm.

The homesteaders were not the first settlers in this section, as a number of friendly Sioux Indians had taken up claims in 1877, in what is now Stockholm Township. The Indian settlement, known as 'Brown Earth' consisted of 52 families. Rev. Daniel Renville, who was part French and part Indian, was their minister. In 1886, the Indians moved to the Wapeton-Sisseton Reservation.

It was under the supervision of Rev. Renville that the historic Old

Indian Church located near Stockholm was built in 1877. Many white settlers and their families for miles around worshiped there. Brown Earth, the first post office in the area, was located in the church, which was called Brown Earth Presbyterian Church. The post office was moved to Stockholm from Brown Earth in 1884.

The first site of the town of Stockholm was west of the blacksmith building, which is still standing today. When the Great Northern Railroad came through in 1885, the depot was located some distance west of the pioneer town. The settlers decided it would be more convenient to have their town near the depot, so the town was moved to its present location.