

# The History of Truman, MN

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“Truman is going to be the best of any of the new railroad towns in Martin County!” ~ Henry Brownlee, circa 1899

# Let the building begin!

- The first train arrived in October 1899.
- In December of 1899, the Watonwan Valley Railway sold out to the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Omaha Railway.
- By February 1900, there were 214 inhabitants.
- On March 29, 1900, a special election was held for incorporation. It passed 65 to 10.



## Truman Mercantile Co.

A. M. HINTON, Manager

Dry Goods, Shoes, Groceries and Notions  
Gents' Furnishings

You will find in our store the best  
quality merchandise at low-  
est possible prices

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COMPLETE

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for produce

Truman

Minnesota



# Downtown Business

Circa 1900s



Circa 1950s