

Biography of James Andrew McCulloch
--Gordon McCulloch

James A. McCulloch was born April 21, 1869 near St. Marys, Ontario, Canada. He lived with his parents in that community for the first twelve years of his life. During this time he spent five short terms in school.

After his twelfth birthday the McCulloch family moved to a farm near Sanborn, North Dakota. They remained there for three years and two terms of school were attended by him there. He could not go to school the last year because he had to take a man's place on the farm. It was required of him to drive oxen on crude machinery--a man's place then was a place of drudgery.

When he was fifteen, his father filed a claim that was located on the south bank of Lake Jessie. They moved to this place in lumber wagons drawn by oxen. The lumber for building purposes was hauled from Sanborn in the same method. It took the larger part of the summer to get moved and established in regular living quarters.

Being the eldest of the six children (and they were farming on a large scale), he was compelled to stay at home and tend the farm.

At the age of 24 he bought a farm three miles south of Lake Jessie. He broke up the land and established a home of his own. On November 25, 1903 he married Helen H. Rothert, a girl of that neighborhood.

In 1918 he had a sale of his personal property and travelled west with his family. The following year they came back and settled in Fargo, North Dakota. They remained there for five years. In the spring of 1923, he and his family returned to their farm near Jessie.

After he was settled on the farm, he put two crops in. In the fall 1924, he was injured while working with a tractor. His health began to fail soon after the accident. In the fore part of the summer of 1925, he was compelled to go to bed where he remained until his death, January 1, 1927.