James A. McColloch

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James A. McCulloch, son of W.T. and Sarah Ann McCulloch, was born at St. Marys, Perth County Ontario Canada. on April 21,1869.

In 1880 W.T.McCulloch, moved with his family to Barnes County D.T. He secured a preemption two miles west of Sanborn and lived there two years. He then moved to Griggs County, and settled at a homestead at Jessie Lake, where at that time they had only two or three neighbors within 12 miles.

He says, James A. says, "At the time we settled at Lake Jessie we lived for several years in single board claim shacks, rough unplaned lumber at that. We did not know what a coal heater was. Many nights in cold weather we were obliged to wear caps to keep from freezing our ears. When the blizzards came considerable snow used to blow in, but we were healthy as bears. In my father's family there were 3 boys and 2 girls, I being the oldest."

James A. McCulloch was married Nov 25th 1903 to Miss Helen Rothert, and they with their two sons, Royal and Gordon, now live on their farm four and one-half miles SW of Jassie.