

George Albert Pratt

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George A. Pratt, son of George and Mary Jane Pratt, was born in
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Goodridge Township, Ontario Canada, Jan. 2 1869. He came to Griggs County
with his parents in April 1884, and with them lived for some years in
Pilot Mound Township. Of his trip to Griggs County he says, " We came across
country by team. I had a pair of cattle, We also had five teams of horses
with loads. It was a hard pull. I would walk a while, then ride a while.
We got caught in a sleet storm about 25 miles west of Portland, between the
Goose and Sheyenne Rivers. But there was a farmer good enough to turn out
his cattle and let us put our horses in his stable. In the morning the cattle
were covered with ice". " We settled in the northern part of Griggs County
We had a small shanty, a sod stable. There Brother Rob. and I farmed for
two or three years. I was cook."

In 1889 Mr Pratt started farming on his own on rented land. In 1890
he bought a quarter section at \$7.00 per acre on crop payments. To this
he added until by 1913 he had a farm of 532 acres well stocked, with
14 head of short horn cattle, 21 horses, 45 Chester White hogs,
15 White Holland turkeys, and 42 White Rock chickens.

He was married August 22 1899 to Miss Elizabeth J. McCulloch, who
with their two children Floyd and Bernice now live with him on
Sec. 25 in Tyrol Township