

Summary - Peter Eaton PRATT

21 Feb 2004

Name: Peter Eaton PRATT
Sex: Male
Father: Isaiah PRATT (abt 1776 - bef 1850)
Mother: Susannah [UNKNOWN] (abt 1776 - aft 1850)

Individual Facts

Birth	28 Dec 1812	Peacham, Caledonia Co., VT
Residence	1840 (age 28)	Stark Co., IL ¹
Property	25 Jan 1844 (age 31)	40 acres; Stark Co., IL ²
Residence	1865 (age 53)	Toulon, Stark Co., Illinois
Residence	16 Jul 1870 (age 57)	Toulon Tp, Stark County, Illinois
Death	2 Mar 1891 (age 78)	Stark Co., IL
Burial		Osceola Grove Cemetery, Stark Co.

Marriages/Children

1. Mary STURM

Marriage	4 Jun 1837 (age 24)	Stark Co., IL
Children	Mary J. PRATT (abt 1838 -) Rebecca PRATT (16 Feb 1840 - 18 Oct 1916) Isaiah PRATT (8 Mar 1842 - 10 Oct 1922) Peter Benjamin Franklin PRATT (abt 1844 - bet Jun 1886 and Nov 1890) William H. PRATT (20 Jul 1846 - 1 Dec 1873) Abigail E. PRATT (abt 1848 -) Charles L. PRATT (28 May 1851 - 5 Nov 1876) Ellen B. PRATT (16 Dec 1856 - 25 Mar 1858) Alice B. PRATT (16 Nov 1858 - 25 May 1859) James L. PRATT (abt 1862 -)	

2. Matilda M. ADLEMAN

Marriage	27 Jan 1874 (age 61)	Stark Co., IL
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Notes (Individual)

Residence (1840): In the 1840 US Federal Census Peter Pratt is listed in Stark County as a male 20-30 years of age, with a wife 20-30 years of age, and two children under five years of age (Mary J. and Rebecca).

Property (25 Jan 1844): Peter Eaton Pratt purchases 40 acres for \$50 on 25JAN1844 in Stark County. The property is described as the SENE (16th) of Section 25, located in Township 14N (Toulon), 06E, 4th Meridian. The land is located 2.25 to 2.5 miles directly north of Wyoming Road, in the center of Wyoming, IL., and extends 0.25 miles east.

Residence (1865): According to the Toulon, Stark County, Illinois State Census in 1865 Peter E. Pratt is shown as head of household with the following: 1 male < 10 years of age (Benjamin ?), 2 males 10-20 years of age (Charles L. 14 and William H. 19), 1 female 10-20 years of age (Abigail E. 17), 2 males 20-30 years of age (Isaiah 23 and Peter 21), 1 female 40-50 years of age (Mary), and 1 male 50-60 years of age (Peter Eaton).

Burial: Section 24, E-28.

Notes (Family #1)

General: Estate of Peter E. Pratt

Peter E. Pratt writes his will on 8 June 1886, with a codicil dated 11 November 1890. Peter died on 2 March 1891. The administrators were appointed on 8 April 1891.

In his will he leaves his homestead, with life estate to his wife Matilda Pratt, then upon her death to his son Isaiah Pratt and descendants. That homestead property is described as follows: The South East quarter of the South East quarter of Section No. Twenty Five in Township No. Thirteen North Range No. Six East of the 4th Principal Meridian in Stark County Illinois together with a tract or lot off the South side of the North East quarter of said South East quarter of Section twenty five sufficient to give her the full and free use of the homestead buildings and of the road or lane leading to the highway, provided that is all of said homestead buildings, yards and the said lane are upon the tract first described there that last named tract or lot is not to be included in this devise.

Peter leaves to his son Isaiah Pratt the following property: East half of the said South East quarter of Section Twenty five for and during his natural life, subject to the life estate of wife Matilda. At his death it will descend to his children.

Peter leaves to his son Benjamin Pratt the following property: All that part of the West half of the South East Quarter of said Section Twenty Five which lies South of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroads for and during his natural life, at death will descend to his children

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Peter leaves to his daughter Abigail E. King and Rebecca Sturtevant the following property: West half of the North East quarter of said Section Twenty Five and as much of the West half of the South East quarter of said section as lies North of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad. The premises to be divided into equal parts in quantity or acres. The East half to be held and enjoyed by the said Abigail E. King and the West half by said Rebecca Sturtevant. At death it will descend through children.

Peter leaves to Eva Pratt daughter of deceased son Charles L. Pratt the sum of \$50 to be given when she reaches age 18.

Peter's son, Benjamin Franklin Pratt, dies without issue before Peter. Peter therefore executes a codicil to his will on 11 November 1890 leaving the property to his other son Isaiah Pratt.

Property sold at auction on 20 October 1893 to raise funds to pay of the indebtedness of the estate. A sum of \$850 was required. The purchaser, James Ezra King, paid \$283.34 being one third of his bid and executed a mortgage for the balance of \$566.66 due in one year with 6% interest, for the property described as follows: Part of the West half of the North East quarter, and part of the West half of the South East quarter of section twenty five, in township thirteen North, Range Six East in Stark County, Illinois, bounded as follows: Beginning at a point twenty and three-fourths rods East; and ninety-five and two thirds rods south of the Northwest corner of the North East quarter of said Section twenty five, thence South to the center of the highway wagon road, by the Dixon Peoria and Hannibal Railway right of way, in the West half of the South East quarter of Section twenty five, thence North Easterly along the center of said highway to a point fifty four and three fourths rods East of the west line of said quarter section, thence North to a point thirty four (34) rods East of this place beginning thence West to the place of beginning, containing twenty one and one fourth acres.

There is a petition by the family to the court to sell the property to pay off the debts, dated 24 April 1893. Some of the names are recognizable as family members. Others may also be related but as yet undetermined:

Matilda Pratt - widow
Isaiah Pratt - son
Rebecca Sturtevant - daughter
Alvah Sturtevant - son-in-law
Jane Imes
Thomas Imes
Mary E. Dugan
Ray Dugan
Isaiah King - son-in-law
Alice King - grand-daughter, a minor, without guardian
Maud King - grand-daughter, a minor, without guardian

Rebecca and Alvah Sturtevant live in King Fisher in the Territory of Oklahoma.

Alice and Maud King are stated as being minors, under the age of eighteen, and without a guardian, and it is requested that B.F.Thompson be appointed as guardian *ad litem* to appear and defend them.

William H. Pratt dies on 1 December 1873 in Toulon Township, Stark County, Illinois. His father Peter E. Pratt submits to the courts a Petition for Letters of Administration on 4 February 1874 in Stark County. This probate file includes an inventory, with value, of all the things that William owned. Some of this material is then sold off and there is a Bill of Sale stating the name of the purchaser and the cost.

9 October 1850 Census for Stark County, IL

Peter E. Pratt 37 M Farmer 1200 Vermont
Mary 33 F Ohio
Mary J. 12 F Illinois
Rebecca 10 M Illinois
Isaiah 8 M Illinois
Peter B. F. 6 M Illinois
William H. 4 M Illinois
Abigail E. 2 F Illinois

14 June 1860 Census for Penn Township, Stark County, Illinois, Wyoming P.O. M653/229), Page 179, Dwelling 1211, Family No. 1178

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Peter E. Pratt 47 M Farmer \$3200 \$400 Vermont
Mary 44 F Ohio
Rebecca 20 F Illinois
Isaiah 18 M Illinois
Franklin 16 M Illinois
William H. 14 M Illinois
Abigail E. 12 F Illinois
Charles L. 9 M Illinois
Mary J. Pratt 18 F Vermont

This Mary J. Pratt is a niece and the daughter of Lewis Pratt and Mary Watts.

16 July 1870 US Federal Census, Toulon Tp., Stark Co., Illinois

Peter Eaton Pratt (a. 57) is listed as head of household. Residing in the household are Mary, his wife a. 54, Isaiah a. 28, Franklin B. a. 26, William H. a. 23, and Charles L. a. 19. Also listed is a James L., age 8, who is assumed to be a son although his mother, Mary Strum, would have been about age 46 at his birth. Peter Benjamin Franklin Pratt's new wife Martha (Tapp) is also listed with the family.

Peter is listed as a farmer with \$12,000 shown as the value of his property. Isaiah shows a personal property value of \$100. Isaiah, Franklin B., and William H. are listed as farmers, and Charles L. as a farm hand.

Sources

1. 1840 US Federal Census, Stark Co., IL.
2. Illinois Public Domain Land Tract Sales Database, Vol. 714, pg. 203.