

Martha Simpson Pratt, daughter of George Hubert (1857-1943) and Martha (Crosman) (1860-1952) Pratt, was born 18 August 1895, Michigan. Mr.

Pratt was well-known the civic and political arenas of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan. He was one of the founders of Plymouth Congregational Church, Lansing. Mrs. Pratt was very involved in the D.A.R. locally and nationally.

Martha graduated from high school in Lansing and furthered her education at Michigan State College, graduating in 1919. Later she earned a Master's at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City. In the early 1920's Martha was one of 3 teachers in the Lansing Public Schools that instructed in "Domestic Art." She taught domestic science and art at Okemos Consolidated School 1925-1927.

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Tuesday 5 December 1918

Senior Dinner

The first in the series of dinners prepared entirely by senior girls at M.A.C. was given at the Senior House, Monday evening at six o'clock. The hostesses were **Martha Pratt**, Shirley Blair, Helen Mead, Gladys Gordon, Ada Tucker, Elizabeth Weld and Margaret Copas. Japanese lavender flowers were used to decorate the tables in the dining room and the parlors were made attractive by many bright colored potted cyclamen.

Martha, who never married, left Okemos to teach in Buffalo, New York from 1928-1948 and, from 1948-1961, became Director of Home

Funeral services for Mr. Pratt, 86, a prominent pioneer resident of Lansing who died Saturday morning at the residence, 727 West Michigan avenue, will be held Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from the Estes-Leadley Colonial chapel, with burial in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Active in the business, civic and fraternal life of the community, Mr. Pratt served on the board of education, was acting mayor during the term of Mayor Hugh Lyons (1906-7) and served on the city council for several terms. He was one of the founders of Plymouth Congregational church and was the son of Hubert H. Pratt, who served for many years as deputy auditor general of Michigan.

Survivors are the widow, Martha C.; two sons, Hubert C., manager of the Emery-Pratt company, and A. Crosman, vice president of the Duplex Truck company; two daughters, Mrs. William Claflin, of Philadelphia, and Miss Martha S. Pratt, Lansing; a sister, Mrs. A. P. Judd, Harbor Springs; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Birney J. Adams, Harold H. Beltz, Andrew S. VanHalteren, Spencer D. Kelley, Clifford W. McKibbin, and Fred J. Nichols.

Economics at what is now known as The State University of New York at Oneonta ("SUNY Oneonta"), Otsego County, New York.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Monday 13 March 1961

MISS PRATT RETIRING

Lansing Woman Founded Home Ec Division At New York School

A former Lansing resident, who founded, organized and directed the home economics division, State University College of Education, Oneonta, N.Y., has retired from active service in the field of education.

Miss **Martha S. Pratt**, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George H. Pratt



and the sister of A. Crosman Pratt, 631 Moores River dr., left the New York position on March 8 to return here. She intends to make her home at the family residence, 727 W. Michigan ave.

The former Lansingite began her career in education as a home economics teacher in a Lansing high school, and then became associated with a Michigan State university teaching center as a supervisor.

She joined the Oneonta, N.Y. college faculty in 1948, when the State University of New York instituted a home economics division on that campus. Her planning and guidance resulted in the construction of the present home economics building and the development of a training program that is known across New York state.

M.S.U. Graduate

She received her bachelor of science degree from Michigan State college and the master of arts degree from Teachers college, Columbia university.

In addition, Miss Pratt did graduate study at Michigan state; Teachers college, Columbia and Pennsylvania State university.

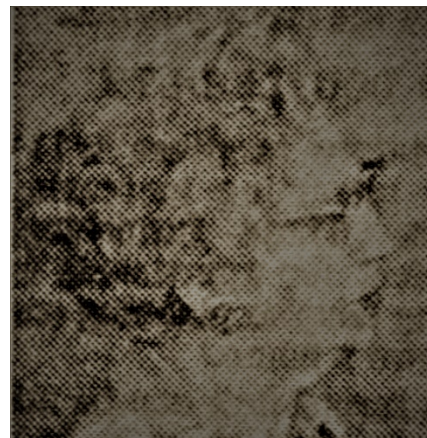
In her career as teacher and supervisor, Miss Pratt has taught in Michigan high schools, and has been a member of the faculty of Michigan State university, State University College of Education, Buffalo, where she was acting director of the home economics department for one year, and as a supervisor in the bureau of home economics, state education department.

Miss Pratt holds membership in Phi Upsilon Omicron, home economics honorary society, New York and American Home Economics association, American Vocational association, National Education association, New York State Teachers association and the American Association of University Women.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Sunday 20 April 1969

REUNION PAYS TRIBUTE TO FOUR EARLY ALUMS

Miss Pratt first taught home economics at the old Central High School in Lansing, and later became a supervising teacher in Okemos. She earned a master's degree at Columbia University Teacher's College and from there went to Buffalo State Teachers College (now New York State College at Buffalo) where she taught from 1928-1948.



From there she was called to the State University at Oneonta, N.Y., to start a department of home economics. She remained there until her retirement in 1961.

She returned to Lansing and the family home which her father built in the 1890's. It is now being razed and Miss Pratt is in the process of moving to an apartment.

Said Miss Pratt of home economics: "It's a natural for women. Most of them are primarily interested in the home and family. Everything else is of secondary importance, as well as interest, I believe."

Martha died 6 November 1984, Lansing. She was interred with family Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Thursday 8 November 1984

MARTHA S. PRATT

323 N. WALNUT ST.

Age 80, passed away on Nov. 6, 1984. She had been a resident of Lansing for most of her life, a member of the

Plymouth Congregation Church, member of the Laural Miles Pratt Circle, a graduate of Lansing High School and Michigan State University, member of the Alpha Phi Sorority at MSU. She was a member of the American Association of University Women and a graduate of the Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City. She was a public school teacher in Buffalo, NY and Lansing, was Director of Home Economics at Oneonta University in New York State. Surviving are nephew, William Claflin of Connecticut; 3 nieces, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Godfrey of Battle Creek, MI, Mrs. Laura Ann King of Oregon and Mrs. Helen Martha Sinclair of MI; a great nephew, John K. Godfrey of Battle Creek, MI. Religious services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Sat. in the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel with Rev. Dr. Robert J. L. Williams of Plymouth Congregational Church officiating. Interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Martha S. Pratt, former teacher

Martha S. Pratt, 89, of 323 N. Walnut St., former home economics teacher in Lansing, died Tuesday.

She was a graduate of Lansing High School where she also taught from 1919-24. She also taught at East Lansing High School.

Pratt was a graduate from Teachers College at Columbia University and Michigan State University and a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority at MSU.

Pratt was a public school teacher in Buffalo, N.Y., and Lansing, as well as director of Home Economics at Onenota University in New York.

She also was a member of the American Association of University Women.

Religious services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel.