

Mildred Lewis Ware

John Ware and Mildred Lewis were an unlikely couple.

She feared cattle and she never rode a horse in her life. Educated and well groomed, Mildred didn't imagine she would marry a hard-handed rancher. But the *Calgary Tribune's* congratulations were reassuring. "The bride is of a happy disposition, well cultured and accomplished, and probably no man in the district has a greater number of warm personal friends than the groom, Mr. John Ware."

Mildred's father, Daniel Lewis, was a finishing carpenter who helped to build many of Calgary's early houses. They attended the Baptist church, where Mildred probably met John Ware. Legend says that it took him years to learn about her family, but once he did, he was quick to get himself invited to dinner.

The two had a deep connection. John could neither read nor write, so Mildred took charge of bookkeeping for the ranch and read the newspaper to him. They had six children, and her death devastated him. Their daughter Nettie said, "dad was not the same man after we lost mother."

Born: 1871 – Died: 1905



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Additional Resources

- **Alberta Settlement**

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