



Mary Ann Trethewey

(1833-1908)

*“An enterprising and formidable woman
who would stand out in any community”*

First businesswoman, postmistress and midwife in the community, Mary Ann Trethewey (1833-1908) settled with her husband, James, in what was then known as “St. Mary’s Mission” in 1883.

An independent and astute woman, Mary Ann managed their general store and post office annexed to the house. Besides selling groceries and dry goods, she served as the general agent for a “Lamb Knitting Machine.”

Also a dedicated and trained nurse, she attended to the sick, injured, and maternity cases. During the construction of the CPR, she sometimes traveled as far as sixty miles by rail hand car to offer her medical assistance.

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