

John and Mildred Ware - Early Ranchers

Around 1900, some people felt the grasslands would be a good place to raise cattle and other animals. They started ranches in the areas of Alberta that were too dry for growing crops.

One of the first ranchers in Alberta was John Ware. He had been a slave in the southern United States. When slaves were freed, John Ware moved north to Canada. In 1882, he got a job working as a cowboy on the Bar U ranch. Ware became an expert rider, famous all over southern Alberta.



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Ware dragging logs from the Red Deer River.

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In 1892, John Ware married Mildred Lewis. By then, Ware had his own ranch on Sheep Creek and 200 head of cattle. The Wares ranched there for ten years. They had five children. In 1902, the Wares moved to a new ranch near Rosebud Alberta. Their new house was washed away in a flood. They built a new log house and kept ranching.

John Ware looked after the cattle and Mildred Ware looked after the money, because she had gone to school. She also taught their children to read and write. Their ranch was very successful and they soon had 1000 head of cattle.