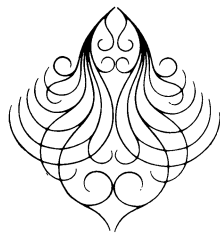


HANNAH MAYNARD

British Columbia



Mrs. Hannah Hatherley Maynard was a portrait photographer for over fifty years and one of the earliest pioneers of Victoria, British Columbia. She took up photography in the 1850s, learning it in Bowmanville, Ontario and establishing a studio in Victoria in 1862. She was at first interested in learning photography as a hobby, but her husband encouraged her to create a business.





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Her business was excellent; she became very successful. There was always money in the town because of the flow of miners going to and returning from the gold fields. Sailors were also anxious to obtain photographs of themselves. Mrs. Maynard felt that she photographed practically everyone who lived in the

town. Victoria was a town of tents, gullies, and swamps when the Maynards arrived there. She taught her husband photography, and between them they documented the changes of the town. Until Victoria accepted Mrs. Maynard as a photographer she often used her husband's name on her photographs. For a time she was actually

boycotted by the public, but she continued her work nevertheless. Upon retiring at the age of seventy-eight, she stated: 'I think I've been all over this country. . . Even today it is rather remarkable to hear of a woman going into the great "beyonds" of the interior country, but then I thought nothing of it.'

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