

Abigail

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The Name "Abigail" (in this present instance being used as that of a "Postoffice") in a country districts. Is the Name of a Woman who was the wife of a former Postmaster here. She is still living, but now in British Columbia. When first established here the Postoffice was called "Whitewater," away back in eighty-two that was before the Railway came through here, the name was given because of a Lake which is about one mile from here, and is called Whitewater from the color of the water I presume, which is of a whitish color, because of the muddy bottom. But when the Railway came the then Postmaster was asked to suggest another name for the office as they were going to call a small Town on the opposite side of the Lake (Whitewater) and he suggested his Wifes name (Abigail) which was excepted and given to the Post office. The man who was first Postmaster here is in office at present tho it has been removed to different houses in the district in the mean time, and was not kept by him when given its present name. The Postoffice is situated on sec 12 T^p 4 range 21. west of the first Principle meridian