



Mary Elizabeth Gorman Sewell

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Creció en Laguna Pueblo, Nuevo México, donde sus padres eran misioneros. Viajó a la Argentina en 1869, destinada a la provincia de San Juan. Pero al llegar a Buenos Aires se enteró de las guerras civiles que asolaban la región y se negó a viajar al interior. Trabajó en varias escuelas públicas de Buenos Aires y en 1871, durante la epidemia de fiebre amarilla, cuidó a varios miembros de la colectividad estadounidense. Murieron en sus brazos la maestra Fanny Wood y su prometido, a quien había conocido en el barco que la llevó a Sudamérica. Dos años más tarde se casó con John Sewell, un administrador de campos, y fundó una gran familia.



She grew up in Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico, where her parents were missionaries. She traveled to Argentina in 1869 and was assigned to the province of San Juan. However, when she arrived in Buenos Aires she heard about the civil wars that were ravaging the region and refused to travel to that province. She worked in several public schools in Buenos Aires and, during the yellow fever epidemic in 1871, she cared for many members of the United States community there. Her teacher Fanny Wood and her fiancé, whom she had met on the ship she took to South America, died in her arms. Two years later she married John Sewell, a farm property manager, and had a large family.