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tonwoods. Tom and Rinda bought 4 acres across the street from Ora's, built a red-brick rose-covered cottage and lived to acquire and bless hundreds of new friends.

Tom died, peacefully in his sleep, Nov. 30, 1967 and Rinda succumbed to a stroke March 15, 1970. Their final resting place is Wasatch Memorial Gardens, Salt Lake City, Utah. They are survived by 4 children, 12 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild.

Tom's father John Wesley and his mother Ellen Young are buried in the Emery City Cemetery, as well as his brother Adolphus (Dolph) and his wife Nell. ORA CLARK MURDOCH



Rinda Clark, about 1949.

HISTORY OF ELIAS HENDERSON COX AND ELLEN VIOLA SHERMAN

Elias Henderson Cox, the son of Elias Cox and Martha Richards, was born December 19, 1856, in Union Forte, Utah. When he was 4 his mother passed away and he was raised by his father with help from his grandparents, Jehu Cox and Sarah Pyle, in Fairview.

When Elias H. was 16 his father rented out their farm in Thistle and together they traveled to Salt Lake and secured employment on the railroad being built between Ogden and Salt Lake City. Elias H. worked on the Survey Crew and was able to learn a great deal about the trade. After the work was completed on the railroad they returned to Thistle and their farm.

Ellen Viola Sherman was born November 23, 1863, in Santaquin, Utah to Albey Lyman Sherman and Mary Elvira Swan.

The Sherman family came to Huntington in June of 1880 where they lived in a dugout until a home could be built. The Shermans helped settle many areas before coming to Huntington. Albey Lyman was active in the Black Hawk war, afterward assisting immigrants crossing the plains so the family had done a great deal of pioneering.

Here Elias H. and Ellen met and on May 22, 1881 they were married in the Manti Temple. Elias H. was attending the University of Utah at the time of his marriage and completed his education a few years later.

Nine children blessed their home: Martha, Lyman, Agnus, Alice, Geneva, Silas, Elmer, Mable, Zina and Arvada. Mary Alice was stricken with whooping cough at the age of 1 which left her deaf.

Elias H. and Viola being wise parents knew the necessity of a good education for Alice and at the age of 8 Alice was sent to the School for the Deaf in Ogden. Thanks to her parents, Alice's education made life much happier for her.

Elias H. belonged to a theatre group in Huntington for several years. The group brought a great deal of fun and enjoyment to the people, a pleasant contrast from the hard work they put in

each day. Elias was a school teacher, then Superintendent of the County Schools. He was on the town board and was the County Surveyor, the trade he had learned while working on the railroad, and, with his father, surveyed the town of Huntington. He was the Justice of Peace about 1897 and held court in his home. His daughter Martha recalled at one time he had held trial for Butch Cassidy.

Elias H. helped his father in bringing the first store to Huntington. The ledger tells an interesting story of how merchandise was purchased with eggs, butter, etc. Children would even bring in boiled Easter eggs in exchange for candy after Easter and Elias H. allowed the exchange in good humor.

Ellen had been in poor health for years suffering from a bad heart and died on April 6, 1902. Elias Henderson died November 21, 1912 and they are buried beside each other in the Huntington Cemetery. JoANN H. ARNOLD



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MEMORIAL TO JOSEPH A. CHRISTIANSEN AND MARY JOHANNAH ALLRED



Joseph and May Christiansen

Joseph A. Christiansen was known throughout Emery, Carbon and Sevier counties as "Joe, the Road Man." He worked on the State and County roads for thirty-four years.

Joe was born in Mayfield, Utah, July 12, 1888, the son of Joseph Julius Christiansen and Karen Marie Jensen. The family moved to Emery when Joe was one year old. He grew up in Emery and was a popular, handsome young man. He loved to sing and dance. He married Hannah Jennet Peacock June 17, 1908. They had four children, Lareda, Melva, Jay and Lavar. Hannah died January 29, 1919 with influenza.

Mary Johannah (May) was

born June 25, 1894 to Isaac and Johannah Allred. She was an honor student in school. She married Lynn Peacock June 25, 1912. They had three children, Mervin, Vivian and Inez. Lynn died November 18, 1918 during the flu epidemic. May immediately turned to nursing in the county. A service she gave all her life.

Joe and May were married April 20, 1920. Four more children were born to this union, Genevieve, Wayne, Theora and Doris. Theora died January 13, 1940.

Joe started to work for the State roads June 1, 1925 with a small horse-drawn grader and sluisher, on a dirt road that wound around every clay hill and down each gully. He stayed at the Red Creek cabin in Salina canyon the year around. The winter months were filled with hard work, danger and loneliness. Joe received motorized equipment as it came on the market advancing to a huge power patrol which he learned to operate and maintain. He was honored and presented with a gold medallion as one of the first "ten men" in Utah to operate the "Big Cat Patrol." Although the pay was meager, Joe and May felt they were blessed to have employment during the



Joe Christiansen and Tadd Brinkerhoff pulling cars through a flooded wash near Salina Canyon



Joe Christiansen on County Patrol, 1957.

depression years. He did all he could to provide work for other men as he modernized the canyon roads.

May moved her family and the stock to the canyon every summer and lived in primitive conditions so the family could be together. She sold milk and butter. The cabin served as a haven and post office for sheepmen, truckers and miners. She fed many notable people at her table, she never turned anyone away hungry. She was a wonderful cook and did beautiful handwork and made quilts of every kind.

Joe went to work for the county in 1943 and stayed until his retirement May 1, 1959, at the age of 71 years. Just one month later he died following an emergency operation, June 6, 1959. May lived until she was 72, passing away July 2, 1966.

Joe and May lived for each other and for their children and shared every sorrow and joy for 39 years. The family lived a full and unique life. They worked on the Old Folks committee for many years. May worked in Relief Society and other church jobs. Joe was a home teacher and a High Priest. They were loved and respected by everyone.

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