

Charlene Cox Cruze, Las Vegas NV occasionally sends pictures of her (our) family.



Costume for my Cox family profile of Martha Cox, first school teacher in Clark County Nevada, on the Muddy.

Charlene Cox ← Lewis Hunt Cox ← Jedediah Cox ← Isaiah Cox ← Jehu Cox

She is a cousin of our presenter, Sandra Smith Gwilliam.

Sandra Smith ← Mona Cox ← Melvin Eugene Cox ← Warren Cox ← Isaiah Cox ← Jehu Cox

She was recently honored as Tour Guide of the Decade --- At a special ceremony, at Las Vegas City Hall, Mayor Oscar B. Goodman will present to Charlene Cox Cruze the "Tour Guide of the Decade" award.

The award, of the Las Vegas Tourist Guides Guild, honors Char for her dedication in promoting the history, culture, and the scenic beauty of Las Vegas and its valley. For 37 years Char has guided tourists to historical and natural areas in and around the City of Las Vegas.

With knowledge of history, botany, geology and wildlife, Char has conducted training classes at UNLV and CSN. She has taught Las Vegas history to colleagues in the tourism industry.

Char's family heritage dates to 1855 and the arrival of pioneer settlers in Las Vegas valley. Her grandparents labored in the construction of the first railroad station in Las Vegas, and were on Fremont Street for the SL, SP and LA Railroad auction in 1905. Her great-grandmother became the first school teacher in Clark County. Her parents began trucking and road building operations in 1927, constructing many of the early roads in Nevada, including Hwy 91.

The Las Vegas Tourist Guides Guild, incorporated in 2005, is a professional and educational association for individuals and organizations involved in the guided tour segment of the tourism industry. Members conduct tours of the City of Las Vegas and the Strip, and to Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Valley of Fire State Park, Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon, often in conjunction with major conventions held in Las Vegas.

The LVTGG promotes dedication, information accuracy, professionalism and commitment by its members. The LVTGG conducts training and testing for the purpose of certifying its members as Certified Professional Tourist Guides. Miss Cruze chairs the LVTGG professional education committee, and is the principal instructor for the CPTG courses.

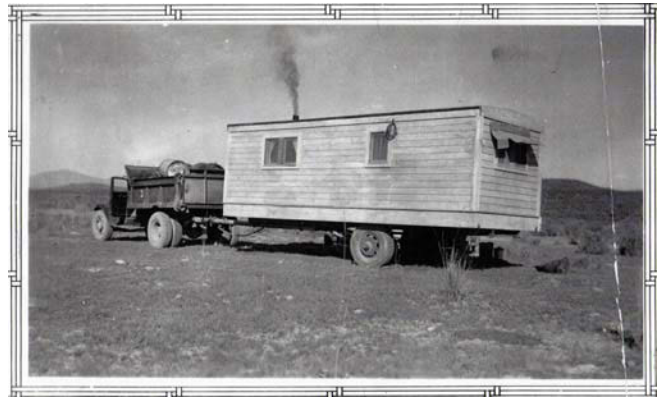
Mayor Goodman's presentation will take place at 9:30 am on May 28, in the mayors' office at City Hall. Please join Char, her family, friends and colleagues in celebrating this memorable occasion.

Some historic pictures

Early Highway Construction Equipment



Jedidiah and Lewis Hunt Cox



Mobile Home used by the family on construction jobs Approx. date – 1925-27. No definite date. St. George Utah. Arrowhead trail route – St. George to Glendale – to St. Thomas – to Las Vegas via the Valley of Fire Arrowhead Trail road.

Warren Cox had the Arrowhead Hotel and Resturant. My Mom, Anna Isabella Campbell worked there and that is how she met my Dad. Uncle Warren and Aunt Etta did some “cupid” magic. My Mother wrote out an account of their meeting, marriage and first home, a 8 x 16 on the back of a flatbed towed by the dump truck – for the first 14 years of their married life.

2010- Since the Hoover (Boulder Dam) is celebrating its 75th birthday this year, Char wanted to share a story of mine. Pictured below is my Dad – Lewis Hunt Cox, son of Jedidiah and Rachel Cox, hold me for my first trip to the Dam. (Mom of course is taking the picture), with friends of the family, Golda Ray and her daughter.



And here is the story:

I LEARNED FROM MY TRIPS TO THE DAM AND PASSING PLACES LIKE BLOCK 16 AND RAILROAD PASS THAT A GIRL IN LAS VEGAS COULD GROW UP TO BE EITHER A LADY OF THE NIGHT OR A LADY OF THE DAY AND NIGHT~ A WIFE AND MOTHER.

FIRST TRIP TO THE DAM – I WAS JUST TINY BABY WRAPPED UP IN A BLANKET. I LOOKED LIKE A LITTLE SACK OF POTATOS IN MY DAD’S BIG STRONG ARMS. THAT WAS JUST THE BEGINNING OF YEARS AND YEARS AND TRIPS AND TRIPS TO THE DAM.

I DREADED HEARING THE WORDS:

“COME ON CHARLENE – LETS SHOW THESE FOLKS THE BIGGEST DAM IN THE WORLD” – LIKE I HELPED BUILD IT OR SOMETHING!

IT WAS A LONG RIDE – HOT CAR –WINDOWS ROLLED DOWN – HOT WINDS – LISTENING TO THE TALL TALES OF THE DAYS OF BUIDLING THE DAM.

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH, MY DOLLS AND DOLLHOUSE AND MUSIC ARE LEFT PATIENTLY WAITING.

BY THE END OF THE DAY, MY BLOND RINGLETTS ARE MELTED AND I AM SUNTANNED LIKE A LITTLE INDIAN. BUT ANOTHER TRIP TO THE DAM WAS OVER.

MAYBE THIS WOULD BE THE LAST ONE!!

WELL, THE DOLLS AND THE DOLL HOUSE ARE STILL WAITING – AND TODAY, I AM MAKING ANOTHER TRIP TO THE DAM WITH LOVE IN MY HEART FOR THE MAN WHO HELPED BUILD THE DAM AND TOLD ME THE STORIES – MY DAD.

I have always been proud to be the “daughter of a Dam worker”. My Dad worked for the B.O.R. from 1927 to 1963 for one of the BIG SIX COMPANIES, Utah Construction Co. He was a road builder, helping to build the road from Las Vegas to the Boulder Dam site, at the Dam site and the town of Boulder City, and he did heavy hauling of mud and muck at riverbed in preparation to begin the cement pours.

Blessings to you and all my Cox relatives! Charlene



Jedidiah, Rachel Cox and Family



Jedidiah & Rachel Cox



Jedidiah Cox had the Shell Oil contract (Shellane Oil Contract) original name of Shell Oil. I think that Warren was involved too. And they had the Studebaker car dealership. Left to right – Shell Oil Rep., Uncle Russ Walter (married to Aunt Ruth, my Dad's sister), Jedidiah Cox (my Grandpa), Shell Oil Rep., My Dad, Lewis Hunt Cox, and then three more Shell Oil Reps.