Fred Woolf was born in 1874 and Mary B. Stoddard was born in 1878 and raised by her grandfather. They lived in Hyde Park, Utah. This is where she met and married Fred Woolf. They left Hyde Park and moved to Iona in 1918, living in a two-room log house, just below the side hill canal on Lincoln Road.

Fred farmed the 20 acres there. Mary’s love for growing things soon blossomed all around the log house she lived in. She had a small orchard with plum, apricot, pears, apple trees and a big raspberry-gooseberry patch.

While living there she was first counselor to Esther Ward. Violet B. Steele was second counselor. She was one of the first beekeepers for the LDS Church. She was a beloved friend and a neighbor to all who knew her. To Mary, life was meant to be beautiful. Her home, no matter how humble, was a mass of colorful flowers, both inside and out. She gave away starts of flowers to all who would take them. The ditch banks around her home was planted to a bed of color and beauty instead of the usual weeds. She planted tulips and peonies at the Iona Cemetery, keeping them watered and cared for. She served on the flower arrangement committee for funerals for Iona for a good many years. She would make beautiful arrangements.

Farming for Fred was anything but productive so they left the log house and moved to the townsite of Iona. Fred went to work for the Utah & Idaho Sugar Co. At that time men would work 12 hour shifts with no days off and would work the same shift from the time the factory would start until it closed at the end of the season.

Mary loved visitors. The children around the neighborhood would love to visit her and she would show them her pretty favorite china dishes.

Mary and Fred had no children of their own, but took care of and raised Mary’s nephew, Ike Stoddard. She also cared for her mother until she died. Mary died in 1943 and Fred died in 1945.

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