

*Krum Railroad  
Gulf, Colorado, & Santa Fe Railroad  
In The Beginning*

Krum appeared on the map of Denton County in 1886 when the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad created the town site from the 200 acres purchased from L.L. & Gabriella Finley. With this, began the building of a business community. The town was named after Charles K. Krum who was listed as a railroad official. No other information is known on Mr. Krum.

Mr. Finley opened a general merchandise store in the new town. The Santa Fe moved in a boxcar to serve as a depot. By 1887, the depot and section house were completed and the railway had built the first house in Krum for the home of their agent on the east of the railroad.

The Post Office came in 1886 and was first housed in the Finley Store with Mr. Finley handling the mail. By 1888, R.R. Turner had started a blacksmith shop on the south side of the main street and Amos Rowley had a saloon on the north side. R.C. Scripture sold hardware; harness, clothing, and other merchandise from a large store.

In 1891, Dr. W.G. Kimbrough opened a drug store and began the practice of medicine. Arthur Jackson set up a lumberyard. John Boyd opened a barbershop next door on the east.

The one-room schoolhouse was moved from Hickory Creek in 1891 and placed on the ground where the old high school once stood. The Methodist congregation continued to use it as their meeting house. The Literary and Debating Society was organized and met in the school. All of the young people of the area joined. In that year also, the second house was built in Krum for a young bachelor, W.H. Henshel.

In 1894, Reuben "Pony" McGee opened hardware and feed store on the south side of the business street, next door to the lumberyard office, on the west. He built the third house in Krum for his family. Mr. McGee performed a public service by providing a watering trough for farmers' teams at a well behind his store

Dr. W.H. Kimbrough's sons, Walter and Wallace, completed their medical education at Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, Tennessee and joined their father in Krum.

By 1899, the telephone and telegraph had arrived. The Baptist congregation had moved their church building from North Hickory Creek into town; and the members of the Church of Christ built their meetinghouse that year. In addition to other businesses already established, June Benton had a livery stable, Frank Shifflett and Brent Jackson owned a wagon yard adjoining the livery stable on the north. There was a cotton gin, a restaurant short-order house, and a dry-line delivering freight. W.T. Ginn had built a hotel earlier in the 1890's. It was later owned by the Butterworth's for many years, then by the Chitwoods, and finally by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ericson.

In 1898, S.D. Chadwell built a fine hotel on the three lots. The hotel was a one-story wooden structure surrounded by a white picket fence. Facing the alley in back were stables, a cow shed, coalhouse, and other necessary out-door facilities. Inside, the floors were covered with an elegant turkey-red carpet, which was the talk of the countryside. There were rooms for "drummers" to display their merchandise and merchants came from miles around to buy. Unfortunately, this asset to the community was destroyed by fire and was not rebuilt.



Krum Depot



KRUM , TEXAS  
GC&SF Tex- 1  
Combination Depot - Built 1912  
24' x 113'

Picture & information from  
Kansas Historical Society-  
Kansas Memory:  
*Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe  
Railway Company depot at  
Krum, Texas. The depot had  
segregated waiting rooms for  
blacks and whites. The building  
measured 24'x113' and was built  
in 1912.*



Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad Bunk House at Krum

Picture & information from Kansas Historical Society-Kansas Memory:

*This black and white photograph shows the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway's bunk house at Krum, Texas. The one-story wooden structure was built in 1887.*



Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad Section House at Krum

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The Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad Freight Section  
at Krum is still standing today



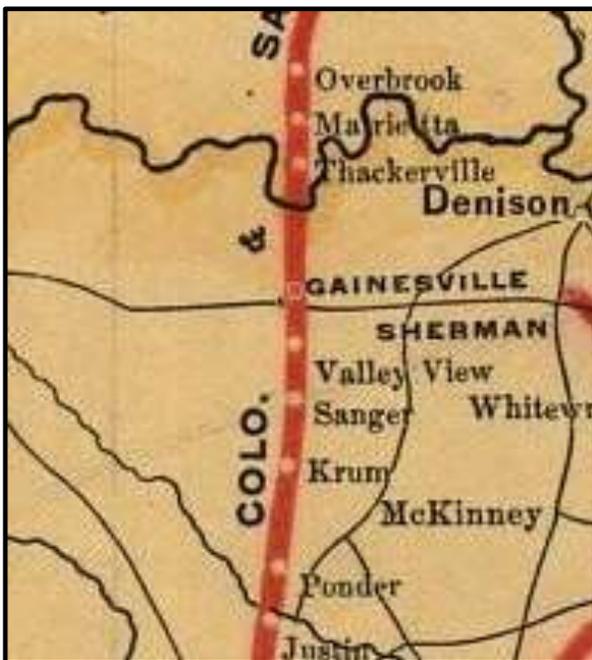
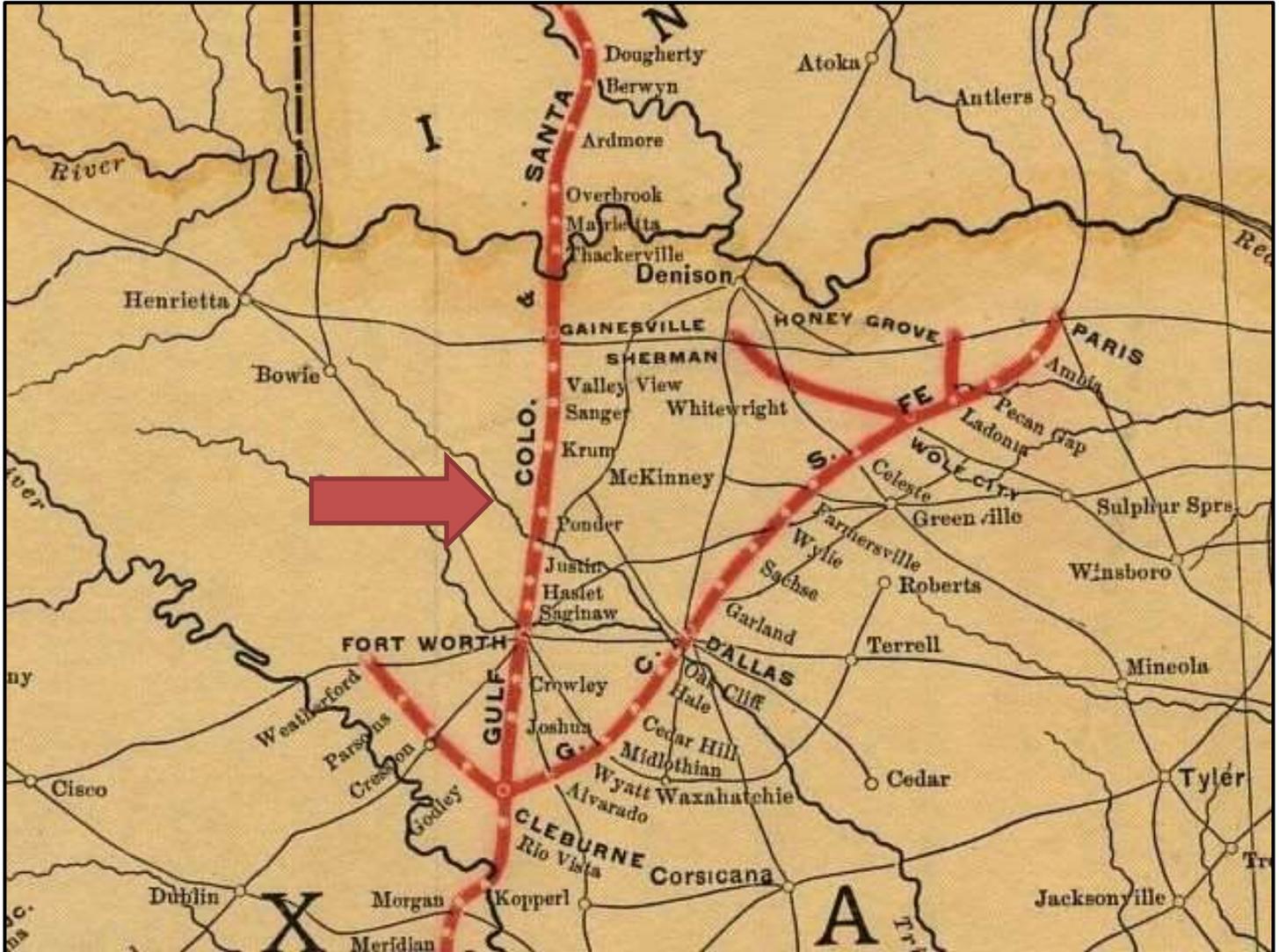


*Krum's Santa Fe Depot early 1950's*



Painting of the old yellow depot by Jim Bales

Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Map-1899



**New Offices.**  
 The Texas Express Company, on the 1st of January, 1887, will open offices on the Kansas City extension from Fort Worth to Gainesville, and on the Paris extension of Santa Fe from Farmersville to Honey Grove. The new offices will be at Kville, Haslet, Justin, Gerald, Krum, Sanger, Valley View, Gainesville, Merit, Celeste, Wolf City, Ladonia and Honey Grove.

Dallas Morning News  
 December 30, 1886

On August 13, 1886 L.L. & Gabriella Finley sold 200 acres of land to the Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad for \$2,000 which would become the community of Krum. Some of the news about the community during this time period came from The Dallas Morning News and Galveston Daily News. Here are just a few of these articles about the new depot town of Krum from the Dallas Morning News:

**Texas Express Company.**

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, HOUSTON, TEX., Dec. 22, 1886.—The Texas Express Company will, on Jan. 1, 1887, open offices on the Kansas City extension from Fort Worth to Gainesville, and on the Paris extension from Farmersville to Honey Grove, of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway. Following is a list of offices:

Wylie, Haslet, Justin, Gerald, Krum, Sanger, Valley View, Gainesville, Merit, Celeste, Wolf City, Ladonia, Honey Grove.  
C. T. CAMPBELL, Superintendent.

Dec 22, 1886

**ROUTE SURVEYED.**

DENTON, Jan. 22.—The engineer corps employed in surveying the line from here to Krum, on the Santa Fe, finished surveying one line to that place to day, a distance of seven miles. One more line will be surveyed and the most practicable one adopted, when work will begin. The grading from here to the Santa Fe will, it is thought, cost less than \$1000 a mile.

Jan 2, 1887

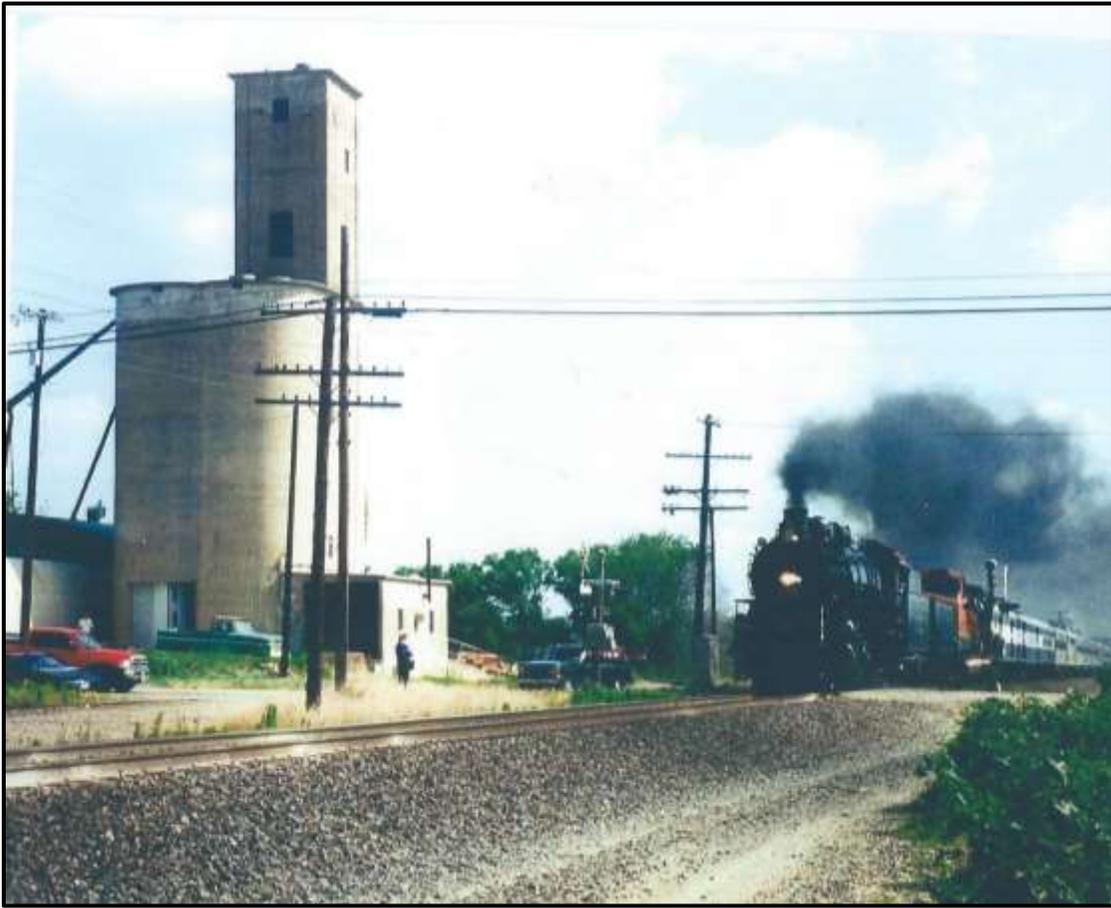
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**ATTENTION, GINNERS— &c.**  
We offer a block of ground on the switch in the new town of Krum, in Denton County, to a good party who will put up a first class gin. No other gin within miles of the place, and located in a splendid farming section.

Apply at once.

**KEATING I. & M. CO.**

July 19, 1887



Train traveling through Krum  
Cole Grain Elevator on left



Train wreck at Hickory Creek near Jackson Cemetery-Krum

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**Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company**

OFFICE OF  
VICE-PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

CIRCULAR No. 240

Galveston, Texas  
June 18, 1962

Effective June 23, 1962, the agency at Krum, Texas, located at Mile Post 383.00 from Galveston, on the Second District, Northern Division, will be discontinued. Thereafter Krum will be operated as a pre-pay station.

Vice-President and General Manager.

