

**Early Krum Families**

**George & Virginia (Terrill) McCormick**

**Arrival In Krum Area-Ca. 1859**

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George McCormick Sr. (1810-1869), wife Virginia Terrill McCormick (1815-1875), their four children James Robert McCormick (1839-1907), William McCormick (1842-1916), George McCormick Jr. (1844-1930) and Ann Elizabeth McCormick Bull (1848-1921) arrived in Denton County in March 1859. They had traveled from their home in Virginia on flatboats down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, and then came from Ft. Washington, Louisiana, to Texas by wagon. The family bought and settled on a 16 acre pre-emption survey on the west side of Krum. Mr. McCormick was progressive. He fenced 40 acres of his land and planted it in wheat. This must have been the first fence and the first wheat on this wide expanse of open prairie. After the disastrous Indian raid of 1868 he built a palisade around his home for protection. George and Virginia McCormick are buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Denton.

Of the four children of George Sr. and Virginia McCormick, son George McCormick Jr. remained in the Krum area. He was born in Wayne County Virginia November 30, 1844. He married Phoebe Annie Reed (1853-1878) in Denton County in December 1869. There were five children born to this union Martha, Sarah, Georgia, Charles and Alice. On June 15, 1879 he married Lizzie Faulkner. On May 12, 1892 George Jr. married Gertrude Shifflett (1860-1934) daughter of Hasten Shifflett Sr. and Pauline Frances Fore. They had four children Annie (1893-?), Robert Hasten McCormick (1895-1943), Ivan George McCormick (1897-1970), and Jettie McCormick Seber (1909-1939).

George McCormick Jr. was a Confederate soldier of the Civil War. His obituary from the Denton record Chronicle from Dec 1, 1930 says: *“McCormick served throughout the Civil War as a private. He also served in Texas in fights against the Indians. In 1868 he was with a posse that fought the Indians on White’s Creek in Northeast Wise County and had his horse shot from beneath him by Indians. Mounting behind his brother J.R. McCormick, the horse threw both of them and he then mounted behind Robert T. Veale. He also served against the Indians on the border. McCormick had been a member of the Baptist Church for 68 years.”*

George Jr. and Gertrude McCormick are buried at Plainview cemetery. Their sons, Ivan and Robert “Bob” lived in Krum until their deaths and are buried at Jackson Cemetery. A grandson Robert “Squirt” McCormick, owned and operated the Conoco Station where the D-Bar produce stand is today. Descendants of George & Gertrude McCormick still live in the Krum and Denton County area.



**George McCormick Sr.**