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Some Early Krum Families

Silas & Mary (Beard) Koiner

Arrival in Krum area-around 1883

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The original Silas Koiner and his family came to Denton County in 1883, settling on land that is near the Denton County courthouse running west past the location of the old Flow Memorial Hospital and extending north to University Drive (Hwy 380). There were three sons of this original family that bought farms north of Krum between 1884-86. (One should not confuse "this Silas" with others in the family who shares the Silas name.) One of his sons was D.W. (Will) who is the father of Vessie Gose and her sister Chloe Howard, and his son Silas who was a barber in both Krum and Denton (he also owned and operated a variety store in the early days of Krum).

The three sons of Silas and Mary Koiner were D.W. Will Koiner, James (Jim) Koiner, John Koiner.

D.W. (Will) continued farming in the Hawkeye area north of Krum until about 1893. When he gave up farming he resided next door to the old Church of Christ where he served as caretaker of the Church. His son Silas married Tommie Emery. They had six children: Robert, Della Mae, Orma Lee, Nida Jewel, Silas (Bud), and Mary Kate. In 1901, D.W.'s son Silas Koiner learned how to cut hair and worked part-time in Boyd's barber shop in Krum. He built a house in Krum in 1907 and opened a barber shop. He added a Variety Store in 1913. He moved to Denton in 1930 and established a small store and barber shop across the street from the old Denton High School.

D.W. (Will) and Emma (Wilson) had seven children. Several of their children died at an early age. Daughters Vessie Mae and Chloe Edith married husbands in the Krum-Greenwood area. Vessie married S. P. Gose from Krum and Chloe married Joe Howard who hailed from Greenwood.

D.W. (Will) died in 1944 and his wife, Emma died in 1953. Before Emma passed away, there were five generations involving this lineage: (From youngest: Steve Alan Muncy (an infant), Bobby Jack Muncy (Steve's father), Ila Mae (Gose) Muncy, Vessie (Koiner) Gose, and Emma (Wilson) Koiner. When Steve was born, Great-great grandmother Koiner was 84.

This writer remembers the kindness and love that his Great-grandparent Koiners so freely gave to others.

Some additional information on the Koiners from Della Davis book:

There were three sons in the family who bought their own farms north of Krum between the years 1884-1886 and they were:

1.) D.W. Koiner (Will) father of daughters, Vessie (Mrs. Paul Gose), and Chloe (Mrs. Joe Howard), of Greenwood, Texas and son Silas. About 1901, Silas Koiner, D.W.'s son was farming his father's place one mile northeast of Krum, at the same time coming to town on Saturday's to work in Boyd's Barber Shop. He continued his "moonlighting" job until 1907; when he quit farming, built a home in town, set up the City Barber Shop for "First Class Tonsorial Work" in the building now occupied by Krum City Hall. About 1913, the business was expanded by adding "The Racket Store," which was a very popular place with kids wanting strawberry pop or a box of crayons. Later the stock was enlarged and the name changed to Koiner's Variety Store. Mr. Koiner sold out and moved to Denton, Texas about 1930.

2.) James (Jim) Koiner married Martha Jane Riddle and their children were James Edgar “Jim,” William Silas “Will,” Anna Louisa, John Francis “Frank,” and Charles Lee. Will and Lee would establish the Koiner Gin in Krum and were among the first commercial grain harvesters in the community. Between them, they operated three thrashers, working most of the small farms in the area. Lee’s daughters, Polly (McNeal) and Corene (Carothers) remember they and their mother filled in at the cook-shack when no other cook would be found. .

3.) John Koiner married Nellie Hutchinson in 1885. They had these children, Mary, Lizzie, Simon, David, Henry and Joseph. John Koiner gave the land on which the Hawkeye School was built. His son Henry Patterson Koiner married Verda Lee Bowers and with their two sons John Henry and Wylie Joe Koiner lived on the Koiner home place. Both of the sons were in the army and John Henry Koiner reached the rank of Lt Colonel and brother Wylie Joe was a Colonel.



Bobby Jack Muncy



D.W. & Emma Koiner



John & Verda
John & Wylie