

**Sidney & Lillie (Smith) Garrison**  
**Arrival in Krum Area around 1900**  
**By Della Davis & Kathryn Dodd & Bobby Jack Muncy**

Sidney Garrison was born in Texas on December 31, 1863. His parents were John Garrison and Elizabeth Walker who first settled in Bolivar, Texas. Lillie Smith was born April 8, 1870 in Missouri and was the daughter of Michael Smith and Syrena Johnson. Sidney married Lillie Smith on May 30, 1900 in Denton County. When the railroad by-passed Bolivar, Texas and business slowed, Sidney and Lillie moved to the bustling town of Krum in 1902. Sidney and Lillie had two sons John Brack Garrison born January 13, 1907 and Richard Harper Garrison born October 13, 1909. Their home in Krum was built on lots where their sons J.B. Brack and Harper Garrison lived until their deaths.

Brack Garrison inherited his father's "green thumb." Mr. Sidney Garrison was a gardener and he brought many native trees from the woods and planted them on home sites in town. Brack's vigorous gospel singing was legendary at Krum Methodist Church.

Harper Garrison enjoyed the reputation of being a great cook. He learned much of his art from his mother. Harper Garrison worked at the ice-house owned by Della Isbell Davis' parents Dalton and Ella Mae Isbell where he sold his homemade chili and hot tamales. Harper also worked at Tipton's Cleaners in Denton for several years and even though he didn't drive town folks always picked him up as he hitchhiked on the road every day. Harper also worked at the Clay Pot Eatery in Krum where his meringue pies were a favorite. Folks still today even after nearly 20 years of the Clay Pot's closing still remember those wonderful pies.

Harper taught himself to play the accordion and piano and was also a self-taught artist. Some of his paintings hang at the Krum Heritage museum. Both Harper and Brack loved religious music.

**From Bobby Jack Muncy (5/7/2012)**

A discussion of Krum Pioneers would not be complete without Harper and Brack Garrison. These two brothers never married. They lived with their mother and continued residence together after she died. Brack worked in various jobs such as construction work with S. P. Gose and Alf Lindley. An example is the John Morris building (now Vogue Cleaners) a tile block building that for many years was the location of Loran Park's automobile garage. Brack mixed the mud mortar, S. P. Gose laid the tile and Bobby Jack Muncy (then about 16) and others carried the blocks up a ramp and placed near the layer. All the while, Brack would sing Christian songs (i.e., When the Roll is Called up Yonder, I'll be There). Brack cared about others.

Bob Muncy remembers: When I was about ten years old, my family lived on a farm without modern conveniences. My father was blind and we were going through tough times. At the community Christmas tree at the Krum School, my name was called. I reluctantly went to the front and was handed a present from Brack Garrison. It was a Big Little Book, which I valued highly.

Harper enjoyed playing puzzles. He often visited the Goses to help them put a jigsaw puzzle together. He also enjoyed sharing his cakes and pies with neighbors, and, especially at the Methodist Church fellowship dinners. Harper worked in Denton at a dry cleaning place, pressing clothes. Not owning a car, he stood on the street corner to catch a ride to Denton (and back again to Krum). Almost everyone traveling to and from Denton knew that Harper was waiting for someone to give him a ride, which didn't take very long.

Brack spoke one time to others while doing construction work about some of his experiences as a soldier during WWII. He served in jungle areas on one of the very isolated islands off Australia, surrounded by the Japanese. I read about the terrible living conditions existing in that area of the Pacific war in the American Legion magazine, such as impure water, shortage of food, illnesses, etc. Apparently, Brack endured some terrible experiences. It was always a lifting experience for me to hear him, with gusto, sing praises to God. Both Brack and Harper improved the quality of life of those who knew them.

Sidney Garrison died January 1, 1936 and Lillie in August 12, 1948. Brack died March 27, 1984 and Harper May 14, 2001. All are buried at Krum Jackson Cemetery.



**Garrison\_2: Brack Garrison**



**Garrison\_3: Harper Garrison sketches**

**Garrison\_1: Harper Garrison with his pies & pie recipes-Clay Pot Eatery**

