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Some Early Krum Families

Herman Christian & Mary (Sipple) Barthold

Arrival In Krum Area-Ca.1878

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Herman Christian Barthold, Sr. and his future wife Mary Sipple came to this country from Germany and were married May 26, 1860, in St. Louis Missouri. While living in Springfield, Illinois, Herman left his family and walked to Texas and ended up in Dallas. While in the Dallas area Herman found employment in his line of work shown on the 1870 census from Illinois as a "Cooper," the term for a barrel maker. While in Dallas he had looked at land around the area north and west of Dallas and Fort Worth and liked what he saw. He walked back to Springfield for his family and they came to Texas. In December 28, 1877, Herman C. Barthold Sr. purchased his first tract of land from Jot Gunter. There would be other land purchases to follow. Rodney Barthold remembers this story "My grandfather, Herman Christian Barthold told me that they arrived at the land purchased by his father in 1878. He said that he was (4) years old and he said that he told his father, as the sun was setting, that he was ready to go home and his father told him that he was home."

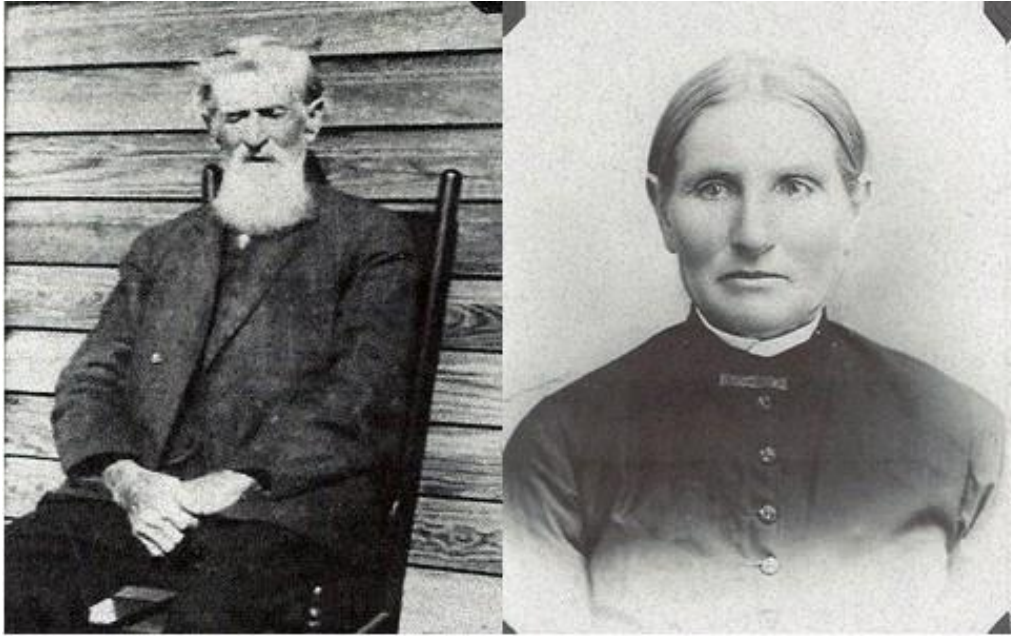
The family's first home was called a "tent" home on maps of Denton County of that period. It was built partly of logs and covered over with a tent. They had lived here for two years until enough lumber could be hauled from Sherman, Texas by ox-wagon to build a house. Sherman was the nearest source of lumber supply.

There were ten children in the family, five of who settled in easterly directions from Krum on farms that today are still owned and occupied by children of the five Barthold families.

- 1) Fred Barthold born 1859 married Amalie Tiedtke in 1899. Their son Fritz lived in the home his father built on the farm a little southeast of Krum.
- 2) Augusta Barthold, born in 1861, married John Miller in 1879 and settled one mile east of Krum. Their daughter Pet married C.R. Fowler in 1914. C. R. had come from Denton in 1912 and established Fowler Hardware. The son John H. Miller married Ava Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.Y. Barnett, a pioneer family in the Plainview community. Their other daughter Anna Lena Miller was born in 1880 and died in 1893.
- 3) Charles Herman Barthold, born 1864, married Nettie Rosa Mahler in 1895.
- 4) Emma Barthold was born 1867 and died 1873.
- 5) Lena Pauline Barthold born 1868, married William "Bill" Louis Grabbe in 1889 and they moved to a ranch near Amarillo, Texas.
- 6) Anna Barthold, born in 1871, married W.M. Huffmeyer. Anna died at age 20.
- 7) August Fred Barthold born 1877, married Ann Rauch in 1905 and they owned land two miles east of Krum, where sons Edward, Lee and daughter Ella lived. Descendants still live on this land.
- 8) Herman Christian Barthold Jr., born 1874, married Caroline Lena King August 24, 1897 and settled three miles northeast of Krum on land, which includes the original homestead. Their son Herbert and daughters Rosa (Mrs. Fred Hopkins), and Lily (Mrs. Herman Trietsch) lived on the land and today descendants of Herbert and Marjorie Barthold still own and live on the land.
- 9) Lizzie Marie Barthold, born 1879, married Joe Voth in 1904 and they settled near Justin, Texas.

10) Ida Barthold, born 1884, married Charlie Wolfe in 1903. Their children were Bertha, Walter, Clara, Mabel and Grace.

To see the well-kept farms and homes of the descendants of this pioneer family today, it is difficult to credit the harsh beginnings of their prosperity; living in a tent, turning the prairie soil with simple tools then available, hauling wood for fires by ox-wagon from Clear Creek and keeping on the lookout for marauding Indians and bandits. The Sam Bass gang visited this family on several occasions to steal Pioneer Barthold's gold. August (Mrs. John Miller) being the oldest child, spent many nights hiding with the gold in the tall prairie grass. The gold fortune was saved!



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