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H.B. Bartee

Arrival in Krum around 1902

H.B. Bartee, the second miller at the Krum flour mill, moved to Krum around 1902. He married Kate Woodward, daughter of a pioneer family. When Ralph Cole installed a flourmill in 1916, Mr. Bartee joined that company.

Mr. Bartee is well remembered in later years as caretaker at the school. The school bell hung from the belfry over the front door of the old brick building and many pupils were given the thrill of helping him ring the school bell! This bell is now at Krum Heritage Museum.

James E Padgett

Arrival in Krum-around 1904

Mr. James E. Padgett brought his family to Krum by train in 1904, coming from Berwin, Indian Territory-now Autry, Oklahoma. They were met at the Krum depot by Mr. Padgett's father and taken in a covered wagon to his farm house east of Denton, where they stayed until their new home was built in Krum-the house now owned and occupied by Mrs. Marvin Hill.

Mr. Padgett had a barbershop in a frame building on the north side of Main Street in Krum. In the great fire of 1906, it too went up in flames, along with the other business houses nearby.

Mr. Padgett was an active member of the Church of Christ. He was an elder of the church, the song leader, and often filled the preacher's place because a preacher only came about once a month on Sundays in those early days. Mr. Padgett was also a member of the Krum Bass Band.

In 1913, the family moved to the ancestral farm home east of Denton, where one member, Earl still lives. A grandson of pioneer Padgett, Francis Padgett lives in Krum. Mr. Earl Padgett remembers an exciting experience the family had on one occasion when they were coming to Denton from Indian Territory on a visit to their grandparents. The Red River was near flood stage; waters were swirling over the railroad bridge and the brakeman walked ahead of the train across the bridge. It was slow-going for the train, but thrilling for the kids aboard!

J.E. Riley

Arrival in Krum around 1910

The J.E. Riley family came to Krum from Cooke County, Texas in 1910, first renting in the area; then buying the old McGee home place west of town.

Eight Riley children grew up on the family farm: Jim (now deceased) established his home in Pilot Point; Henry operated a farm here until he retired and now lives in Sanger; Annie (Mrs. Bill Coulter) and Iva (Mrs. Roy Earles), both are Ponder residents; J.O. lives in Denton where he is employed by NTSU; Ollie (Mrs. T.E. Sauter) and Omie (Mrs. Melvin Johnson) both live on portions of their old home place; W.E. "Ben and his wife, Jewell make their home in Krum.

A.W. Jones

Arrival in Krum around 1910

Alvin Watson Jones was born Dec 18, 1886 in Lewisville Texas to David Jones and Sarah A Nee. Around 1910 he married Eunice McFall daughter of Mark Marshall and Lucia (Brazier) McFall. Alvin W. and Eunice Jones had these children: Travis Jones, Weldon Jones, Claudia Jones, Alvin Watson Jones Jr. and Bill G. Jones.

On the May 4, 1910 census Alvin W. and Eunice Jones were living in Krum and Alvin was shown as a blacksmith in his own business. Alvin Jones bought the C.C. Hornsby blacksmith business in Krum around 1910 where he continued until his death in 1964. In those 52 years, Mr. Jones changed with the times---from firing his furnace with wood or coal to heating with gas; from shoeing horses and repairing wagons and buggies, to welding tractor and truck parts.

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John Henry Koiner

Mr. John Henry Koiner came to McKinney, then on to Denton from Illinois at the age of nine, in 1866. In 1844, he bought the land north of Krum, which is now the home of his son H.P. Koiner. In 1895 and 1896, John Hnery Koiner helped haul rocks by wagon from the Ganzer place to be used in the construction of the new Denton County Courthouse. Mr. Koiner also gave the ground for the Hawkeye School to be used as long as it was situated there. Mr. Koiner was an old resident of the community and passed away in 1911.

Mr. C.A. Davis

Another of the old timers of the community was Mr. C.A Davis. He settled here with his parents in 1881, about 2 ½ miles northeast of Krum on three-corner strip of land. Mr. Davis was once a bookkeeper at the steam operated flour mill in Krum. He also helped in hauling the rock for the Denton County Courthouse.

V.E. Gibbins

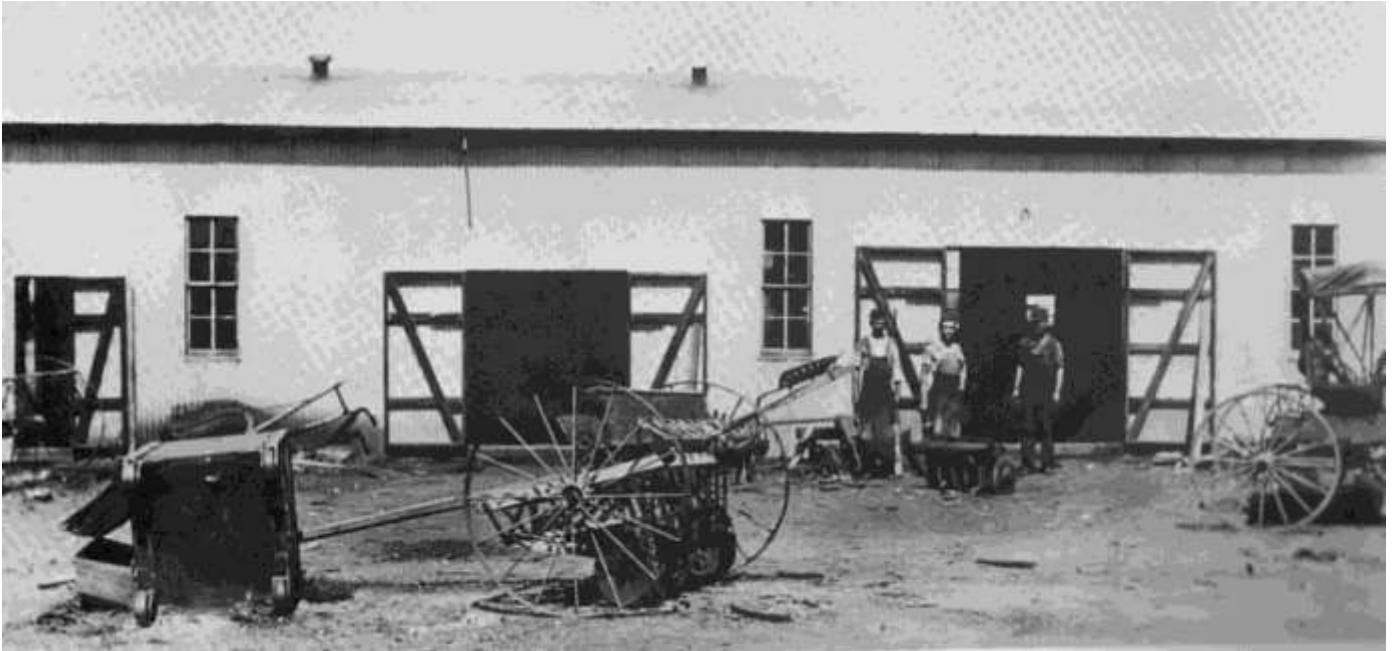
B.L. Gibbins, father of C.C. Gibbins, and grandfather of Virgil Gibbins built two brick buildings in Krum in approximately 1904, where Joe Bishop's cow barn now is. He ran a grocery store in one building and a furniture store in the other. C. C. Gibbins came to Krum with his family in 1906 from Poolville. C.C. Gibbins worked in the store with his father. C.C. later went into the grocery business with H.F. Lamm, father of Homer and Ed Lamm in the building where the washateria is now located. C.C. Gibbins and H. F. Lamm went together in 1912 and built the building where the Lamm grocery is at present. Gibbins sold out to Lamm and went to the farm. Virgil, who still lives in Krum can remember that it took four mules to the wagon to pull the load of furniture over the mud roads in making the move to the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Nail

Mrs. Nail was one the daughters of J.W. Black, and came to Krum in 1886. They settled ½ mile west of Krum on the farm where McFarlines now live. Mrs. Nail remembers that people hauled water from the creek on their place, as there were no deep wells at this time. Mr. Nail came to Krum in the year 1891. He and Mrs. Nail still live in the city today. Some other of the older citizens who have lived in Krum for many years are Mrs. Maude Black Evans, Mrs. Molly Batis Rucker, Mrs. Emma Evans McGee, Mrs. Bessie Wilson Park ad Mrs. Eleanor Williard Bruce.

Mr. J.O. McClister

Mr. J.O. McClister, Sr., was one of the early day merchants. He ran a dry goods and grocery store combined. He later sold out the grocery stock to H.F. Lamm. He retained the dry goods store and ran it until his death, when it was taken over by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Wilkins. Mr. McClister was the father of the later Walter McClister, who along with his wife Dorothy ran the McClister Motor Company in the building formerly known as the Munch Building. Walter was a good citizen, and his death was great loss to the town.



Watt Jones Blacksmith 1910-1964



J.O. McClister