

**Early Krum Families**  
**Baxter Wilson**  
**Arrival in Krum around 1896**  
**1976 Article by Della Davis**

Though none of the Baxter F. Wilson descendants live in the area today (1976). The family deserves a place in this history because of the contributions they made to the progress of the community. The size and shape of the town was changed by the “Wilson Addition.”

Mr. Wilson migrated to Texas with his parents John and Nancy (Sargent) Wilson by ox-wagon from West Virginia to a farm in Eastern Denton County. On December 13, 1891 he married Margaret Elizabeth “Maggie” Rue of Denton daughter of Pete Rue and Nancy J. Ferguson. In 1896 Baxter moved his young family to a farm east of Krum. In 1900, they bought a farm adjoining the town site on the south. In 1904 and in 1905 subdivisions were carved out of the land bordering Krum, and lots in the “Wilson Addition,” were available for home sites. The south end of town experienced a building boom.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and their children, Lewis Ray (deceased); Nannie Belle (Meinecke) of Plainview, Texas; Alvin Lee and Minnie Pearl (Griffin) both of San Antonio, all took part in the church, school, and civic life of the town of Krum. Mr. Wilson was a member of the school board for many years, helped organize and was a director in the F & M State Bank until his death. It was he who designed the brick church the Methodists built in 1934.

Baxter Wilson died in 1948 and Maggie in 1956 and are buried at Krum Jackson Cemetery.



**Baxter & Maggie Wilson\_1941**

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The Thomas E. Baker family journeyed from Tennessee to Texas in 1871, first finding a home near the present day Justin, Texas. Their son D.E. "Epp" Baker, later recalled there was only one house between their place and the village clustered around old Fort Worth. During the winter all of the cattle in the region drifted into the Trinity River bottoms, and each spring the landowners joined in a big round-up-each man sorting out his own branded herd.

Pioneer Baker died in 1892, and his wife, Mary, sold the family property in 1898 and bought the land lately owned by Dr. W.A. Remley north of Krum. Her son "Epp" bought adjoining acreage and ran both places. At the same time, Mr. Baker was employed in town.

When the Wilson Addition was opened in 1905, Mr. and Mrs. Epp Baker built one of the first homes in that section. They had two children, son Gurdo and daughter Bernys who married Orlan Shiflett and had two sons Donald and Gary Shifflett.

In partnership with Jess Grubbs, Mr. Baker set up a restaurant and meat market business. Bernys remembered riding with her father in a mule-drawn wagon to Denton to haul back 300 pound blocks of ice. Some of the ice was used in the restaurant and meat market and the rest was turned over to the "ice man," who delivered it door-to-door in his little "ice wagon."

Having received a commercial education at Thorpe Springs College (later to become TCU), Mr. Baker was an expert bookkeeper. He worked for a time at the flour mill, and later joined the Knox Gin Company in that capacity. He and Mrs. Baker moved to the Rio Grande Valley in 1921.



Bernys (Baker) Shifflett

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