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Krum Post Office-Original Application 1888
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Post Office Department

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL,

WASHINGTON, D. C., 18th May, 1888.

SIR: Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for the establishment of a post office at Krum, County of Denton, State of Tex., it will be necessary for you to carefully answer the subjoined questions, get a neigh-

Many times it was not known that a name of a town already existed until an application for a post office was submitted to Washington. Below is the **original** application for the Krum post office which provides us with an insight to the town of Krum in 1888. The application submitted to the Post Office Department in Washington, by the proposed postmaster Mr. S. D. Chadwell on May 18, 1888, was a fill in the blank form so the underlined, **bolded** items below were the answers provided by Mr. Chadwell.

Select a short name for the proposed office, which, when written will not resemble the name of any other post office in the State.” **Krum**

“It will be on or near route ___ from **Galveston Texas to Gainesville , Texas** on which the mail is now carried **seven** times per week.

The contractor’s name is **Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad.**

Where will the mail leave the present route to supply the proposed office? Ans. **at railroad depot.**

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is **Sanger, Texas** its distance is **Eight** miles in a **Northern** direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side is, **Justin Texas** its distance **twelve** miles in a **Southern** direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, not on this route, is: **Bolivar, Texas** and the distance by the most direct road **7½** miles in a **North Western** direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest creek is **Hickory Creek.**

The name of the nearest railroad is **Gulf, Colorado Santa Fe.**

If on a line or near a railroad, on which side will be office be located; how far from the track; and what is, or will be, the name of the station?-- Ans. **West- 150 feet-Krum**

*If the proposed office is located where it can be supplied from a crane or flag station, or located over 80 rods from the station where mail trains make regular stops, will the mail be carried to and from the proposed office without expense to the Department?—Ans. **150 ft from regular station.***

*If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants? - Ans. **Fifty***

*Also, the population to, be supplied by the proposed office.—Ans. **450***

The application was signed by S.D. Chadwell, Proposed P.M. and was examined by C.H. Bartis postmaster at Denton Texas.

Below is a list of the postmasters, with their appointment dates, in Krum from 1888 to 1923:

Chadwell, S.D., 28 Jun 1888	Koonce, Joel., 1 Sep 1904
Finley, Lewis L., 13 Sep 1888	Hawkins, Jas. M., 17 Feb 1905
Rowley, Arthur J., 18 Dec 1890	Nail, Nicholas C. 12 May 1906
Kimbrough, Walter G., 12 Dec 1894	Gose, Jas. C., 21 Oct 1914
Wylder, Leora D., 25 Oct 1895	Park, Hugh R., 7 Dec 1917
Cofer, Chris. C., 23 Nov 1899	Nail, Nicholas C., July 1923 (acting postmaster)

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