

Krum News Briefs
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The Town of Krum

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For 2017 I will explore stories about the Town of Krum from its beginnings as a depot town in 1886 and progression throughout the years. Please note that most of the newspaper articles on the town of Krum show it was named for A.R. Krum, vice president of the Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad. Other newspaper stories said it was named for a surveyor and another said it was “named for the engineer who piloted the first train through the community on New Year ’s Day, 1886.” Additional research in later years has shown that the town was actually named for Charles K. Krum who is shown as a railroad official on railroad documents. Nothing else is known on Mr. Charles Krum, but the search continues to find out more about him.

Dallas Morning News
December 30, 1886
New Offices

The Texas Express Company, on the 1st of January, 1887 will open offices on the Kansas City extension from Fort Worth to Gainesville, and on the Paris Extension of Santa Fe from Farmersville to Honey Grove. The new offices will be at Kylie, Haslet, Justin, Gerald, Krum, Sanger, Valley View, Gainesville, Merit, Celeste, Wolf City, Ladonia and Honey Grove.

Fort Worth Daily Gazette
January 22, 1887
Completed The First Survey

Special to the Gazette
Denton, Tex, Jan 21.—The corps of engineer’s surveying the road from here to Krum completed the first survey today. They will survey one more line before work will begin. The distance is only seven miles over almost a natural grade.

Fort Worth Daily Gazette
June 29, 1887
Krum- A Town Half Way Between Fort Worth and Gainesville

Correspondence of the Gazette
Krum, Tex, June 28- This little town is on the Santa Fe Railway, half way between Fort Worth and Gainesville, surrounded by the finest farming lands in Denton county and is the shipping point for the large scope of country lying west of the railroad in Denton county, which included the rich bottom lands on the two Hickorys and Clear Creek.

Threshing is well under way. The yield is: Wheat, from fifteen to twenty bushels; oats, from forty to sixty bushels per acre, which is better than was expected. Corn is in fine shape and will make a full crop.

This is a good point for a grain buyer to locate. The Santa Fe is giving low rates on grain and expects large shipments from here. A good lumber yard and general merchandise store are needed here and would pay. The railroad company owns the town site, 200 acres, and are very liberal with anyone desirous of building or starting in business. The town is situated on a high rolling prairie, about seven miles west of the Cross Timbers. The country is very pretty to look at and unsurpassed for health; the never ceasing breeze drives away all malaria and makes the hottest days cool and pleasant. Anyone wishing to go into business would do well to see this place and its advantages before deciding. We hope to have a cotton gin and mill before fall, which will save farmers an eight mile haul, a big item in bad weather.

Dallas Morning News

March 5, 1901

Krum To Have A Mill

Special to The News

Denton, Tex., March 4- The Krum Mill and elevator Company has been organized at Krum, eight miles west of here, on the Santa Fe, with \$20,000 capital.

Fort Worth Star Telegram

May 26, 1916

Merchants Quit Stores for Fields

Krum, Texas, May 26- Krum merchants came to the aid of the farmers yesterday in a way that brought results. All business houses closed yesterday morning and the merchants and their clerks went to the fields and helped in the farm work. Rains for the past few weeks had put the farmers behind with their work.

Dallas Morning News

April 13, 1912

Ice Plant Company at Krum

Special to The News.

Denton, Tex., April 12- A company has been organized at Krum, this county, for the erection of a fifteen-ton ice plant, which it is expected to have in operation by the time hot weather arrives.

Dallas Morning News

May 21, 1913

Krum To Have New Bank

Special to The News.

Denton, Tex., May 20- M.L. Littleton, formerly of Weatherford, is organizing a \$25,000 National bank at Krum, this county, and expects to open for business about June 1. This will make twenty-two banks of deposit in Denton County with a twenty-third being projected.



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