

For 2019 the Museum Musings articles will explore robberies, murder, mischief and mayhem that have occurred in Krum. The stories are told by old newspaper articles and provide a look into happenings at a moment in time. So for 2019 we will start a journey into Krum Robberies, Murder, Mischief and Mayhem beginning in the year 1889.

Dallas Morning News-Jan 6, 1889

Burglars at Krum

Denton, Tex., Jan. 6-Burglars entered the store of John Bates at Krum this morning before day and stole several articles of merchandise, but no money. They also tried to effect entrance to Dr. Kimbrough's drug store, but were shot at and scared away.

Dallas Morning News-Sept 14, 1900

Wasn't Expecting Burglars

Armed With a Hoe ? and Dragged \$2,800 out From Under The Bed

Denton, Tex., Sept 13 "The man with the hoe" used his hoe to excellent advantage at Krum, a small village on the Santa Fe, west of this city, last night, when with that implement he dragged out from under a bed \$2800 in good, hard cash. Twenty-four hundred dollars of the money was the property of John Batis, merchant of that place: the other \$400 or thereabouts belonged to the Carmen Mill and Elevator Company of Fort Worth, Batis keeping the money of the company with which it bought wheat at Krum. Batis took all the money home from his store last night and, not expecting any burglars threw it carelessly under his bed retiring for the night. When he awoke this morning the money was gone, and an examination showed that the wire screen of the window beside which the bed stood had been cut. Outside was the hoe with which the burglar is supposed to have dragged the money out from under the bed. Behind the barn, a hundred yards away were found the boxes, with their contents gone.

Denton Record Chronicle- July 31, 1917

M.A. Cooper Charged Assault with Intent To Murder At Krum

M.A. Cooper, a farmer living near Krum, was brought here Wednesday night and charges of assault with intent to murder filed against him in connection with an alleged attack upon A.C. Kline on the main street of Krum into Wednesday afternoon. It is alleged that following a disagreement between Cooper and Kline in front of the R.L. Cole grain store that the former left the area and returned in a short time with a pistol and struck Kline over the head with it. Two shots were fired during the exchange but no one was injured.

The trouble occurred about 7 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and Cooper was brought here and placed in jail Wednesday night. He was released on bond for \$750 Thursday morning pending the action of the grand jury. Dr. A.H. Knox and R.L. Cole were sureties on the bond.

Cooper was a tenant on the Kline farm near Krum and it was thought that the trouble occurred over a disagreement over some money.

Denton Record Chronicle-June 7, 1918-Part 1

Otis Myers Shot At Krum And Instantly Killed Friday A.M.

Otis Myers, age about 45 years and single was shot eight times and instantly died in the lobby of the post office at Krum shortly before noon Friday. Following the shooting, Yancy Story, also single and living about seven miles northwest of Krum, came to Denton and gave himself up to the officers.

Two or three persons were said to have been in the lobby of the post office when the shooting occurred but none of them gave a very distinct account of the affair. It was said two men met in the building and that no words were heard before the shooting began. Myers fell to the floor and died instantly. Three of the shots struck him in the side of the head and five in the chest. Story was said to have used two pistols.

Sheriff Pat Gallagher and Deputy Sheriff Shifflett were notified immediately and went to Krum. Mr. Shifflett said they found the dead man still lying on the floor and that no gun was found. He said his right hand was in his pocket and that he had grasped his knife, but that it was not open.

The body of the dead was taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Myers in Krum and prepared for burial.

Story came to Denton with Byron Brier and was waiting at the office of the sheriff when Sheriff Gallagher returned from Krum. Both of the men had lived in the west part of the county for many years. No statement was made by Story concerning the shooting but it was said that the men had previous trouble some time ago and the affair Friday is supposed to have been the outgrowth of a misunderstanding of long duration.

Be sure and read the Feb 2019 Museum Musings for the continuation of this story.



Otis Myers