

Early Krum Families

Dr. James Caughey & Annie (Chance) Gose

Arrival in Krum around 1898

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When J.C. Gose was one year old, his family moved to Texas from Sullivan County, Missouri, settling near Decatur where he spent his childhood. His parents, Stephen M. Gose and Mary (Gherking) Gose had eleven children (five boys and six girls) Five were born in Missouri and six in Texas. It is notable that two became medical doctors (J.C and Joe Gose). All were successful in their life endeavors. J.C. Gose's sister Mary married Jeff Waggoner a highly respected rancher and oil speculator, who operated a farm/ranch near Decatur and had business connections in Wichita Falls and northwest Texas.

Upon finishing his early schooling, J.C. "Coy" Gose taught in a school in Wise County that he helped found with his father. It was called "The Gose School". He soon married Annie Lee Chance, who had been a student in his school. He was a devout Methodist and was once described as "the person who brought Methodism to Wise County."

J.C. returned to Missouri to attend the College for Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis receiving his medical degree in 1892. His first medical practice was in the Alvord area from 1892-1898. Dr. Kimbrough, who had just begun a medical practice in Krum, Texas, invited Dr. Gose to join him there, which he did in 1898. Dr. Kimbrough then moved his practice to Denton.

Annie Lee (Chance) Gose studied art in St. Louis while J.C. was in medical school. She taught art in Krum for many years and did a number of paintings which are now in the possession of family members.

Dr. Gose practiced medicine in Krum from 1898 until his death in 1945, reputedly delivering more than 5,000 babies in the Krum area during this time. The Goses first home was by the railroad near the old lumber yard. Sometime later, this home burned, and their son, S.P. Gose, who had become a carpenter, built a new home near the old Baxter Wilson place on the highway that leaves Krum going south (this home by the way, also burned in the late 1930s but was rebuilt). The Gose's only child, Sylvan Paul Gose, who was born in 1885 near Decatur and died in 1979, was a resident of Krum nearly all his life. He married Vessie Mae Koiner in 1904. Vessie was born in 1887 and died in 1981. They had three children: Paul Oyama Gose (1905), Ila Mae (Gose) (Muncy) Jacobs (1907) and Una Faye (Gose) Ridenour (1912).

Ila Mae (Gose) (Muncy) Jacobs, this writer's mother, married Herman Morgan Muncy in 1925, first living in Krum, later moving to Wichita Falls where Herman operated a gas station and returning to Krum in 1938 to live on the old Muncy farm west of Krum. He lost his eyesight (diabetes) at age 35 and died in 1943 at age 38. Ila Mae later married Le Roy Jacobs, who had earlier lost his wife to cancer. They lived on the Jacob farm between Krum and Denton. Le Roy died in 1993. At the time of this writing (May 2010) Ila Mae is 103 and lives in an Assisted Living Home in Tennessee.

S.P. "Paul" Gose owned (as a partner with his son-in-law G.F. Ridenour) the Krum Water Works and was the General Manager, keeping the pipes repaired, collecting the bills, etc. Eventually, the water system was sold to the city. Paul was also a carpenter, in a partnership with Alf Lindley. They built many homes in the Krum area. Paul also had a profitable hobby as a bee-keeper, producing many jars of honey during the 1930s depression.

In the late teens and into the twenties, Paul joined with other Gose/Waggoner relatives in speculating for oil, mostly in the Wichita Falls general area. Keeping their home in Krum which was west of the old two story Krum School, the Paul Goses bought some property in Wichita Falls and also lived in makeshift housing near the oil drilling fields. One oil venture was successful, and was financially profitable for a short time. Paul bought his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Gose and Vessie's parents, D.W. and Emma Koiner, new 1924 Model T Fords. And soon after that, the well went dry.

Dr. J. C. Gose's first office was a wood frame building near the old Presbyterian Church (behind and south of the John Morris building). He then moved into the back of the Krum Drug Store building. Dr. Gose is remembered by many for his Christian faith. As a very young great-grandchild, this writer vividly remembers the morning and evening prayers that he conducted as a regular part of each day. He would gather everyone in his home at that time in the living room where he would lead the family in prayer. He never refused medical care to anyone regardless of their ability to pay. Upon his death, he had many jars of pickles and other preserved food, which had been given him in lieu of the medical bill.

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The information below was part of an article done on the Gose family from the "Towns & Communities of Denton County, Texas" compiled by Emily Fowler & Alma Lain Chambers. Krum interviews and articles by Billie Barry, Oma Lee Hood Hardy and Bonnie Cole:

The following poem was written by Lometa McBee, daughter of Major and Mabel McBee of Krum, about the beloved Dr. Gose.

OUR DOCTOR

There's a grand old gentleman
That's aged and worn,
With a soul full of sympathy
For hearts that are torn.

His hands are all shaky
From years of hard toil,
And his body is bended
With work that won't spoil.

He cranks his old Ford,
And drives down the road,
Like an angel descending
To lighten one's load.

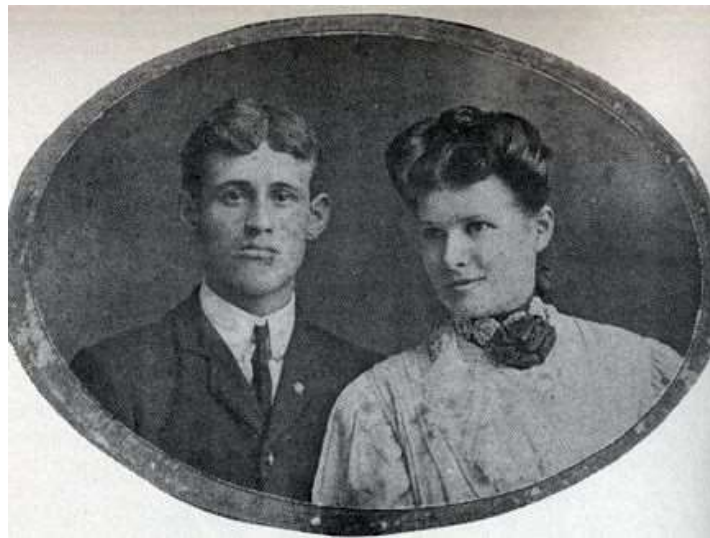
God up in Heaven
On that great Judgment day,
Will care for the Doctor
In the same gentle way.

Dr. Gose was the last doctor that Krum had, and he passed away on April 10, 1945 near the age of seventy-seven. He was a great citizen, and he and Mrs. Gose were noted for the kindness bestowed on the children of the town. It is also remembered that when Denton observed their 75th anniversary, Dr. and Mrs. Gose participated in the parade. They rode in a buggy around the square in the parade. A sign on the buggy read: Dr. Sawbones and his nurse.

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Gose_1
Dr. J.C. Gose-Paul Gose-Anne Gose



Gose_2
Paul & Vessie (Koiner) Gose



Gose_3-1945

L to R: Ila Gose Muncy Jacobs, Una Gose Ridenour, Paul & Vessie Gose, Paul Oyama Gose



Gose_4-1959

Paul & Vessie with grandson Bobby Jack Muncy & his sons Steve & Phil