

**Museum Musings Article- Krum News**  
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**Some Early Krum Families**

**James & Mary A. (Stiles) Evans**

**Arrival In Krum area-Ca. 1881**

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James A. Evans, pioneer, was a Union Veteran who fought with Grant at Vicksburg. His second trip to the South was in 1881 when he came to Texas from Illinois and found a place for his family on land just south of Krum. This property is still known as the Evans farm.

Mr. Evans was born in 1839 and died in 1883. His wife, Mary Eliza Stiles Evans was born July 4, 1843 and died January 9, 1920. They married July 8, 1865. After Mr. Evans' death in 1883, Mary took their three children, son George born 1866, and daughters Emma born 1872 and Letitia born 1869, back to their former home in Illinois. After a disappointing stay of eighteen months, they returned to the Denton County farm.

By 1896, the children were married: Emma to Frank Shifflett (and after his death to Lieucurtis McGee); Letitia to George Robinson; and George to Maud Black, daughter of another pioneer family.

George and Maude Evans bought the family farm from the other heirs and there they reared three children: Arthur, Velma born in 1901, and James.

Mr. Evans was progressive, both as a farmer and in every endeavor of community life. He worked with the Agricultural Experiment Station, and on his own initiative he sought to improve strains of crops grown in the area. He helped to organize a livestock breeders association, which purchased a registered German Coach stallion to improve local stock. He taught at Jackson school for two years and was a charter member of the Literary and Debating Society that was organized in 1891. He was involved in other civic activities noted elsewhere in this account.

George Evans died in Sept 12 1938. The Denton Record Chronicle: *"Funeral services were held in the Krum Baptist Church Wednesday for George E. Evans, a pioneer resident, conducted by Revs. Parrish and Graves. H.R. Park, a lifetime friend made a talk. Honorary pallbearers were Alf Lindley, R.L. Cole, J.H. and Cliff Wilkins, Dr. A.H. Knox, C. Clements, B.F. Wilson, H.R. Park, N.C. Nail, L. McHee Sr., Dr. J.C. Gose, P. Harvey, Paul Chitwood, W.J. McNabb, A.L. Meredith, A.H. Knox, Jr., W.W. McClister, Al Finley, Joe Bishop, C.R. Fowler, T.C. Eubanks, A.W. Jones, John Morris, Bob McCormick, Bob McNabb, Earl Wilkins, B.E. Gibbons, Ed Lamm and J.G. Bilger."*

After Mr. Evans' death in September 1938, Mrs. Evans moved to Krum. Their daughter, Velma and her husband J.A. Stone, continued to operate the family farm until their deaths. A portion of the land was sold, but Dale and Glen Stone, great grandsons of Pioneer James Evans, retained some acreage and Dale Stone has built a house there.



**Velma\_J.A.\_George Stone**



**Maude & George Evans**



**George, Glen, Dale & Velma Stone**