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Early Krum Families

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Cotesworth H. & Caroline Jackson

Arrival In Krum Area-Ca. 1855

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Cotesworth H. (C.H.) Jackson was born February 18, 1828 in South Carolina and died November 18, 1910. His wife Caroline McDonald Jackson was born January 22, 1833 in Tennessee and died July 2, 1901. Mr. Jackson's obituary from the November 18, 1910 Denton Record Chronicle said he came to Denton County in 1855.

Census, family tree and cemetery records show that C.H. and Caroline Jackson had the following children: Luther C. Jackson born 1856-1894, Texanna C. Jackson 1858-1863, Myra Elizabeth Jackson 1862-1924, Marilla Margaret Jackson 1863-1933 (married John W. Underwood), Arthur Pinkney Jackson 1866-1906 (married Rue Park), Ruth Jackson 1869-1935 (married John F. Boyd), Canuth Jackson 1870-?, Leah & Rachel Jackson born Jan 1873 died Feb 1873. The Jackson's were among the first merchants in Krum, and the Jackson Cemetery bears their name.

An excerpt from Della Davis book *Krum, Texas A Story of a Small Town* by Della Davis says this about the Jacksons:

“By 1876, a little settlement, known as the Jackson Community had sprung up on the hills across Hickory Creek east of the present site of the cemetery. The pioneer families felt the need of a school and a place of worship. In that year, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Barrett deeded to the community two and one half acres on which to build a house to serve both purposes. C.H. and Caroline Jackson paid for and donated the rest of the land. It was subsequently agreed that the north end of the plot should be used as a burial ground.”

Part of Mr. Jackson's obituary from the November 18, 1910 DRC says *“Henry Cotesworth Jackson, a pioneer settler and a prominent citizen, died at his home in Krum at 4:30 Monday afternoon after a long illness, aged 82 years, 8 months and 17 days. For more than half a century Mr. Jackson had been a citizen of Denton County. He came to the county in 1855 and settled at his old place, two miles south of Krum, where he lived up to a few years ago. When he moved to his old home it was on the frontier and he underwent the privations of the time. More than once was he compelled to leave his home for safety from the Indians... Mr. Jackson had been for many years a member of the Presbyterian Church. The funeral services were held at the M.E. church South in Krum.”*

In a book titled *“Reminiscences of the Boys In Gray 1861-1865* compiled by Miss Mamie Yeary she says in her introduction that the accounts in her book are the *“very words of the participants, the personal experiences of the “men behind the guns.”* The following account is by C.H. Jackson.

“C.H. Jackson, Krum Tex- Born in Spartanburg, S.C., and enlisted in the Confederate Army in Denton County, Texas, in 1862, in Company H, Stone's Second Cavalry, Tom Green's Division, Trans-Mississippi Department. My first Captain was James Vance, and first Colonel was Quill Miller.

At the organization of the regiment Chisolm was made Lieutenant Colonel, and Vance Major. Throckmorton went out with our regiment, but soon got higher position. I was not wounded. The company I was in before the reorganization of the regiment had for its officers Capt. Dempsey, First Lieutenant, C.H. Jack.

Was in the battle of Mansfield, Donaldsonville, LaFouche, Pleasant Hill and Yellow Bayou. Was also in many small engagements. I served most of the time on the picket line, and for two months, day and night during the campaign in the spring of 1864, was on the go. I left my wife and three children on the Indian border of Texas, in Denton County, and if she had not been a brave and energetic little woman she would never have survived the hardships of the war.”

There are no descendants of this early Jackson family who still live in the Krum area today. Another Jackson family David Paul and Ethel Mae Greene Jackson (not related to C.H. & Caroline Jackson) do have descendants still living in the Krum area.

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