

Krum Bank Robbery 1925 -Part 2**By Kathryn Dodd**

So we continue with the robbery of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank on June 10, 1925. Eventually two men were arrested for the robbery Yancy Story and W.A. Martin. At one point Story had 26 indictments including the Krum robbery and the murder of Deputy Sheriff R.B. Parsons. Initially Yancy was given 99 years for the robbery of the Krum bank but this sentence was rescinded and a 5 year sentence assessed. Due to trials, retrials and appeals it is not known how much time Yancy Story actually spent in jail for this robbery. W.A. Martin his accomplice in the Krum robbery was tried for the murder of deputy sheriff R.L. Parsons, who was murdered August 6, 1925, and given a 99 year sentence. Martin was released from prison on parole after 20 years.

**First will start with continuation of the Krum robbery on June 10, 1925:
Men Held in Office**

The three men were held in the back office with their hands up while the robbery was finished and the men who were standing with their hands up while a bandit covered them with two pistols it could not have been more than five minutes from the time the car was stop at the side of the bank until the bandits were driving away in it.

The bulk of the money stolen was removed from the safe in the vault. The door on it was closed and screwed into position but the combination was not set. "It may be a good thing it was not set," Rucker said. "If it had been on one of us would had to open it and we were all so nervous I don't know where we could have or not."

Koiner also said he thought the front curtains were up on the automobile but that the rear ones were not. He and a couple whom the bandits passed on the road said that as the automobile passed them both going to Krum and leaving that the man not driving seemed to be trying to lie down on the back seat in what they thought was an effort to keep them from seeing his face. They did not recognize the man driving they said.

Marks on the ground where the casings on the big automobile skidded from the power of the getaway showed plainly Tuesday but after running out of the thickly settled part of town the car was slowed down to 20 to 25 miles an hour in the estimate of Parks man and Bob McNabb who followed it until it turned east on a little used dirt road about a mile and half north of Krum, cutting across to the Denton-Gainesville Highway and on which the abandoned automobile was found late Tuesday.

Storrie told Sheriff Fry Tuesday afternoon that he last noticed his automobile about 2 o'clock standing in front of the machine works where he had left it. About 4 o'clock he went to get it and found it had been stolen. He arrived at the sheriff's office a very few minutes after the word of the robbery was first telephoned to Fry.

Denton Record Chronicle Sept 29, 1925**Officers Finish Roundup of Men In Bank Thefts**

The arrest of R.G. (Slew) Collier in Fort Worth Sunday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff George Adams and Standlee Roberts of Denton completed the round-up of men against whom charges have been filed in this and Bell Counties in connection with bank robberies and attempted bank robberies at Sanger, Krum, Ponder and Holland, according to announcement of Ranger Captain Tom Hickman made at Dallas. In connection with the bank robbery charges and the death of Deputy Sheriff R.B. Parsons here on Aug 6 there have been 17 arrests, 16 men and one woman, besides five negroes, who were arrested at the time of the Yancy Story ranch raid in this county and some of whom have not been released though no charges have appeared on the dockets against them.

Many Indictments

Yancey Story was indicted in 26 cases in Denton County besides the four charges of assault with intent to murder that were transferred to Collin County last spring in connection with the gun battle on the square here in February and the charges filed against him in Bell County in connection with bank robbery at Holland. Pending against him are four charges of robbery with firearms in connection with the Krum and Sanger bank robberies, three charges of unlawful assault in disguise, a charge of murder with a count for accessory in the Parsons death and two charges of assault with intent to murder in connection with the Martin home barricade, six case of burglary, seven cases of theft over the value of \$50, tow case of receiving and concealing stolen property over the vale of \$50, and one charge of arson. The assault in disguise charges are alleged to have been committed upon Fritz Barthold, Reuben Rucker and Dr. A.H. Knox of the Krum Bank.

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Say Story Told of Bank Robbery

MARLIN, Tex., Jan. 18.—(AP)- A few hours before the Krum, Tex., bank was robbed, Yancy Story, on trial for the robbery, told an official the institution was going to be robbed, Dr. A.H. Knox, cashier testified here today.

Story, Dr. Knox testified, came to the bank of the morning of June 9, 1925, apparently for a friendly visit and told the cashier the bank would be robbed. Dr. Knox said he thought nothing about the remark until after the robbery.

After relating details of the robbery by the two masked men, Dr. Knox said that about ten days later Story again visited the bank. In a conversation then, Dr. Knox said he told Story that "those fellows" got some notes, and that ten days later he received by mail from Fort Worth, two notes which were part of the loot.

Not until after midnight it reached a verdict

Story had been charged with robbery with firearms for the looting of the Krum bank, in Denton County on June 9, 1925. He had been tried twice previously on the charge. In Dallas he was convicted and sentenced to 99 years imprisonment. The case was reversed and remanded, and in a new trial at Sherman a jury was unable to agree.

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Denton Record Chronicle

Story Trial For Burglary Passed By Dallas Court

Conviction For Bank Robbery on Appeal; Boasts of Young Man

Dallas, Jan 27. Trial of Yancy Story, 38, Denton County, on a charge of burglary growing out of a bank robbery at Ponder four years ago, was passed in district court here today by agreement of state and defense attorneys. No reason was given for the indefinite postponement.

Story smiled broadly at the agreement, asserting that at last he was "getting a break" in the courts. He planned to return to Denton County and resume work on his farm. "They have tried me so many times," he said "that I am almost worn out from answering subpoenas."

Story was convicted here four years ago for robbery of the State Bank at Krum and sentenced to 99 years imprisonment. This verdict was reversed. On a change of venue he was retried at Sherman, resulting in a hung jury. Then he was tried a third time at Marlin, and sentenced to five years. This conviction is now on appeal. After his conviction here, Story was married in the county jail. Today he boasted of his son, Yancy Jr., age three, "a real youngster."



A.H. Knox



Reuben Rucker