

Melba Lee Williams Crate

Melba Crate's great-grandparents were some of the first settlers in Kerr County. They came with Joshua Brown to the first shingle camp established on the banks of the Guadalupe in what was to later become Kerrville. Melba was born at her grandparents' home on Goat Creek in Kerr County but soon moved with her parents to Bandera where they farmed cotton until Melba was old enough to start to school. They then moved to town and lived in a cottage in Westminster Encampment while their home was being built. Melba rode to Tivy with the children of Dr. Delaney, first president of Schreiner. In this history, Melba talks about some of her early ancestors and how they came to live in Kerr County.

Cross References:

Brownsborough
Early Kerrville
Glen Rest Cemetery
Flood of 1932
Camp Rio Vista
Rio Vista Lodge

Names:

Joshua Brown
Gibbons Family
Bishop Family
Jenny Brown Holloman