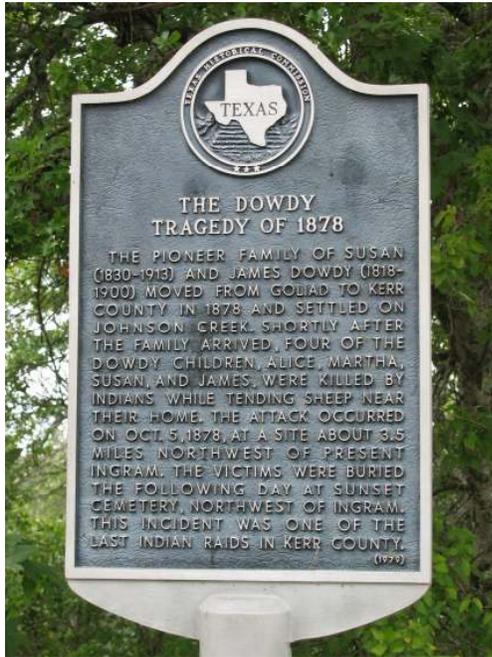


## THE DOWDY TRAGEDY OF 1878



View of Johnson Creek from marker site on TX 27

The pioneer family of Susan (1830-1913) and James Dowdy (1818-1900) moved from Goliad to Kerr County in 1878 and settled on Johnson Creek. Shortly after the family arrived, four of the Dowdy children, Alice, Martha, Susan, and James, were killed by Indians while tending sheep near their home. The attack occurred on Oct. 5, 1878, at a site about 3.5 miles northwest of present Ingram. The victims were buried the following day at Sunset Cemetery, northwest of Ingram. This incident was one of the last Indian raids in Kerr County. (1979)

Driving Directions: from Ingram, 8.5 mi. NW on TX 27, S. side of the road at picnic area

GPS Coordinates: 30°09.276N & 99°20.458W

UTM Easting: 467147 / UTM Northing: 3335960