

Kimbro Evangelical Free Church
Years of Service: January 1925 – December 1927
Location: Kimbro, Texas

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Alfred, Julia, Merle & Iola Stone 1927
Photo from the Merle Stone Collection



Kimbro Evangelical Free Church Parsonage
Photo from the 50th Anniversary of
Kimbro Evangelical Free Church Booklet

Story of Mrs. Stone's Butter

Julia would churn butter from Alfred Stone's cows. When she lived in Texas she sold her butter at a store. Customers loved her butter and would put in a request for "Mrs. Stone's Butter" if they were out. Julia was skilled in sewing, quilting, knitting, crocheting and cooking. Some of her most remembered recipes are rice pudding, Swedish meatballs and oatmeal. Her granddaughter, Jean, said that no one can make oatmeal like Grandma Stone.

Recollections of Iola Stone Sandberg and Jean Sandberg Ferrin



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Greeting from Rev. Alfred Stone to Kimbro

Rev. Alfred Stone wrote this greeting to the Kimbro Evangelical Free Church on the 50th anniversary of the church.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. Ps. 127:1. The year 1947 marks a half-century of life and progress for you friends and members of Kimbro Evangelical Free Church. You have in these years spent much time in prayer and labor for God. God has made the church the lighthouse in your community. We truly thank God for our dear friends in Kimbro, for what you have been to us. We certainly rejoice with you upon attaining this milestone as a church. Our prayer is that God will continue to let His blessings hover over the church and the community."

Source: Kimbro Evangelical Free Church 50th Anniversary booklet 1897 to 1947

Scandinavian Free Mission Society

The Scandinavian Free Mission Society organized in 1905. Alfred Stone served as secretary during his time in Elgin, TX.

Source: Scandinavian Free Mission Society letterhead

Iola's Train Story

The Swedish Evangelical Free Church of Kimbro, Texas was in the country. The parsonage where Alfred and his family lived was in the town of Elgin, Texas next to the railroad track. Iola remembers that the conductor of the train would toss a box with a treat like cookies and candy to her every time the train came by her home. Whenever she heard the train whistle, she would be so excited that she ran outside as quickly as she could go.

Source: Written Recollections of Iola Stone Sandberg