

## [Brief History of the Abraham Lake Property, Bremond, TX](#)

In 1896, Joseph Abraham left his home country of Lebanon, bringing with him his wife, Rose Rebecca Elias, his 4 year old son, [George](#), and his in-laws. At the time of their immigration to the United States, Lebanon was considered part of the Ottoman Empire (including Syria) which was at a relatively peaceful period, and the country was focused on economic and cultural development, including *American University of Beirut*.

At the turn of the century, Beirut became a center of various reforming movements, but before WWI, the Abraham family had long left their home country. Their entrance to the United States was through the legendary Ellis Island, where thousands of others were making their way to the "land of opportunity". By 1920, Joseph Abraham and his family had made their way to Hillsboro, Texas which had a large Lebanese/Syrian community and eventually they settled in Waco, TX. (In many of the early census records it listed the Abraham family from Syria, as they were considered one and the same).

Their son [George](#) became a very patriotic American and in April, 1918, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Upon his enlistment, he was granted his Naturalization and became a U.S. Citizen. He was wounded in France that same year, was awarded the Purple Heart, honorably discharged and returned home to his family.

In 1919, he married Sophie Kocian. (*Sophia was one of 16 children born to Augustin and Anezka Mokovy Kocian whose families had also immigrated to the U.S. from The Czech Republic.*) [George](#) and Sophie had 3 children, Steve, Joanna, and Sam.

For many years, [George](#) purchased land outside of Bremond, Robertson County, Texas. This land was rich in nutrients, water was plentiful, and it was on a major railroad line, allowing for great import and export of raw goods produce, and building materials. Eventually, [George](#) owned approximately 1000 acres. Census records show he was active in lumber production, owned a cotton gin, and was Robertson County Commissioner by 1941. He was active in with the school board and churches in Bremond.

This gently rolling land is rich in history. Bremond is a town that has embraced its European history, not only their Polish roots, but also the Czech Republic's. (*You can read more about Bremond's history by clicking - <http://www.forttumbleweed.net/bremond.html>*).

According to early Robertson County historical records, the East Texas Stage Coach Line ran through a portion of the land that [George](#) purchased, this being part of Tract 3 which is the location of the Abraham Lake. The stage ran from Alto Springs to Wheelock and farther south. Perhaps the lake was a good place to water the horses and take a short break between stops. This coach line dissolved before the establishment of Bremond in 1869, but it is historical none the less.

All 3 of [George](#) and Sophie's children were born in Robertson County. [Steve](#) enlisted in the Air Corps in 1942 and in 1946 he married Mildred Sypnieski (*whose grandparents were Polish immigrants who settled in Bremond*). Joanna married Joe Johnston, and Sam married Marie Stewart. [George](#) passed away in 1975, and Sophie passed away in 1983. After her death, the land was divided between their 3 children, each receiving approximately 262 acres.

[George](#) and Sophie's children and grandchildren have fond memories of growing up on the property, fishing in the lake, catching minnows in the various ponds, hunting, and raising cattle. In the 1930's historical Bremond city notes refer to this area as "Abraham City Lake". It was a local swimming and recreational area, allowing for fishing, boating and picnicking.

At one point there was a old wooden house on cement blocks, but over time it was torn down due to age. When the family was removing some of the furniture, a huge rattlesnake carcass was found with a skull the size of a child's hand!! Many of the children and grandchildren still reside on their portion of the family property.

Over the years, many different products were produced on the property. Peanuts, watermelons and tomatoes were the best because the soil content included sandy loam. Crops were harvested and sold at the Dallas and Waco farmers markets, and peanuts were sold to the Azar Nut Company in El Paso, and they supplied nuts to SW Airlines in its early days!!!! (The Azar family had deep Lebanese roots as well).

However, the time has come for the Abraham Lake property to be passed on to buyers who appreciate the beauty and grandeur of this historical land. Gently rolling acres, hardwoods, lakes and ponds make this a paradise for a dream home. There is a small dock for fishing, the property is fully fenced, a small corral, a small dam road, grapevines, pecans, and much, much more.

It is populated with white tail deer, abundant waterfowl and many different species of songbirds. It is a perfect place for hunting, raising livestock, or just enjoying the peace and quiet of life outside Bremond, Texas.