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# Brenham Masonic Cemetery

AKA Yellow Fever Cemetery

30° 11' 02.28" N – 96° 24' 00.87" W

N from Brenham on SH 36 to N Park Rd to new high school, turn W then N on Masonic Rd.  
Cemetery is on right or east side. 1800 Old Masonic Rd

Adamek, Rosalie (Janica), b. 1863, d. Oct 17, 1898, wife of Stephan Adamek, dau of Tomas & Veronica (Volcik) Janica

Adamek, Stephan, b. 1858, d. Oct 18, 1898, husband of Rosalie (Janica) Adamek.

Adams, Col. F. W. b. (no date), d. Mar 13, 1871

Alderson, Emily, b. Jun 22, 1834, d. Jan 10, 1916, wife of J. K. Alderson.

Andrews, John, b. Feb 24, 1793, d. Sep 19, 1853.

B, H. M., (footstone only with initial H. M. B.) no name or dates.

B, M., (footstone only with initial M. B.) no name or dates.

Barnett, Dollie J., b. Sep 15, 1844, d. Oct 27, 1888, wife of G. W. Barnett.

Barnett, Geo. W., b. Mar 27, 1845, d. Oct 14, 1867 of yellow fever, son of Josiah Barnett.

Barnett, George Walter, b. Oct 12, 18&, d. May 27, 1889, son of G. W. & D. J. Barnett.

Barnett, Josiah, b. Aug 20, 1817, d. Oct 7, 1867 of yellow fever, father of Geo W. Barnett.

Barnett, Mrs. E. M., b. Apr 28, 1823, d. Jan 9, 1882.

Baylor, Laura, b. no date, d. Oct 22, 1903

Beck Joseph H., b. circa 1839, d. Sept 18, 1867 (age 28yrs).

Beck, Mary H., b. circa 1845, d. Sep 25, 1867 (age 25yrs), dau of J. E. & M. J. Shepard.

Becker, Anna/Annie (Schroeder), b. Feb 5, 1861 in Germany, d. Sep 14, 1939, wife of Mathew W. Becker.

Becker, Lenora, b. Jan 12, 1902, d. Sep 18, 1902

Becker, Mathew W., b. Jan 25, 1855, d. Jun 8, 1937, husband of Anna/Annie (Schroeder) Becker.

Becker, Minna, b. Nov 18, 1886, d. Sep 5, 1887.

Blank, Charles, b. Jan 6, 1817, d. Mar 5, 1881, (age 64yrs, 1mo, 29days), husband of Wilhelmine Blank.

Blank, Wilhelmine, b. Jun 1, 1816, d. May 27, 1889, (age 72yrs, 11mos, 26days) wife of Charles Blank.

Breedlove, Jennie, [no dates]  
Breedlove, Mrs. H. H., [no dates]  
Cade, Dr. E. W., b. Mar 25, 1838, d. Dec 22, 1868  
Cade, Henry Sampson, b. Jun 11, 1859, d. Nov 6, 1867 of yellow fever.  
Cade, Little Guy, b. Apr 9, 1865, d. Aug 8, 1868.  
Chadwick, W. H. b. circa 1840, d. Sep 24, 1867 of yellow fever, (age 27yrs.)  
Crundwell, Lydia, b. Mar 1831, d. Mar 28, 1870, (age 39yrs, 9mos)  
Eddins, Dr. Daniel, [no dates]  
Eldridge, Kate (Hurley), b. Aug 23, 1851, d. Aug 14, 1869, wife of Bolling Eldridge.  
Eldridge, Thomas Henry, b. Oct 13, 1845 in Halifax Co., Va, d. Sep 26 1867 of yellow fever in Brenham, Tx  
Elgin, Fanny, V., b. Oct 2, 1838, d. Apr 29, 1860.  
Elgin, Nancy N., b. Jul 15, 1834, d. May 18, 1847  
Elgin, Robert, b. Jun 5, 1790, d. Jun 27, 1843, (earliest marked grave) [The town of Elgin, Tx. was named after Robert Elgin]  
Elgin, Sarah B., b. Feb 9, 1833, d. Sep 2, 1851.  
Elgin, Thomas J., b. Sep 3, 1840, d. Aug 12, 1855.  
Giesecke, Louisa Franzisca, b. Apr 6, 1866, d. May 20, 1869.  
Glass, Joel, b. Dec 1828, d. May 9, 1857  
Glass, Mary S., b. Apr 13, 1835, d. Sep 10, 1867  
Glass, Mollie R., b. May 20, 1855, d. Sep 13, 1867.  
Gooch, John C. b. Dec 15, 1827, d. Aug 31, 1864, [tombstone erected by his friend A. J. Mackay]  
Gray, John Kendall, b. circa 1813, d. Aug 12, 1847, [age 34yrs]  
Gray, John W. b. May 12, 1847, d. Oct 6, 1867  
Gulick, Elouise S., b. May 20, 1860, d. Jul 8, 1860, [age 7wks], dau of W. & M. J. Gulick.  
H, L. T., (footstone only with initial L. T. H..) no name or dates.  
Hackworth, Jas. M., b. Jun 16, 1855, d. Nov 3. 1889  
Hackworth, Mrs. V. A., b. Sep 27, 1818, d. Aug 6, 1876  
Hardin, Nancy Mariam, b. Dec 13, 1860, d. Oct 18, 1863, dau of Robert E. & Nancy B. Hardin.  
Hesterberg, Ernest, b. Apr 29, 1840, at Hagen, Westphalia, d. Sep 28, 1867.  
Higgins, Mrs. J., [no dates]  
Higgins, Wm. A. [no dates] son of Mrs. K. Higgins.

Holesovsky, Theresa, (no dates), infant dau of Jan & Anna (Janica) Holesovsky, grand daughter of Tomas & Veronica (Volcik) Janica.

Hurley, Cornelius S., b. Jan 12, 1827, d. May 2, 1871, husband of Eliza G. Hurley.

Hurley, Eliza G., b. circa 1833, d. Feb 6, 1874, [age 41yrs], wife of Cornelius S. Hurley.

Janica, Frantisek (Franz), b. Dec 15, 1874, d. (no dates), son of Tomas & Veronica (Volcik) Janica.

Janica, Tomas, b. Nov 26, 1839, d. Feb 20, 1925, (age 87 yrs), husband of Veronica (Volcik) Janica.

Janica, Veronica (Volcik), b. Nov 5, 1842, d. Mar 24, 1908, (age 68yrs) wife of Tomas Janica.

Jones, Cynthia A., b. Sep 9, 1843, d. Sept 13, 1867, [age 24yrs, 4days], wife of David W. Jones.

Jones, Plummer Daniel, b. Sep 7, 1867, d. Sep 16, 1867, [age 9days], son of D. W. & Cynthia A. Jones.

Kercheville, R., b. Sep 4, 1819, d. Aug 14, 1870.

Key, John P., b. circa 1811, d. Oct 8, 1867, [age 56yrs, 27days], husband of Susan E. Key.

Key, Judith, b. Sep 5, 1851, d. Jan 26, 1860.

Key, Mildred A., b. August 10, d. Feb 19, 1866

Key, Robert H., b. Oct 21, 1855, d. Feb 19, 1860.

Key, Susan, E., b. 1830, d. Sep 18, 1867, [age 37yrs. 5mos. 21days.], wife of John P. Key.

Levinson, Tamar, b. Oct 31, 1859, d. Jun 1860, dau of Sam & Harriett Levinson.

Lewis, Elizabeth, b. Mar 5, 1806, d. Sep 21, 1868

Lewis, Rev. W. G., b. Jan 1, 1808, d. May 16, 1880.

Lusk, America A., b. circa 1839, b. May 14, 1855, [age 16yrs. 2mon.]

Lusk, America W. (Coffee), b. Jul 26, 1801, d. Oct 4, 1872, wife of Samuel Lusk.

Lusk, Mary A., b. no date, d. Feb 29, 1858, [age 14yrs, 9mos, 29days] (portion of marker with date is destroyed)

Lusk, Patrick H., b. 1823, b. d. Nov 30, 1851, [age 28yrs, 9mos, 9days] (Meir Expedition, White bean survivor)

Lusk, Samuel, b. Dec 15, 1800, d. Dec 1, 1861, husband of America W. (Coffee) Lusk (reportedly died of yellow fever.)

Mason, Ann Eliza (Owings), b Jun 14, 1822, d. Dec, 1864, wife of Major John Calvin Mason, dau of Thomas Deye & Mary (Nicholas)Owings.

McPhaill, Little Carriebell, b. Jun 1865, d. Nov 7, 1866, [age1yr, 5mos, 19days], only child of H. A. & Mary (West) McPhaill.

Newman, Aaron, b. Oct 26, 1806, d. Mar 17, 1875

Nobles, Willie, b. Dec 22, 1868, d. Apr 13, 1870

Norris, Mrs. Ann C., b. Oct 22, 1810 in Princess Ann Co., Va., d. Feb 2, 1859 in Brenham, Tx.

Norris, William, b. Jan 26, 1804, in Princess Ann Co., Va., d. Oct 22, 1859 in Brenham, Tx.

Owings, Thomas Deye, b. Mar 7, 1776, d. Oct 3, 1853, Col. 28 Ky Inf, War of 1812, husband of:  
1st \_\_\_\_\_ (Jackson) Owings, 2nd Mary (Nicholas) Owings, Son of John Cockey and Colegate  
(Deye) Owings

Master Mason, first iron smelterer west of the Allegheny Mountain in 1795, in Owingsville, KY., and as a full colonel, he commanded the 28th US Infantry Regiment during the War of 1812. Owings a longtime friend of Stephen F. Austin, contracted to enroll a regiment of Kentuckians to fight for Texas Independence at his own expense and 85 of them, including his son Robert Smith Owings, and two company commanders, Captains Burr H. Duval and Amon B. King, were massacred at Goliad.

Thomas Deye Owings never returned to Kentucky to live, except possibly for a couple visits, after 1836, and the last sixteen years of his life again are marked by extensive obscurity. Also, why he chose Brenham, Texas as a place to live is also marked with mystery. In 1838 it was a very sparsely-populated rural community known as Hickory Grove, when it changed its name to Brenham in 1843, and in 1844 became the county seat of Washington County. T. D. Owings lived to have two more of his sons predecease him, the first being

Thomas Cockey Deye Owings, who died here in October 1837, still single. The second son was John Cockey Owings, who also fought during the Texas Revolution, and died at Brenham in July 1847, also still single.

They were the first members of the Owings family to be buried in the Old Masonic Cemetery in Brenham.\*

\*Information taken from writings of W. T. Block

Owings, Thomas Cockey Deye, b. Dec 10, 1804, d. Oct 1837, son of Thomas Deye & Mary (Nicholas) Owings.

Owings, John Cockey Deye, b. 1807, d. Jul, 1847. son of Thomas Deye & Mary (Nicholas) Owings.

P., D., b. 1891, d. 1893, [tombstone with dates and initials D. P.]

P., J. M., b. 1879, d. 1893, [tombstone with dates and initials J. M. P.]

Plummer, Richard S., b. May 1817, d. Jul 27, 1865, [age 48yrs, 2mos, 20days]

R., O. J., [footstone only with initials O. J. R., no dates]

Rainwater, Martha, b. Feb 26, 1796 in S. C., d. Jun 2, 1883.

Rainwater, W. J., b. Mar 1823 in S. C., d. Aug 19, 1887, [age 64yrs, 5mos, 22days]

Rankin, Chas. W., b. Mar 27, 1863, d. Mar 2, 1900, [age 36yrs, 11mos, 2days]

Rankin, Hannah Imogene, b. Aug 17, 1855, d. Sep 30, 1896.

Ridge, William, b. Apr 8, 1846, d. Oct 2, 1867.

Roff, Nirum B., b. Apr 16, 1838 in Girard, Pa. d. Oct 6, 1867.

Rucker, Lindsey P., b. Aug 17, 1872, d. Mar 22, 1877, son of J. E. & S. E. Rucker.

Rucker, Lindsey P., Jr., b. Aug 8, 1853, d. Dec 15, 1878, son of Rev. Lindsey P. & Mary M. Rucker

Rucker, Mary M., b. Mar 10, 1820, d. Jul 31, 1884, wife of Rev Lindsey P. Rucker.

Rucker, Lindsey P.[Rev], b. Feb 6, 1815, d. Jan 4, 1890, husband of Mary M. Rucker.

Russell, W. P., b. Oct 30, 1857, d. Jul 22, 1911.

Schmid, Maria Verena, b. Dec 21, 1824 in der Schweiz, d. Aug 3, 1891.

Selkirk, James, Dec 22, 1824, d. Apr 18, 1869

Shepard, Alexander Knowles, b. Apr 9, 1845, d. Mar 15, 1907, husband of Mary Belle (Matson) Shepard.

Shepard, Chauncey B., b. Oct 15, 1812 in Mathews Co., Va., d. Dec 31, 1892 in Brenham Tx.  
husband of Mary Hester ( Andrews) Shepard

Shepard, Chauncey Berkeley, b. May 14, 1843, d. Apr 8, 1864, killed in the Battle at Mansfield, La.

Shepard, Infant, d. 1847, dau of J. E. & M. J. Shepard.

Shepard, Infant, b. & d. Nov 13, 1877, son of F. H. & Ida Shepard.

Shepard, James McD., b. Jul 1852, d. Apr 24, 1853, [age 9mos]

Shepard, James E. [Judge], b. Apr 24, 1817 in Mathews Co., Va., d. Jul 16, 1894 in Austin, Tx.  
Husband of M. J. (Andrews) Shepard.

Shepard, M. J. (Andrews). B. 1819, d. May 3, 1892, married James E. Shepard in 1839.

Shepard, Mary Fontaine, b. Sep 22, 1851, d. Dec 1, 1852

Shepard, Mary Hester (Andrews), b. Jan 4, 1821, d. may 24, 1864, wife of Chauncey B. Shepard..

Shepard, Mary Lyle, b. Mar 26, 1845, d. Jul 16, 1846

Shepard, Seth, b. Jun 16, 1824 in Mathews Co. Va., d. Feb 22, 1869 in Washington Co. Tx.

Shipman, Martha J. b. Mar 14, 1823, d. Jul 15, 1868, consort of Daniel Shipman

Singleton, Laura Allen, b. 1928, d. 2002

Stockbridge, Adeline, b. Jan 10, 1842, d. Sep 10, 1904.

Tarver, B. E., b. Jan 31, 1825, d. Dec 4, 1872

Tarver, Benjamin, b. May 1, 1802, d. Apr 22, 1879, husband of Louisa J. Tarver.

Tarver, Edmund D., b. Sep 12, 1788, d. Jul 21, 1866, husband of Nancy W. Tarver

Tarver, Louisa J., b. May 6, 1808, d. Feb 19, 1864, wife of Benjamin Tarver.

Tarver, Mrs. Nancy W., b. Mar 18, 1791, d. Jul, 1879, [age 88yrs, 3mos, 13days], wife of Edmund D. Tarver.

Thedin, Mary, b. (no date), d. Jul 30, 1867, dau of Christian Frederica Thedin.

Thomas, Mary A.(Elgin), b. Aug 9, 1810, d. Sep 16, 1867, wife of Benjamin R. Thomas.

Thomas, W. O., b. Feb 21, 1850, d. Sep 25, 1867.

Unknown, Mass grave # 1, an estimated 200 people died in summer 1867 during Yellow Fever epidemic.

Unknown, Mass grave # 2, an estimated 300 people died in summer 1867 during Yellow Fever epidemic.

W., M. D., (footstone only with initial M. D. W.) no name or dates.

Watkins, John H. b. 1785, d. Apr 16, 1870, [age 85yrs.]

Webernich, Frank, b. Nov 19, 1883, d. Oct 1, 1911, husband of Frantiska "Frances" (Janica) Webernich.

Webernich, Frantiska "Frances" (Janica), b. Dec 1877, d. Jan 26, 1910, wife of Frank Webernich, dau of Tomas & Veronica (Volcik) Janica.

Werkmeister, August, b. Jul 18, 182& in &&berg, d. Oct 17, 1867 in Brenham, Tx.

Wheeler, W. W., b. Jan 30, 1840 at Tyler Tx., d. Aug 3, 1870.

Wheeler, Euphemia, b. circa 1839, d. 1867 in Brenham, Tx.

Wheeler, J. H., b. Aug 18, 1837, d. Sep 27, 1867

Wilkes, Josie Scott, b. Mar 9, 1859, d. Aug 2, 1867

Williamson, Eliza, b. Mar 1797, d. Mar 14, 1869.

Wright, Alfred S., b. circa 1827, d. Sep 7, 1868, [age 41yrs]

Zobac, Joe, b. 1861, d. May 20, 1901, husband of Theresa "Rosie" (Janica) Zobac.

Zobac, John, b. Aug 27, 1901, d. Jun 6, 1923, son of Joe & Theresa (Janica) Zobac.

Zobac, Theresa "Rosie" (Janica), b. Oct 26, 1873, d. Nov 14, 1938, wife of Joe Zobac, dau of Tomas & Veronica Janica

Mass Grave # 1. Burial of an estimated 200 deaths in the summer of 1867 during a Yellow Fever epidemic.

Mass Grave # 2. Burial of an estimated 300 deaths in the summer of 1867 during a Yellow Fever epidemic.