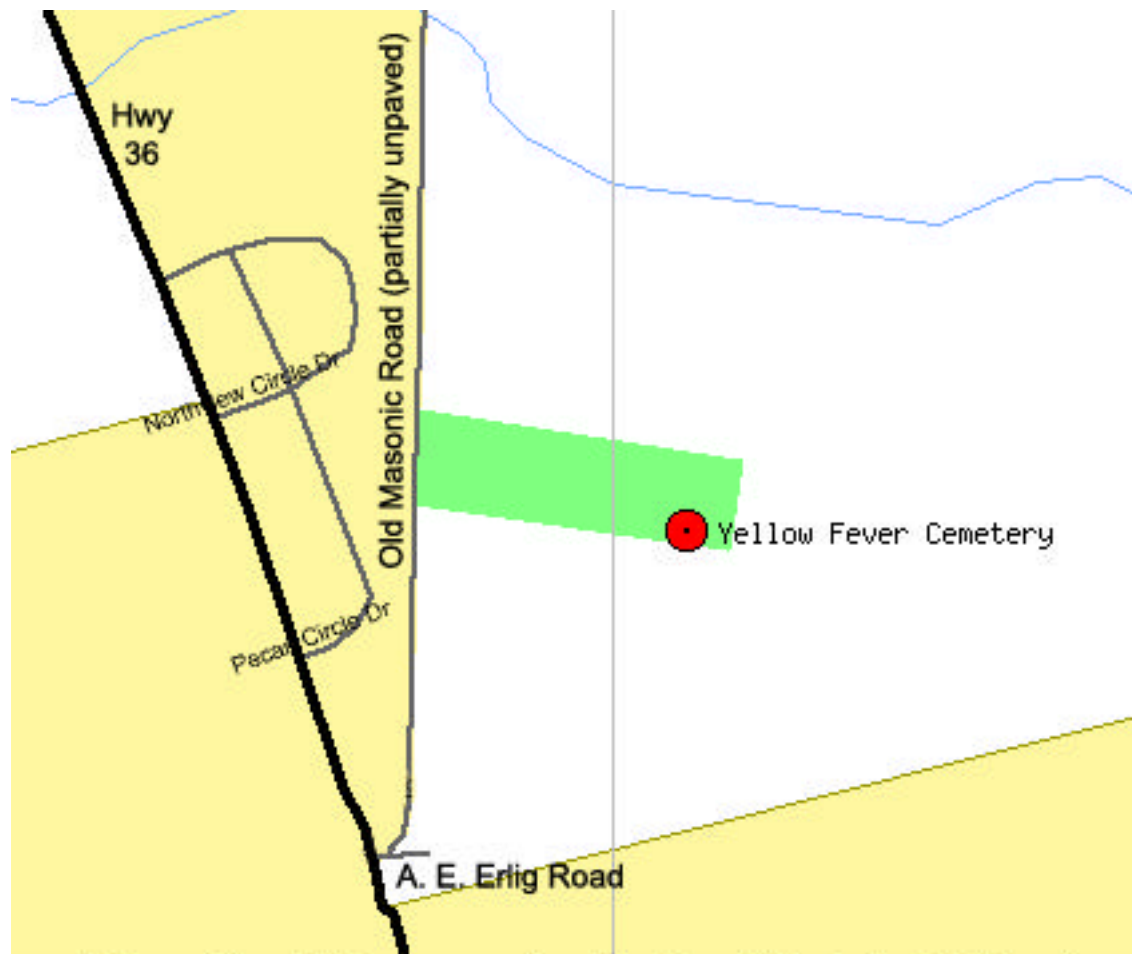




Brenham Masonic Cemetery, Old Masonic Road, Brenham, Washington Co., TX
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BRENHAM MASONIC CEMETERY

NUMEROUS GRAVESTONES DATING FROM THE EARLY 1840s INDICATE THAT THIS BURIAL GROUND WAS IN USE WELL BEFORE DECEMBER OF 1847, WHEN IT WAS FORMALLY DEEDED TO THE GRAHAM MASONIC LODGE #20 BY CHAUNCEY B. SHEPARD (1812-1892). BRENHAM'S CITIZENS BURIED MANY LOVED ONES HERE IN THE LATTER PART OF 1867 AS AN EPIDEMIC SWEEPED THROUGH THE AREA; THE SITE HAS BEEN COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE YELLOW FEVER CEMETERY EVER SINCE. LAID TO REST HERE ARE: PIONEERS; VETERANS OF THE WAR OF 1812, THE TEXAS REVOLUTION AND THE CIVIL WAR; STATE AND LOCAL LAWMAKERS AND OFFICIALS; EDUCATORS; AND MANY OTHERS WHO FORMED WASHINGTON COUNTY'S HERITAGE.

HISTORIC TEXAS CEMETERY - 2002



Rainwater enclosure towards rear of cemetery
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Martha (Adams) Rainwater, born South Carolina, 26 Feb 1796 -
2 Jun 1883, Brenham Masonic Cm., Washington Co., TX
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Footstone of William Jasper Rainwater, 25 Feb 1823 - 18 Aug 1887
Headstone is buried under 2 foot pile of dirt excavated from nearby rodent burrow
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