

Dr. Richard Fox Brenham Memorial Proposal

Honoring the man behind our city's name



Concept illustration from the visitor center proposal. The likeness is illustrative. Final design requires historical and artistic review.

A place to discover Brenham's story

A proposed statue and public memorial plaza would introduce residents and travelers to Dr. Richard Fox Brenham, the physician and Republic of Texas soldier for whom the city is named. The setting would invite families to pause, learn and continue exploring Washington County's heritage.

Proposal website: brenham.org

Contact: info@brenham.org

Movie website: DrBrenham.com

The life behind the name

Richard Fox Brenham was born about 1810 in Woodford County, Kentucky. He attended Transylvania College and moved to Texas before the revolution. He practiced medicine and served in the Texas army in 1836.

A brief historical outline

1836 — Service in Texas

Brenham served in the Texas army from June 15 through September 15, 1836.

1841 — The Santa Fe expedition

President Mirabeau B. Lamar appointed him a civil commissioner of the Texan Santa Fe expedition.

1843 — His death at Salado

Following the Mier expedition, he died during a prisoners' escape attempt at Salado, Mexico, on February 11, 1843.

A memorial that teaches

The proposed central sculpture would anchor an accessible plaza with seating, shade and durable historical panels. Interpretation would explain his medical work, Republic of Texas service and the connection between his life and the city's name.

A short inscription could introduce visitors to the story, while a QR link could offer a fuller account, source references and a route to other local heritage destinations. A historian should review the narrative, dates, attire and likeness before fabrication.

Historical source: Texas State Historical Association, "Brenham, Richard Fox." The City of Brenham also identifies Dr. Brenham as its namesake. Sources and links appear on page 4.

W Main Street & S Dixie Street

At the Highway 290 west entrance to Brenham



Aerial from the existing proposal. Yellow outline indicates the approximate suggested parcel, not a boundary survey.

A central place within the larger concept

The memorial would occupy the central plaza of the Washington County Visitor Center Concept, near the proposed northwest pond and art park. This location could give travelers a visible introduction to local history and encourage visits to downtown and other heritage attractions.

Suggested parcel: 2.955 acres, with B2 zoning and entry from S Dixie Street only, as supplied for the concept. No official street address is represented. Final location, accessibility, drainage and pedestrian connections require site review.

[Open the intersection in Google Maps](#)

A lasting tribute for the community

Why this memorial matters

A well-interpreted memorial could turn a familiar city name into a meaningful story. Schools and families could use the plaza as an outdoor learning stop. Visitors could begin a heritage itinerary here, then discover local museums, downtown businesses and destinations across Washington County.

Community participation

We invite residents, educators, historians, civic groups and local businesses to share historical material, review the concept and help identify qualified artists. Potential supporters may also offer professional expertise or express interest in future sponsorship.

A path toward a finished memorial

Begin with community feedback and historical review. Confirm the site and accessible plaza layout, then obtain sculpture and construction estimates. Establish a funding plan, required approvals and responsibility for long-term care before scheduling fabrication or accepting contributions.

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Concept for discussion. Design, dimensions, materials, costs and funding remain to be determined. No public approval, partner commitment or construction schedule is represented.

Historical references

Texas State Historical Association: [Handbook of Texas, "Brenham, Richard Fox"](#)

City of Brenham: [About the City of Brenham](#)

Accessed September 30, 2026. Site details and illustrations come from the supplied visitor center concept.