ALEXANDER HODGE MEMORIAL

Title: Alexander Hodge Memorial
Artist: Unknown
Date: 1908
Type: Monument
Medium: Stone
Location: Sam Houston Park

A carved stone monument, the Alexander Hodge Memorial was placed in Sam Houston Park by the Lady Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It commemorates Alexander Hodge as “a hero of two republics” and refers to him as “one of Marion’s Men.” The stone was dedicated in 1912.

According to the Texas State Historical Association, Hodge was born in Pennsylvania and moved to South Carolina as a teenager. He served in the American Revolution under the Swamp Fox, Francis Marion. Following the war, he passed the Georgia bar and worked as an attorney. Over time, he moved through several areas of the American South, met Stephen F. Austin, and joined him as one of the original Austin colonists. When Texas declared independence from Mexico in 1836, his sons went to war and Hodge undertook leading the women and children to safety on the Runaway Scrape. After the Battle of San Jacinto, they returned to their homes, but he had become ill during the Scrape and died on August 17, 1836.