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Henry Thomas Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

Location: The marker is near Smithwick, Burnet County, Texas. It is on County Road 344, on the right when traveling north. From Marble Falls take FM 1431 E approximately 8 miles to CR 344, then south on CR 344 approximately 2 miles. The road will dead-end at the lodge where the marker is on front of building. The marker was erected in 1967 by the State Historical Survey Committee. (Marker Number 9752)



The historical marker reads:

“In settlement started by Noah Smithwick, when he built water mill here in 1855. In 1861 he moved to California, but the mill continued in operation.

A. M. Cox erected this building in 1874. Minister Henry Thomas moved the Lodge (chartered June 15, 1865) from Turkey Bend, Texas to this place in 1876. A store occupied the lower floor.

Lodge obtained upper story at death of **Mr. Cox**, by his will. F. P. Lewis gave lower story in 1952.



Andrew McClure Cox (1816-1891) was the husband of Anna Leigh Beard (1816-1876) and son of Samuel Cox III (1790-1847) and Jane McClure (1790-1856). Samuel was the son of Samuel Cox II (1756-1832) and Martha Cox (1761-1845). His mother, Martha Cox, was the daughter of Solomon Cox (1738-1820) and Naomi Hussey (1742-1805). His father, Samuel Cox I (1723-1786) and Hannah Wierman (1727-1813). Samuel Cox I was the son of John Cox Jr (1699-1755) and Hannah Jenkins (1699-1734) and was the brother of Solomon Cox (1738-1820).