

## Texas Historical Commission (THC) Marker Honoring the Historic Wren Cemetery Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00

The Kendall County Historical Commission is honored to announce a THC marker unveiling for the historic Wren Cemetery. A post-Civil War African-American cemetery, it was named for a former slave, Alex Wren, who owned the land upon which the cemetery is plotted. Located in our Spring Creek region, the Wren Cemetery is one of the largest private cemeteries in Kendall County, containing 122 grave sites, and sixty-eight headstones. John Benedict, who carries the Texas Historical Commission designation *Texas Archeology Steward*, will serve as docent at the unveiling and provide the backdrop on the pioneering black families who lived in Kendall County and are interred in the Wren Cemetery. Benedict spear-headed the Wren Cemetery's recent recognition by the THC as a Historic Texas Cemetery, and also worked to secure a Texas Historical Commission Marker for the site. Everett Fly,\* a noted regional historian and subject matter expert on African American landscapes will add additional historical context to this epic window of post-Civil War history. Additionally, descendants from these early Kendall County pioneers' families will assist with the unveiling. We'll gather on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 at the cemetery's entrance on 50 Spring Creek Road Please contact Bryden Moon @ [bemoonjr@aol.com](mailto:bemoonjr@aol.com) or (830) 336-3375 with any questions.



\* An Honor's graduate of the School of Architecture, Everett Fly went on to become the first African American to earn a Master of Landscape Architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. In 2014, he received the National Humanities Medal for his body of work preserving the integrity of African American contributions to the American landscape.