

PIONEER MEMORIAL

Title: Pioneer Memorial

Artist: Frank A. Teich

Date: 1936

Type: Obelisk

Medium: Granite

Location: Hermann Park



The granite obelisk known as the Pioneer Memorial was erected in Hermann Park in 1936, the centennial of Texas independence. It stands as a proud vertical statement next to the horizontal reflection pool and McGovern Lake.

It was created by [Frank A. Teich](#), a German native who immigrated to the United States in 1878. A graduate of the University of Nuremberg who studied under the sculptor Johannes Schilling, Teich worked on many artistically and architecturally significant projects, including the Cook County Courthouse in Chicago and the Tarrant County Courthouse in Ft. Worth, the State Capitol in Austin, and, in Hermann Park, the Dick Dowling statue and the stone arch that supports the Sam Houston Monument. He operated a granite quarry and the Teich Monument Works in Llano County. He died January 27, 1939, and is buried in Llano.

