The monument marks the tomb of the men that died during the Dawson Massacre of September 1842 and the ill-fated Mier expedition of November 1842, also known as the Black Bean Episode. In 1848, La Grange citizens retrieved the remains of the men killed from the massacre and expedition and reinterred them here in a common cement vault tomb to commemorate their bravery and sacrifice for the Republic of Texas. In 1936, the Texas Centennial Commission erected a 48-foot monument to prominently mark the mass grave.

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