

Rockwall County was established in 1873 after residents of the north part of Kaufman County complained that the county seat was too far to travel in order to do business at the courthouse especially in cold and wet weather. C. L. Jones and Col. Griffith traveled to Austin in 1873 and obtained the charter for the county. The county was named for the underground formation of rock wall as was the city of Rockwall. The county was a part of Henderson County and before that Nacogdoches County before it became a part of Kaufman County. It is the smallest county in Texas.

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The City of Rockwall was named for the rock formation underground after the town founders could not agree on naming the town after one of them, Boydston, Bowles, and Elgin. The town was platted in 1854. The first settlers came to the area in the 1840's.

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# HISTORICAL PLACES OF ROCKWALL



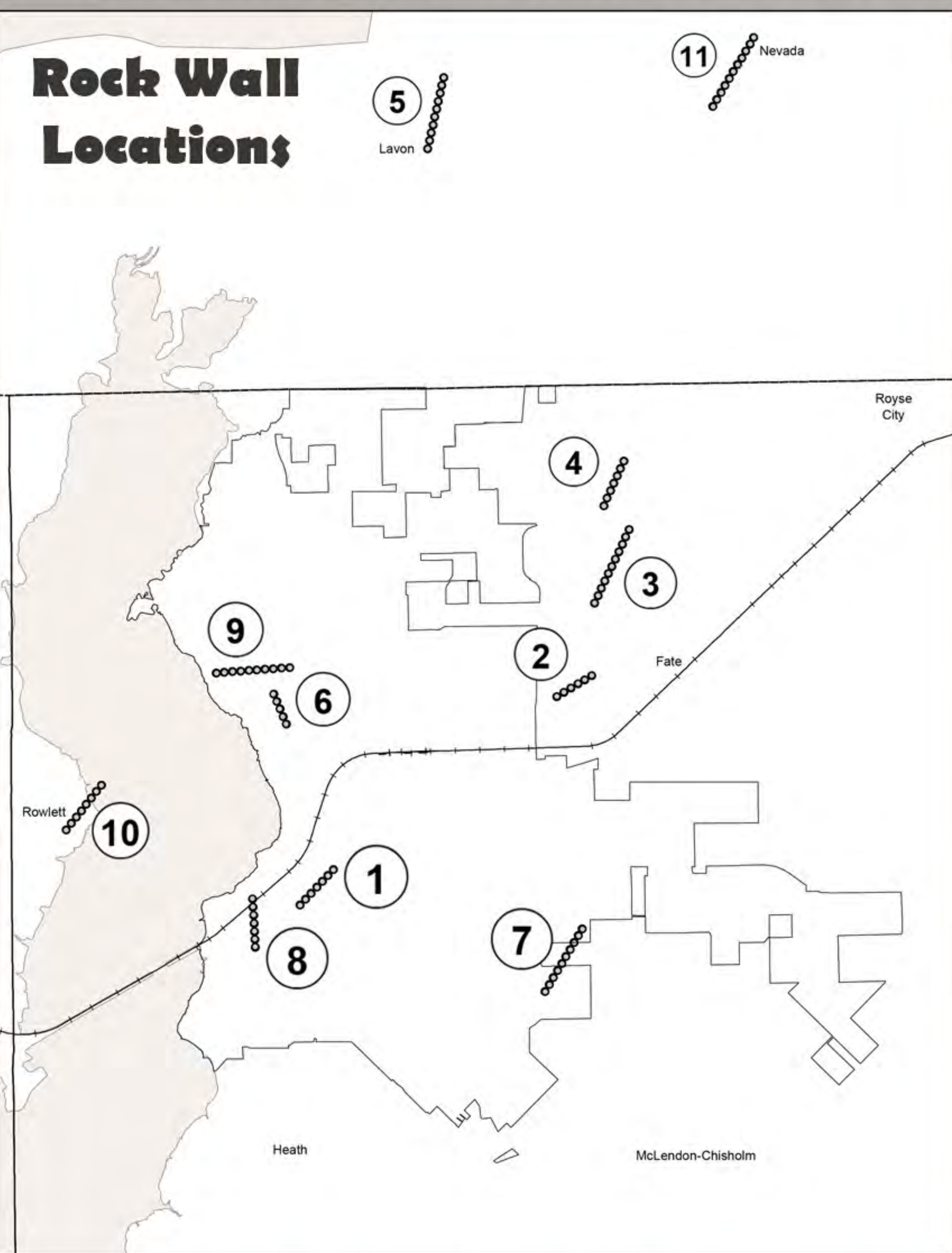
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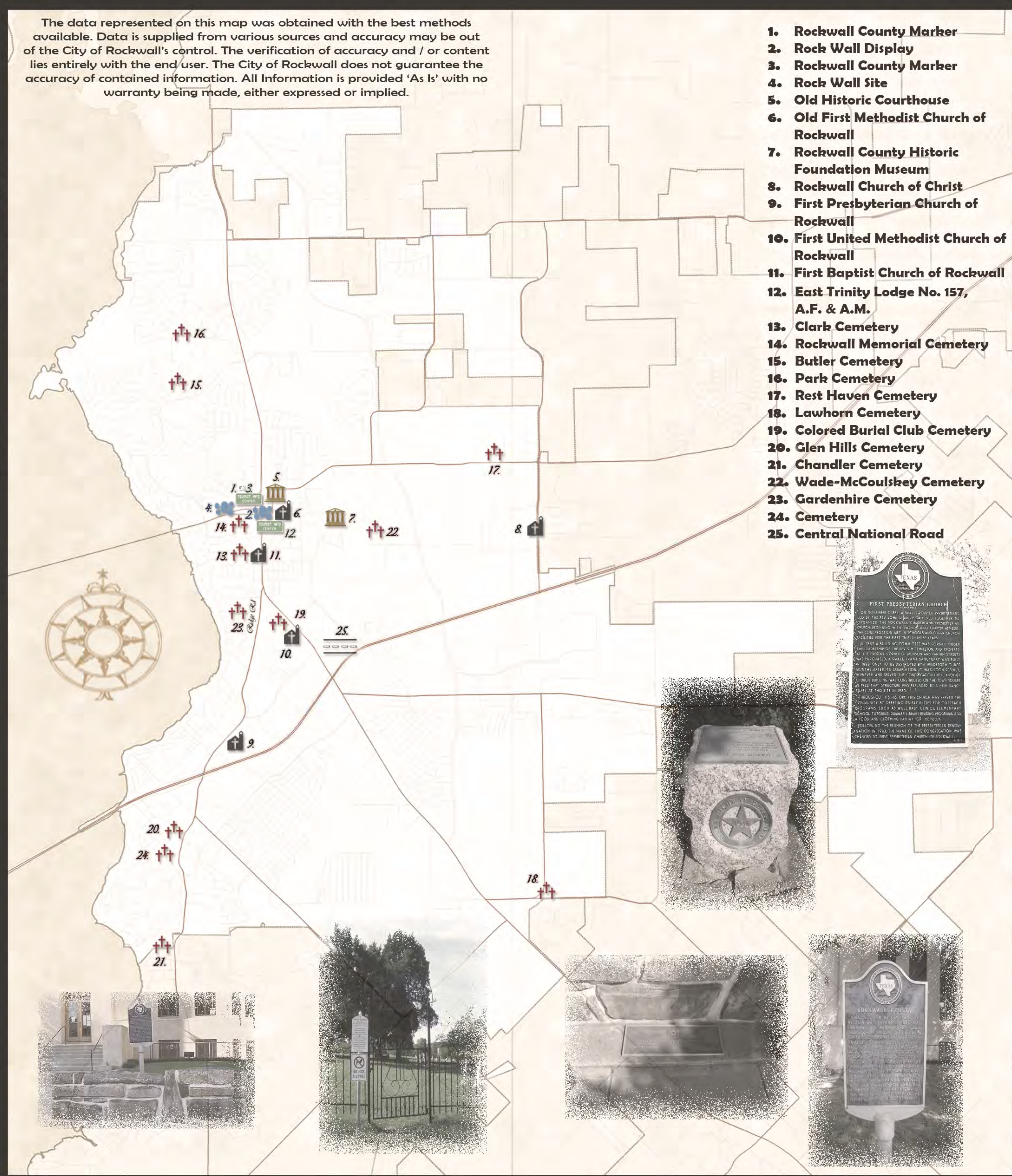
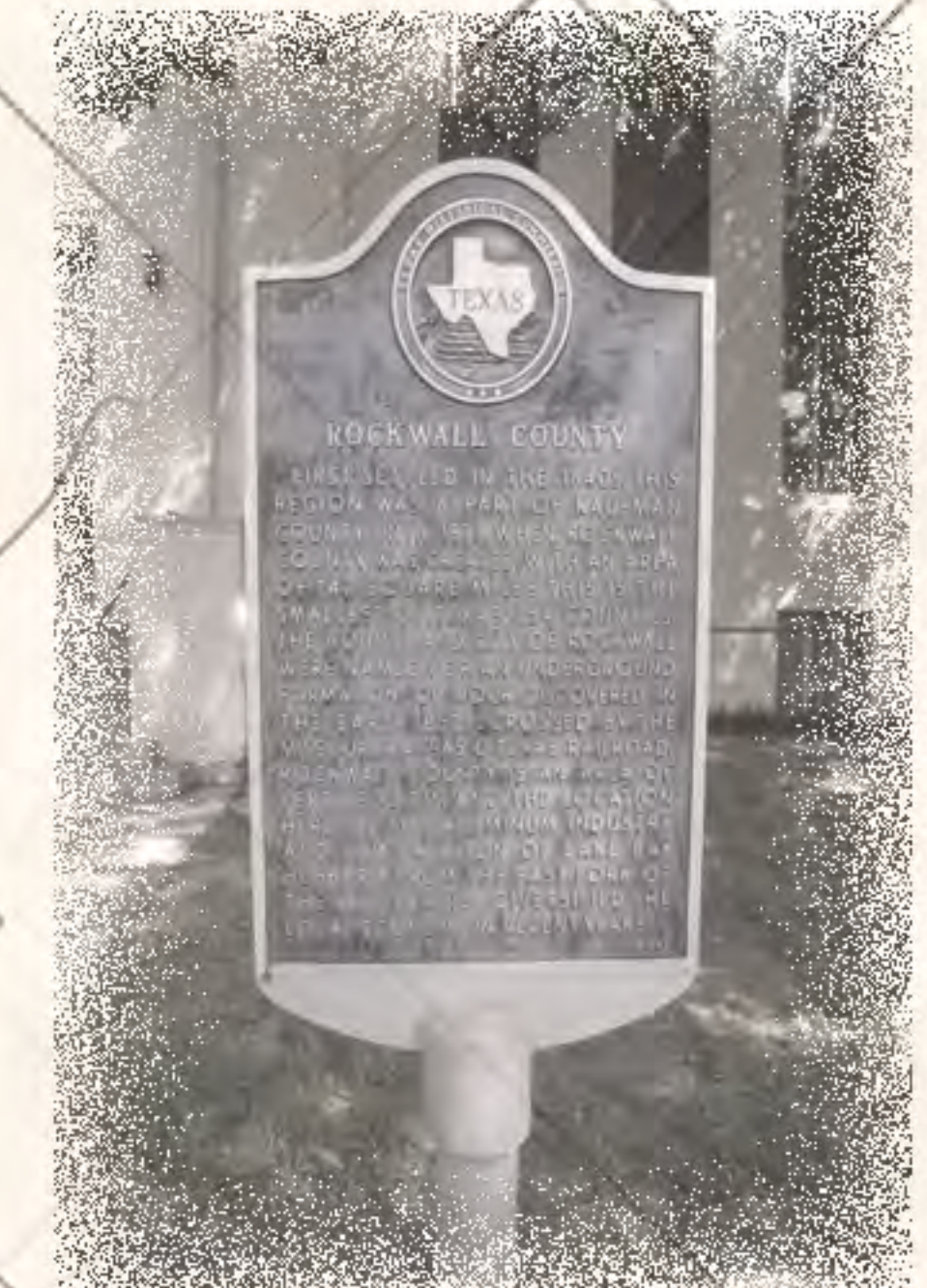
Terry Utley Wade arrived in Texas in the early 1850s. He was barely 22 years old. Although today that may seem youthful, Wade's life had already been filled with years of hard farm labor, the lines on his face a testament to the summer sun and the chaffing winter wind and calluses on his hands proof of his hours of toil. With experience being almost all he had, he left his native Kentucky and became one of Rockwall's earliest pioneers. Once he arrived in what was then known as Mercer's Colony, Terry Wade resumed his occupation as a farmer and grazed his cattle on the slopes just west of what is now downtown Rockwall. His first year in the area, he and two other neighbors - Benjamin Boydston and William Clay Stevenson - set about digging a water well. Barely below the surface, they struck something hard - far harder and more solid than the blackland soil in which they had been digging. Soon, they uncovered what they termed a rock wall - stones that seemed to be meticulously placed one on top of the other, as if an ancient hand had guided its formation. The men dug along side the strange wall to the full depth of the well and still not finding the bottom, they used what they had already exposed as one side of that well. This was to be the first documented discovery of the rock wall and Terry Wade's obituary states that he later suggested the name which was adopted for the town and, later, for the county - the name of Rockwall.

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1. Rockwall County Marker
2. Rock Wall Display
3. Rockwall County Marker
4. Rock Wall Site
5. Old Historic Courthouse
6. Old First Methodist Church of Rockwall
7. Rockwall County Historic Foundation Museum
8. Rockwall Church of Christ
9. First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall
10. First United Methodist Church of Rockwall
11. First Baptist Church of Rockwall
12. East Trinity Lodge No. 157, A.F. & A.M.
13. Clark Cemetery
14. Rockwall Memorial Cemetery
15. Butler Cemetery
16. Park Cemetery
17. Rest Haven Cemetery
18. Lawhorn Cemetery
19. Colored Burial Club Cemetery
20. Glen Hills Cemetery
21. Chandler Cemetery
22. Wade-McCouskey Cemetery
23. Gardenhire Cemetery
24. Cemetery
25. Central National Road



Coordinates	Width	Coordinates	Width	Coordinates	Width
1. N 32 E	1/2 - 5 in	5. N 12 E	3 - 4 in	9. N 88 E	2 - 3 in
2. N 59 E	6 - 7 in	6. N 26 E	3 - 4 in	10. N 38 E	5 - 6 in
3. N 25 E	12 - 14 in	7. N 30 E	2 - 3 in	11. N 30 E	----- in
4. N 25 E	7 - 8 in	8. N 02 E	2 - 3 in		



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