



601 EAST WILLIAMS STREET, ROCKWALL TX 75087
HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESOURCE SURVEY, 2012

Recording Information

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Subdivision Name	Foree Addition			Date Constructed	1918		
Lot(s)	1 - 4	Block	B	Land Area	0.6428 Acres		
Neighborhood	Eppstein, F&M, Fondren, Foree, Griffith, Highland				Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, Year:	N/A	
Land Use (Original)	Single Family Residential				Architect	Chester, Tresingter and Lawhorn	
Land Use (Current)	Single Family Residential				Architectural Style	Bungalow	
Contributing Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Non	Builder	Chester, Tresingter and Lawhorn	
Notes	The property was originally a pecan grove. The property is referred to as the "Gaines Property". The property has two accessory structures and two driveways.					Original Address	Addressed Off Parks Avenue

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH



Photo: June 28, 2004

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The "Gaines Property" was originally built in 1918 for \$1,760.00 by Chester, Tresingter, and Lawhorn for Richard Gaines, the then owner and publisher of *The Rockwall Success*. *The Rockwall Success* was a weekly newspaper, or a "try weekly" newspaper as Mr. Gaines referred to it, that served the City and County of Rockwall from the late 1800's. Mr. Gaines took possession of the paper at the age of 20 in the early 1900's from Jeff Cox who passed ownership of the publication to Mr. Gaines and his son Jerry Cox.

The "Gaines Property" has had three owners and remains much as it was in the 1920's. A testament to the preservation of this property is the presence of a Chinese Pistachio tree that was planted in the southeast corner of the property by Mr. Gaines after receiving the tree by mail-order through the Department of Agriculture.