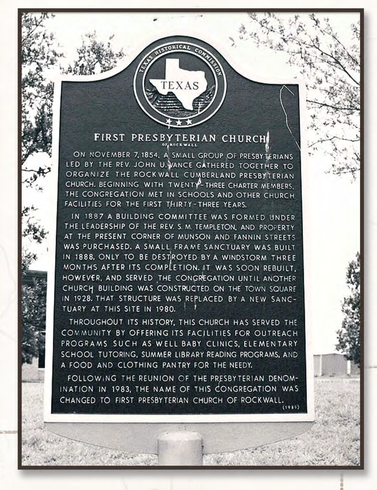
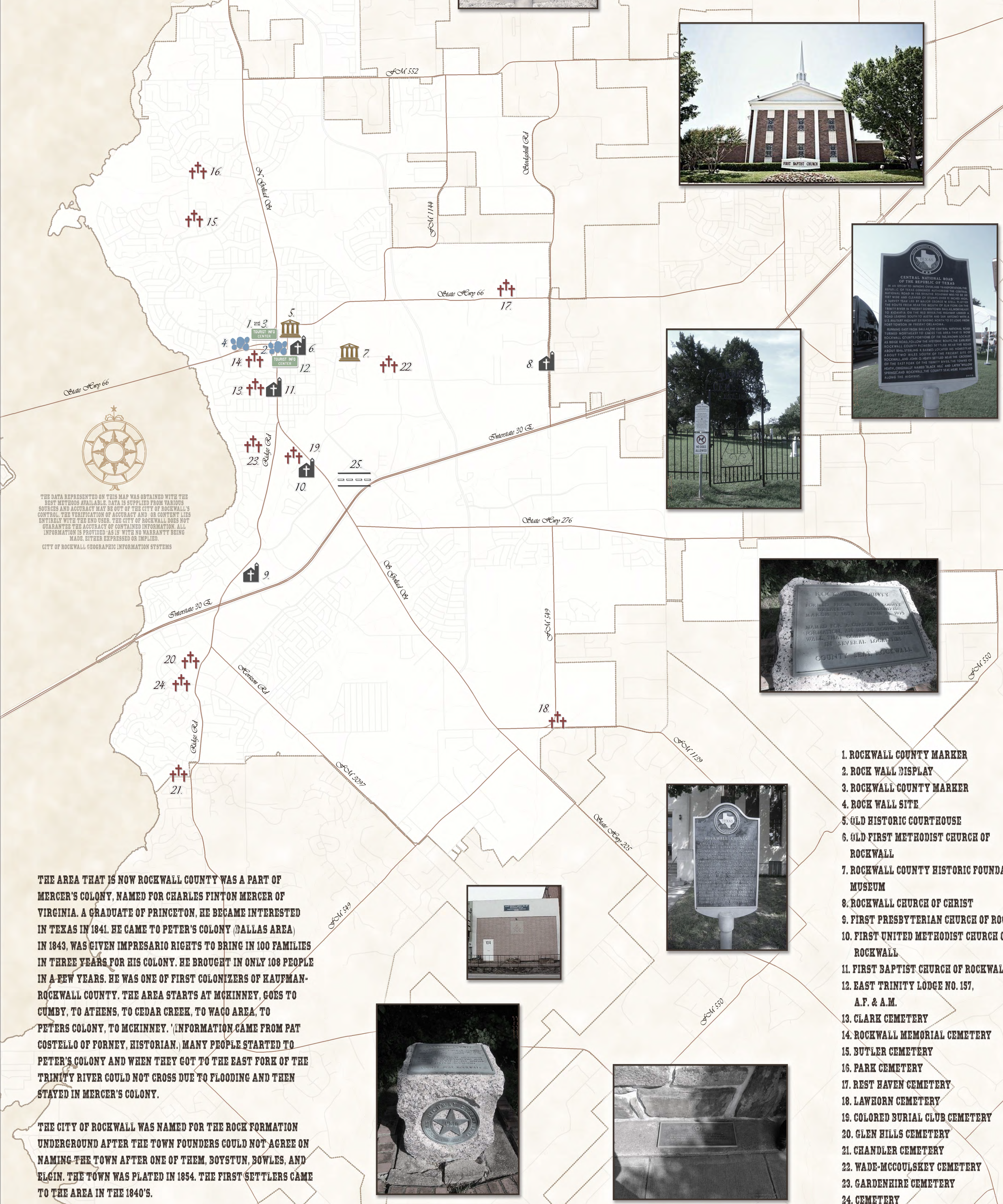
HISTORICAL PLACES OF ROCKWALL



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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CITY OF ROCKWALL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

THE AREA THAT IS NOW ROCKWALL COUNTY WAS A PART OF MERCER'S COLONY, NAMED FOR CHARLES FINTON MERCER OF VIRGINIA. A GRADUATE OF PRINCETON, HE BECAME INTERESTED IN TEXAS IN 1841. HE CAME TO PETER'S COLONY (DALLAS AREA) IN 1843, WAS GIVEN IMPRESARIO RIGHTS TO BRING IN 100 FAMILIES IN THREE YEARS FOR HIS COLONY. HE BROUGHT IN ONLY 108 PEOPLE IN A FEW YEARS. HE WAS ONE OF FIRST COLONIZERS OF KAUFMAN-ROCKWALL COUNTY. THE AREA STARTS AT MCKINNEY, GOES TO CUMBY, TO ATHENS, TO CEDAR CREEK, TO WACO AREA, TO PETERS COLONY, TO MCKINNEY. '(INFORMATION CAME FROM PAT COSTELLO OF FORNEY, HISTORIAN.) MANY PEOPLE STARTED TO PETER'S COLONY AND WHEN THEY GOT TO THE EAST FORK OF THE TRINITY RIVER COULD NOT CROSS DUE TO FLOODING AND THEN STAYED IN MERCER'S COLONY.

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, BOYSTUN, BOWLES, AND ELGIN. THE TOWN WAS PLATED IN 1854. THE FIRST SETTLERS CAME TO THE AREA IN THE 1840'S.

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-MCCOULSKEY CEMETERY
23. GARDENHIRE CEMETERY
24. CEMETERY
25. CENTRAL NATIONAL ROAD