9 | 101 North Fannin
A prime location for a service station, the Magnolia Oil Company constructed this building after the Bankhead Highway (now SH 66) was built through Rockwall in the twenties. Magnolia leased the building to several operators including Marvin Young, and later, Ted Cain.

Now, walk back up Rusk, taking a moment to notice the architectural style of the current Hall Building, which occupies much of the north side of this block. At the corner of Rusk and San Jacinto, cross over to the front of the Hall Building.

10 | 102 North San Jacinto
Both the current building on the corner of Rusk and San Jacinto and its predecessor were integral parts of Rockwall’s early banking industry. In the early 1900s, Farmers National Bank was organized. The bank set up shop in a brick building located on this corner. In 1916, a new building was constructed to house the bank and, although it changed names through consolidation, a bank operated out of this building for many decades. Legend has it that Bonnie and Clyde once came through Rockwall in order to case the bank. They stopped for a drink at the corner drugstore across the street. Apparently, they abandoned the idea because the bank was never robbed. After the bank moved to a new location, Ted Cain and Ralph Hall purchased the building. Hall had his law offices first on the lower floor and then in the upstairs offices. In addition, the upstairs and back offices of this building have housed numerous businesses and agencies including the U.S. Soil Conservation Office, O.L. Steger Abstract Plant, Love and Benbrook Cotton Buyers, the Rockwall telephone exchange and the law offices of county judges E.D. Foree and Carl Miller. In the 1970s, Lakeside National Bank began operations in the lower floor of this building until their new interstate location was constructed.

11 | 104-112 North San Jacinto
As you walk down San Jacinto to the next stop, it’s interesting to note that the storefronts along this street have been home to mainly grocery and hardware stores. Through the years, Townsend and Tipton Dry Goods, M.H. McKoy Farm Implements, the R.A. Snead Dry Goods and Grocery, the T.E. Hutchinson Grocery, Andrew and Martin Hardware, M & R Grocery and Smith Dry Goods have all occupied these buildings. In the early twenties, the local post office was also moved to this block.

12 | 114 North San Jacinto
In 1900 a small frame building sat on this lot, separate and solitary from the rest of the business establishments on the block. For several years, Miss Eula Apperson ran a millinery business at this location. In the mid-teens, Dick Gaines, publisher of The Rockwall Success, had a brick building erected on this lot and moved his paper into its long-time