These storefronts along Goliad have been home to the McCoulskey-Bourn Hardware Store, the B.F. Klutts Motor Company and Rotary Hall. In the 1940s, the Rockwall Rotary Club bought the building at 110 South Goliad for $300. They held their weekly meetings in this location for approximately forty years.

This empty lot was once home to two of Rockwall’s most prominent hotels and boarding houses. The Bailey Hotel occupied the site from 1887 until it burned in 1903. At the Bailey, visitors could have a room for just two dollars a day. In 1908, the Stephenson Hotel was built and it remained in operation until 1966.

We hope you enjoyed your glimpse into Rockwall’s history, and we hope you will never look at the square in quite the same way. If you enjoyed this tour and are in favor of preserving Rockwall’s remaining historic structures, please contact Rockwall County at 972-882-2880 or fmorris@rockwallcountytexas.com and the City of Rockwall at 972-771-7700 or bbrooks@rockwall.com and let them know you support preserving Rockwall’s history, not demolishing it. (If you send an e-mail, please indicate “Downtown Walking Tour” as the subject.)