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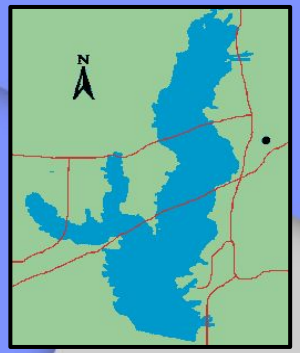
History of Rockwall



History of Rockwall

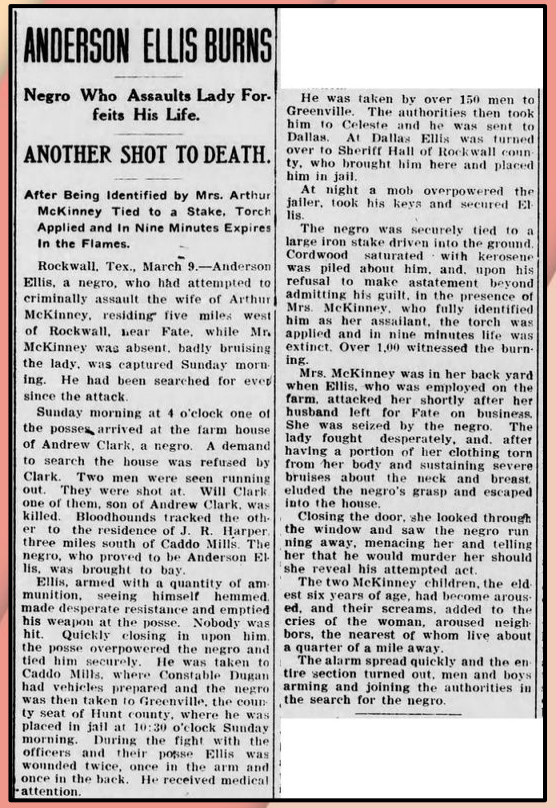
The *real* early history of Rockwall is a story of slavery/sharecropping and the exploitation of Black bodies for labor coupled with the rise of racial terrorism committed by white supremacists. As Rockwall grew into a bustling small town, it did so by through economic and normative institutions of bigotry

“Whitecaps got in their work again last night” (1898)

This time their victim is a negro named Christian, living in the west part of the town. His house was almost wrecked by dynamite. In the house was the negro's wife and four children, but strange to say, none of the occupants were hurt.

Julius Hawkins, colored, was awakened from the noise made at Christian's and the barking of his dog or perhaps he would have been blown into eternity, as they were making arrangements about his house. He went outside, however, in time to give them a scare, and they, like cowards, fled. The people are considerably wrought up over the matter.”

Lynching of Anderson Ellis



ANDERSON ELLIS BURNS

Negro Who Assaults Lady Forfeits His Life.

ANOTHER SHOT TO DEATH.

After Being Identified by Mrs. Arthur McKinney Tied to a Stake, Torch Applied and In Nine Minutes Expires In the Flames.

Rockwall, Tex., March 9.—Anderson Ellis, a negro, who had attempted to criminally assault the wife of Arthur McKinney, residing five miles west of Rockwall, near Fate, while Mr. McKinney was absent, badly bruising the lady, was captured Sunday morning. He had been searched for ever since the attack.

Sunday morning at 4 o'clock one of the posses arrived at the farm house of Andrew Clark, a negro. A demand to search the house was refused by Clark. Two men were seen running out. They were shot at. Will Clark one of them, son of Andrew Clark, was killed. Bloodhounds tracked the other to the residence of J. R. Harper three miles south of Caddo Mills. The negro, who proved to be Anderson Ellis, was brought to bay.

Ellis, armed with a quantity of ammunition, seeing himself hemmed, made desperate resistance and emptied his weapon at the posse. Nobody was hit. Quickly closing in upon him, the posse overpowered the negro and tied him securely. He was taken to Caddo Mills, where Constable Dugan had vehicles prepared and the negro was then taken to Greenville, the county seat of Hunt county, where he was placed in jail at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning. During the fight with the officers and their posse Ellis was wounded twice, once in the arm and once in the back. He received medical attention.

He was taken by over 150 men to Greenville. The authorities then took him to Celeste and he was sent to Dallas. At Dallas Ellis was turned over to Sheriff Hall of Rockwall county, who brought him here and placed him in jail.

At night a mob overpowered the jailer, took his keys and secured Ellis.

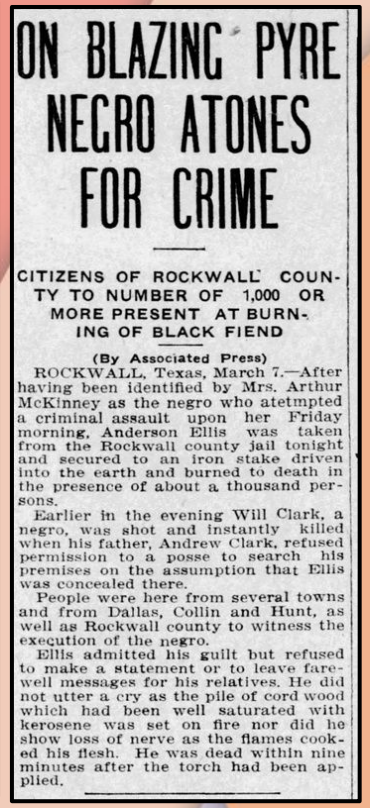
The negro was securely tied to a large iron stake driven into the ground. Cordwood saturated with kerosene was piled about him, and, upon his refusal to make astatement beyond admitting his guilt, in the presence of Mrs. McKinney, who fully identified him as her assailant, the torch was applied and in nine minutes life was extinct. Over 1,00 witnessed the burning.

Mrs. McKinney was in her back yard when Ellis, who was employed on the farm, attacked her shortly after her husband left for Fate on business. She was seized by the negro. The lady fought desperately, and, after having a portion of her clothing torn from her body and sustaining severe bruises about the neck and breast, eluded the negro's grasp and escaped into the house.

Closing the door, she looked through the window and saw the negro running away, menacing her and telling her that he would murder her should she reveal his attempted act.

The two McKinney children, the eldest six years of age, had become aroused, and their screams, added to the cries of the woman, aroused neighbors, the nearest of whom live about a quarter of a mile away.

The alarm spread quickly and the entire section turned out, men and boys arming and joining the authorities in the search for the negro.



ON BLAZING PYRE NEGRO ATONES FOR CRIME

CITIZENS OF ROCKWALL COUNTY TO NUMBER OF 1,000 OR MORE PRESENT AT BURNING OF BLACK FIEND

(By Associated Press)

ROCKWALL, Texas, March 7.—After having been identified by Mrs. Arthur McKinney as the negro who atetmpted a criminal assault upon her Friday morning, Anderson Ellis was taken from the Rockwall county jail tonight and secured to an iron stake driven into the earth and burned to death in the presence of about a thousand persons.

Earlier in the evening Will Clark, a negro, was shot and instantly killed when his father, Andrew Clark, refused permission to a posse to search his premises on the assumption that Ellis was concealed there.

People were here from several towns and from Dallas, Collin and Hunt, as well as Rockwall county to witness the execution of the negro.

Ellis admitted his guilt but refused to make a statement or to leave farewell messages for his relatives. He did not utter a cry as the pile of cord wood which had been well saturated with kerosene was set on fire nor did he show loss of nerve as the flames cooked his flesh. He was dead within nine minutes after the torch had been applied.

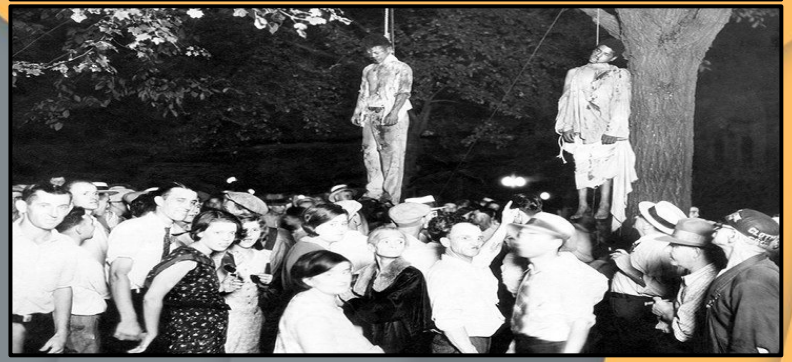
Ellis was accused of attacking a white woman whom he worked under on a plantation in Rockwall

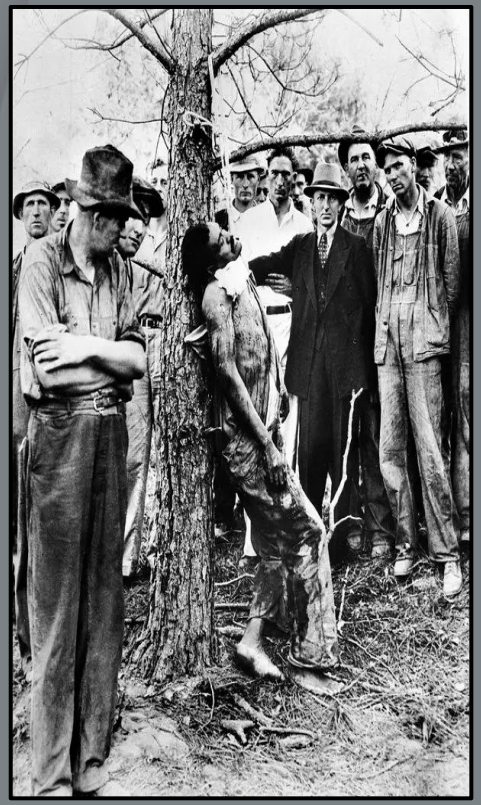
He fled the lynching mob initially before he was brought to jail two days later

The mob then seized him from the jail, and he was publicly executed, burned at the stake as a thousand citizens of Rockwall and surrounding counties watched

This story has been erased from Rockwall history

Lynchings Across America





Racial Oppression & White Supremacy Continues

Even as the Black population in the community increased, they faced systemic oppression, from segregated and unequal schools to their homes being flooded with the arrival of Lake Ray Hubbard. Over time, Black residents were pushed out of town and even today, they still face violence perpetrated by racists in the community.

Fair today and tomorrow, not much change in temperature.
Temperature yesterday—Max., 84; min., 67.
U. S. Weather Forecast—For details see Page 35.

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Political Ex-

TROOPS FIRE ON TEXAS MOB, WOUNDING TWO IN BATTLE AFTER BURNING OF NEGRO

Walker Improving in Bermuda; Avoids Society, Swims Daily

Special Cable to The New York Times.
HAMILTON, Bermuda, May 9.—Mayor Walker's health is much improved since his arrival here. He is sunburned from bathing daily at the private beach of Mr. and

SHERMAN GOES ON RAMPAGE

Courthouse Burned Down by Frenzied Rioters to Kill Prisoner.

Did you know that in March 1909, there was a lynching?

138

Engagements

73% <u>did</u>

<u>not</u> know

Did you know that a Black Cemetery is now buried under Lake Ray Hubbard?

166

Engagements

95% did not know

Did you know a Rockwall Sheriff tried to force a Black man into sharecropping?

110

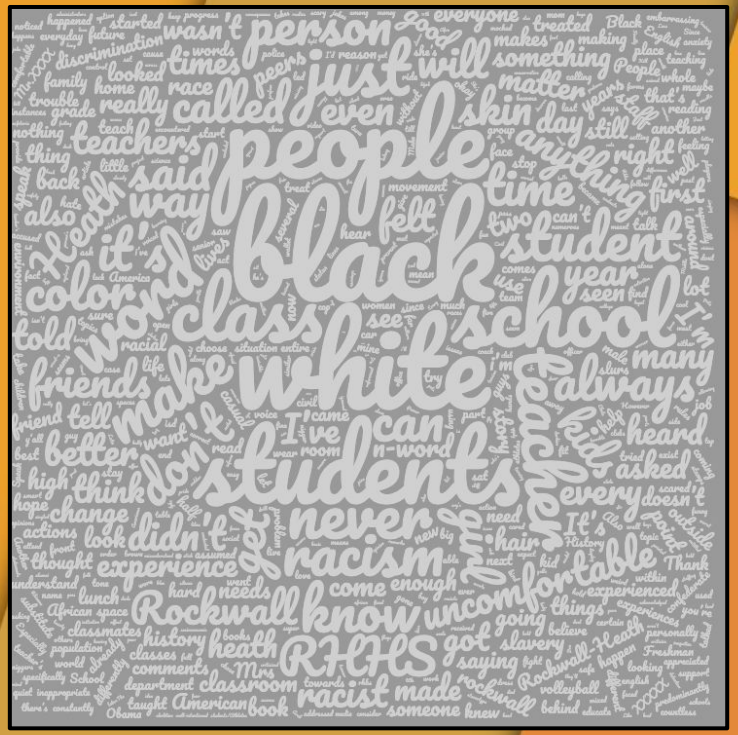
Engagements

98% did not know

Did you know who Dorris Jones is?

144

Engagements

90% did not know

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