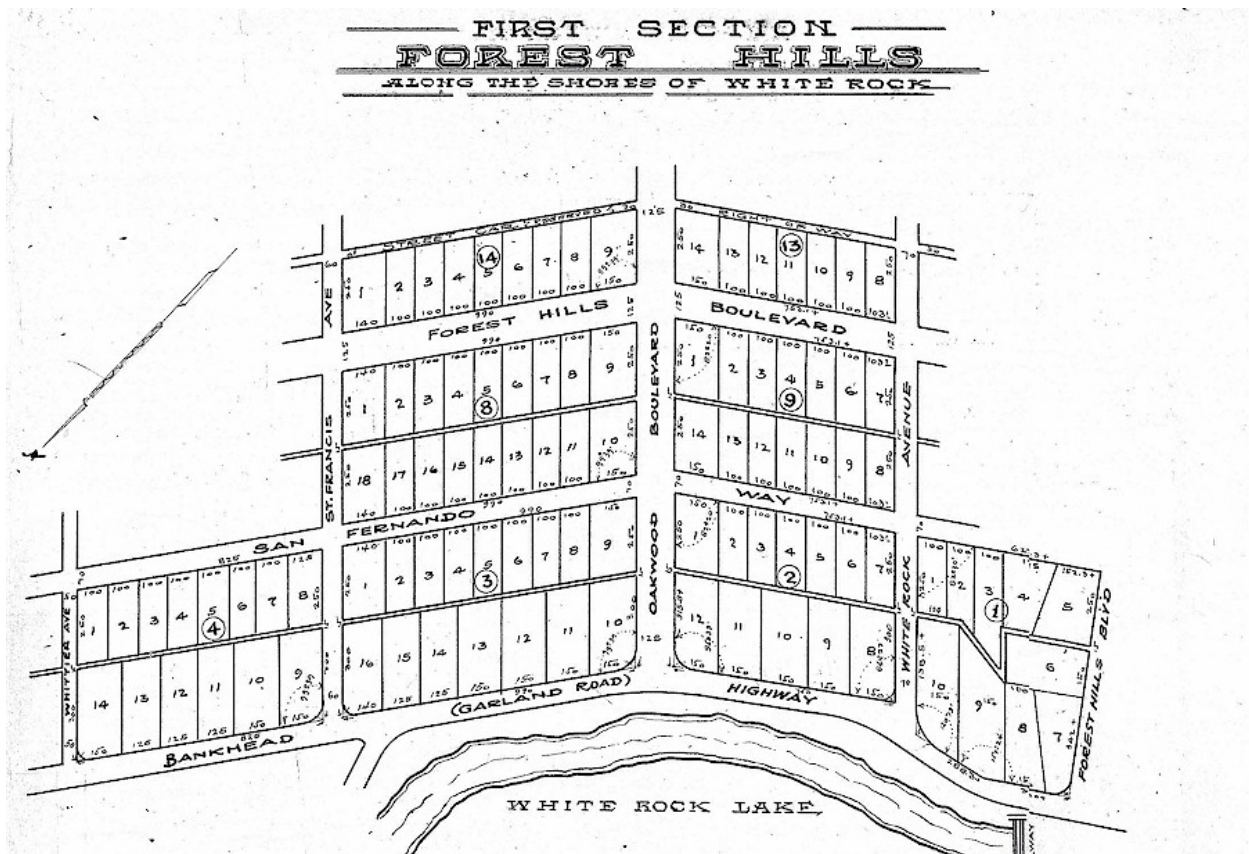


## Street Names Then and Now

Forest Hills has gone through street name changes and house number changes. In some cases more than once.

The earliest plot map of Forest Hills is in 1923 when the streets and utilities were in the planning stage.

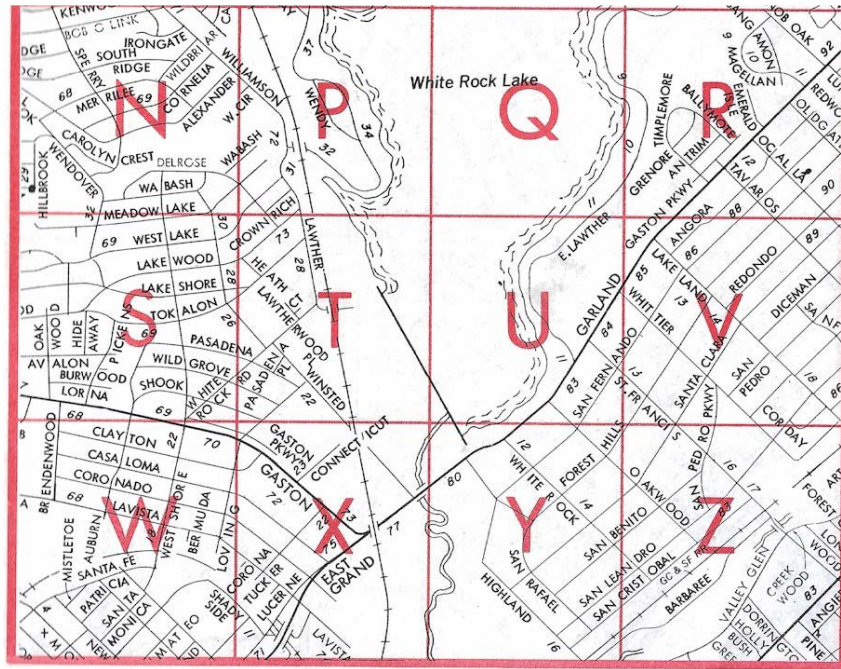


Hwy 78/Garland Rd, the narrow dirt/gravel road was called the Central National Highway of the Republic of Texas (1844) also Old Bankhead Hwy

*(The old Bankhead Highway through downtown Garland is now named Main Street; from the west end of Main to I-635 it is South Garland Avenue; and thence to Gaston Avenue in Dallas it is Garland Road. From the east end of Main Street the route of the Bankhead continues a short distance eastward on Bankhead St.; thence eastward on East Avenue A; thence eastward on Hwy 66 to Commerce St.; thence to where Commerce St. ends at Mills Rd. The segment of the original route east of Mills Rd. across the Rowlett Creek bottoms has been abandoned, but the Bankhead route picks up again in Rowlett.)*

Forest Hills is bounded by Garland Road (old Bankhead Highway), Lakeland Drive (old John West Rd), and the Santa Fe railroad tracks. Highland Road (old Wilshire Blvd.) and one block of San Rafael Drive.

At one time the only stretch of San Rafael was just up the hill from Garland a little past where Highland comes into it was called Forest Hills not San Rafael. Breezewood Boulevard was originally named Oakwood Boulevard and remained Oakwood Boulevard until at least 1976.



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## Street Addresses Then and Now

In researching plots/homes in Forest Hills, there was an earlier numbering system that changed later. Addresses began with the number 7 instead of 8. The best estimate when the street numbers changed is January 1945. The city directories were published mid-year and the street numbers changed between 1944 and 1945.



For one example, when Ferris Thicket was developed into the new Forest Hills Addition in 1924, 8138 Santa Clara was originally 7438.

In 1978, [Santa Clara's 8100 Block](#) was published which includes homes identified by their current address and their original address.