

BLOCK 1, 1855

To 1855 MAP

Block 1 is located northwest of the Courthouse square and is bordered by First St. on the north, Second St. on the south, Main St. on the east and Front St. on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot 80 varas X 80 varas. What is a Vara? Click here to find out.

Albert G. Foster (Block 1 Lot 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)

William Smothers (Block 1 Lot 6)

Maurice K. Simons (Block 1 Lot 7)

1855 February 17: Judgment in the case of the surviving partner of Simon & Son vs. Judith Ann Simons, executrix of Thomas Simons decd.....to be sold at auction to pay debts....sold to Bulford B. Walker for \$400.00 document signed by Maurice K. Simons.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/327*

1855: Following the death of Thomas Simons, the lot and storehouse were sold on February 5, 1855 to Bluford B. Walker, a lawyer in town.

Reference:

**Free State of Lavaca p.163*

1855 August 13: B.B. Walker to Maurice K. Simons for \$600.00

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/381*

William B. Davis (part) & Wiley T. Rogers & B.B. Walker (part) (Block 1 Lot 8)

1855 August 13: M.B. Bennett and L.W. Layton executor of Peter McDermott decd. To John M. Bennett and A.K. Foster for \$1,010.00

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/539*

1855 August 13: A.K. Foster to John M. Bennett for \$550.00. All the right, title and interest, claim and demand which I have in and to Lot 8 in Block 1.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/540*

1855 September 17: John M. Bennett to William B. David, Wiley T. Rogers and Bluford B. Walker. Convey unto said Davis, one undivided half and unto Rogers & Walker the other undivided half of Lot 8 in Block 1 ...fronting on Main St and Second St. containing 800 varas...the said described lot together will all and singular the rights, members, tenements and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise incident to appertaining except the Masonic Hall and the right of way to the same as it now exists which is reserved for Murchison Lodge No. 80

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed G/174*

1855: Dr. Marshall B. Bennett rented part of this building for his general practice of medicine after he moved here from his drug store stand on Lot 1 on NW corner of Block 2.

Reference:

**Hallettville Past & Present*

1855 April 30: Levitt & Parker, merchants and druggists in Victoria, Texas vs. Marshall B. Bennett and John M. Bennett merchants and druggist of Bennett & Bros. Dismissed

References:

**Lavaca County Civil Case #274*

**Lavaca County Deed A/396*

BLOCK 2, 1855

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Block 2 is located west of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Second St. on the north, Third St. on the south, Main St. on the east and Front St. on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas. What is a Vara? Click here to find out.

Thomas H. Hawks (Block 2 Lot 1)

1855 March 28: Levitt & Parker, merchants and druggists in Victoria, Texas, vs. Thomas H. Hawks on note Hawks delivered to Levitt & Parker containing a mortgage on Block 2 Lot 1. If note is not paid, plaintiffs want to sell house and lot.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Civil Case Judgment A/326*

A.W. Hicks (Block 2 Lot 2)

A.W. Hicks (Block 2 Lot 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7)

C.C. & W.C. Dibrell West ½ & Dr. William A. East East ½ Block 2 Lot 8

1855: Part of Dibrell lot sold to Dr. William A. East who constructed a small building for an office and drug store. Dr. East was another of Ballard's protégés; in 1855, at the time East purchased the Dibrell lot, Ballard deeded him conditionally a tract on the N line of the Hallett League in consideration of improvements to be placed thereon; a fence and a substantial log cabin. East was to have the land rent-free for five years and then buy it at five dollars per acre. Dr. East later formed a trade agreement with Joseph J. Ballard, a druggist, and the two operated a drug store on the west side of the square. On Ballard's death, the firm was reorganized with Thomas E. Mason as a druggist.

Reference:

**Free State of Lavaca p. 164*

1855 December 5: C.C. & W.C. Dibrell to William A. East east ½ of lot adjacent to storehouse now occupied by us and fronting on public square 12/5/55.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed D/10*

BLOCK 3, 1855

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Block 3 is located southwest of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Third St. on the north, Fourth St. on the south, Main St. on the east and Front St. on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas. [What is a Vara? Click here to find out.](#)

A.W. Hicks (Block 3 Lot 1-8)

William Smothers (Block 3 Lot 1 & 3)

BLOCK 4, 1855

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Block 4 is located southwest of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Fourth St. on the north, Fifth St. on the south, Main St. on the east and Front St. on the

west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas.
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Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly (Block 4 Lot 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Josiah Dowling (Block 4 Lot 2)

Wilhelm H. Hoffmann (Block 4 Lot 7 & 8)

BLOCK 5, 1855

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Block 5 is located north of the Courthouse square and is bordered by First St. on the north, Second St. on the south, LaGrange St. on the east and Main St. on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas.
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Albert G. Foster (Block 5 Lot 1, 2 & 4)

Collatinus Ballard (Block 5 Lot 3 5 & 7)

John W. Kelly (Block 5 Lot 6 & 8)

BLOCK 6, 1855

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Block 6 is the Courthouse square and is border by Second St. on the north, Third St. on the south, LaGrange St. on the east and Main St. on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas. [What is a Vara? Click here to find out.](#)

Lavaca County Courthouse (Block 6 Lot 1 – 8)

BLOCK 7, 1855

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Collatinus Ballard (Block 7 Lot 1 & 3)

1855 August 23: On this date William Pearce and Collatinus Ballard dissolved the partnership in the Saddling business by mutual consent. For \$312.18 Pearce granted, bargained, released and sold to Ballard all his right, title and interest in the said partnership stock, saddles, bridles, martingales leather, tools, books, accounts, notes, dues, claims and all thing belonging to the partnership.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/494*

John W. Harrell (Block 7 Lot 2, 4 and E ½ 6 & 8)

1855: The Harrell Hotel a two-story structure with a bell was completed in 1855 on the SE corner of the square and it remained in use as a hotel for 50 years or more at that location. It was operated as the Harrel House until John W. Harrell, mired in debt, conveyed the premises to Z.N. Hanna. Renamed the Hanna House it was sold to Morehouse Latting and his wife in January of 1858.

Reference:

**Free State of Lavaca p. 166*

John R. Whited & Charles C. Dibrell (Block 7 Lot 5 & 7)

C.C. Dibrell (Block 7 W ½ 6 & 8)

BLOCK 8, 1855

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Block 8 is located south of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Fourth St. on the north, Fifth St. on the south, LaGrange St. on the east and Main St. on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas. [What is a Vara? Click here to find out.](#)

Thomas A. Hester (Block 8 Lot 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Josiah Dowling (Block 8 Lot 5 & 7)

Collatinus Ballard (Block 8 Lots 6 & 8)

1855: Josiah and Temperance Dowling to Nancy Gage Block 8 Lot 6 & 8, Block 12 Lot 7 & 8 and Block 17 undivided interest which is ½ of said Block

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/326*

1855 May 29: William and Nancy Gage to Josiah Dowling Block 8 Lot 6 & 8

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/468*

1855 July 23: Josiah Dowling to Collatinus Ballard Block 8 Lot 6 & 8

Reference:

Lavaca County Deed C/508

BLOCK 9, 1855

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Block 9 is located northwest of the Courthouse square and is bordered by First St. on the north, Second St. on the south, Texana St. on the east and LaGrange St. on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas. What is a Vara? Click here to find out.

Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly (Block 9 Lot 1 – 8)

BLOCK 10, 1855

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Block 10 is located east of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Second St. on the north, Third St. on the south, Texana St. on the east and LaGrange St. on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas. What is a Vara? Click here to find out.

John W. Kelly (Block 10 Lot 1 & 2)

Charles Hoffman (Block 10 Lot 3 & 4)

1855: Carl Hoffman Grocery Store: Hoffman added two lots to his property on the square.

Reference:

**Free State of Lavaca p. 164*

1855 March 19: August Seidel to Charles Hoffman and Charles Jordan of Calhoun County, Texas Lot 3 and 4 in Block 10. Lot 3 fronting on the public square on the

east side and lying on the north and adjacent to the lot now occupied by Charles Hoffman as a grocery and provision store. Lot 4 lying east and joining Lot 3

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/380*

1855 October 20: Charles H. Jordan to Charles Hoffman his ½ undivided interest in Lots 3 & 4 in Block 10.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/515*

Charles Hoffman (Block 10 Lot 5 & 6)

Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly (Block 10 Lot 7 & 8)

1855 October 22: Benjamin & Sarah Ann Hoyt to John W. Kelly @NW corner of 22 feet sold off said lot by Dowling to William Smothers.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/558*

Note: The above entry is for a deed involving property on Block 10, but neither the buyer nor seller is shown owning property on Block 10 in 1855. Either this deed is fraudulent or incorrect, but it is included for reference purposes.

BLOCK 11, 1855

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Block 11 is located east of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Second St. on the north, Third St. on the south, Texana St. on the east and LaGrange St. on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas.

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John Brooks (part) & Benjamin H. Foster (part) (Block 11 Lot 1)

1855 February 6: William Tate to Collatinus Ballard the lot and house and improvements on which William Tate now lives. The mortgage to secure the debt owned by Tate. The deed is null & void if Tate pays off the note of \$142.05 before January 1, 1856

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/506*

1855 February 6: Josiah Dowling to Clark L. Owens, John A Rogers & Isaac Brugh of the firm of Clark L. Owens & Co. of Texana in Jackson County, Texas all interest in storehouse and lot.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed D/60*

Note: The above entries are for deeds involving property on Block 11, but I believe that the deed from William Tate to Collatinus Ballard should have read Block 11 Lot 3 or 4 and the deed from Josiah Dowling to Clark L. Owens et al should have read Block 11 Lot 2

1855 October 29: Benjamin H. Foster to John Brooks Block 11 S part Lot 1

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/528*

Josiah Dowling (Block 11 Lot 2)

Thomas H. Hawks & William Tate (Block 11 Lot 3 & 4)

Wiley T. Rogers & Bluford B. Walker (Block 11 Lot 5, 6, 7 & 8)

BLOCK 12, 1855

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Block 12 is located south of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Fourth St. on the north, Fifth St. on the south, Texana St. on the east and LaGrange St. on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas. What is a Vara? Click here to find out.

Morehouse Latting (Block 12 Lot 1 - 4)

1855 July 20: Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly to Morehouse Latting Lot 1, 3, & 5 in Block 12; the lot and improvements where Latting now resides.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/457*

1855 October 20: Josiah & Temperance Dowling to Morehouse Latting Lot 2 & 4 in Block 12

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed D/119*

Maryland Jones (Block 12 Lot 5 & 6)

1855 July 20: Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly to Morehouse Latting Lot 1, 3, & 5 in Block 12; the lot and improvements where Latting now resides.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/457*

1855 October 20: Morehouse & Martha Latting to Josiah Dowling with improvements except fence Lot 5 Block 12

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed D/94*

1855 November 22: Josiah & Temperance Dowling to Maryland Jones Lot 5 & 6 in Block 12

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed D/96*

Charles Donoho (Block 12 Lot 7 & 8)

1855: Josiah and Temperance Dowling to Nancy Gage Block 8 Lot 6 & 8, Block 12 Lot 7 & 8 and Block 17 undivided interest which is ½ of said Block

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/326*

1855 September 3: William & Nancy Gage to Charles Donoho Lot 7 & 8 in Block 12.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed D/43*

BLOCK 13, 1855

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Block 13 is located west of the Courthouse square and is bordered by First St. on the north, Second St. on the south, Front St. on the east and Lavaca River on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas. [What is a Vara? Click here to find out.](#)

A.W. Hicks (Block 13 Lot 1 – 8)

BLOCK 14, 1855

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Block 14 is located west of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Second St. on the north, Third St. on the south, Front St. on the east and Lavaca River on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas. [What is a Vara? Click here to find out.](#)

Lavaca County Jail (Block 14 Lot 1)

Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly (Block 14 Lot 2 – 8)

BLOCK 15, 1855

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Block 15 is located west of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Third St. on the north, Fourth St. on the south, Front St. on the east and Lavaca River on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas. [What is a Vara? Click here to find out.](#)

John W. Harrell (Block 15 Lot 1, 2, 5, 6)

William B. White (Block 15 Lot 3, 4, 7, & 8)

1855 January 31: Collatinus Ballard to Wm. B. White Lot 3 & 4 in Block 15 being the lots upon which Mrs. Rice's house and other improvements are erected at the time. Fronting on Front St and running back on Fourth St.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/319*

1855 January 31: John Harrell to Wm. B. White Lot 7 & 8 in Block 15 lying towards the house and lots now occupied by said White on the Lavaca River.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/320*

BLOCK 16, 1855

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Block 16 is located west of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Fourth St. on the north, Fifth St. on the south, Front St. on the east and Lavaca River on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas. [What is a Vara? Click here to find out.](#)

Rebecca Jones (Block 16 Lot 1)

Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly (Block 16 Lot 2 – 8)

BLOCK 17, 1855

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Block 17 is located east of the Courthouse square and is bordered by First St. on the north, Second St. on the south, Alma St. on the east and Texana St. on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas. [What is a Vara? Click here to find out.](#)

John W. Kelly (Block 17 Lot 1 – 8)

1855: Josiah and Temperance Dowling to Nancy Gage Block 8 Lot 6 & 8, Block 12 Lot 7 & 8 and Block 17 undivided interest which is ½ of said Block

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/326*

1855 March 10: William B. & Nancy Gage to John W. Kelly, our undivided ½ interest in Block 17 the same conveyed to us by Josiah Dowling

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed C/351*

BLOCK 18, 1855

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Block 18 is located east of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Second St. on the north, Third St. on the south, adjoins Block 22 on the east and Texana St. on the

west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas.
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Collatinus Ballard (Block 18 Lot 1, 3, 5 & 7)
Alma Male & Female Institute (Block 18 Lot 2, 4, 6 & 8)

BLOCK 19, 1855

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Block 19 is located east of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Third St. on the north, Fourth St. on the south, adjoins Block 22 on the east and Texana St. on the west. The block is comprised of eight lots each lot being 80 varas by 80 varas.
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Abner K. Foster (Block 19 Lot 1 – 8)

BLOCK 20, 1855

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Masonic College (Block 20 lot 1 – 8)

FRACTIONAL BLOCK 1, 1855

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Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly (Fractional Block 1)

FRACTIONAL BLOCK 2, 1855

To 1855 MAP

Fractional Block 2 is located directly north of Block 1 and is bordered by First St. on the south and Main St. on the east. On the north is the boundary of the original town tract.

Collantinus Ballard (Fractional Block 2 Lot 2 & 3)

FRACTIONAL BLOCK 3, 1855
To 1855 MAP

Fractional Block 3 is located directly north of Block 5 and is bordered by First St. on the south and LaGrange St. the east and Main St. on the west. On the north is the boundary of the original town tract.

Dr. Nathaniel Chambliss (Fractional Block 3 Lot 4 & 5)

FRACTIONAL BLOCK 4, 1855
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Fractional Block 4 is located directly north of Block 9 and is bordered by First St. on the south and Texana St. the east and LaGrange St. on the west. On the north is the boundary of the original town tract.

John W. Kelly (Fractional Block 4 Lot 6 & 7)

FRACTIONAL BLOCK 5, 1855
To 1855 MAP

Fractional Block 5 is located directly north of Block 17 and is bordered by First St. on the south and Texana St. the west and open field on the east. On the north is the boundary of the original town tract.

Wilson Brooks (Fractional Block 5 Lot 8 & 9)

