

Block 1, 1856

[To 1856 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) [Link to Simons story](#)

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

[Link to the Davis Story](#)

Block 2, 1856

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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)

Daniel C. & Mary Bellows (Block 2 Lot 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7)

[Link to the Hicks/Bellows Story](#)

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

Block 3, 1856

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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?](#)
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A.W. Hicks (Block 3 Lot 1-8)
William Smothers (Block 3 Lot 1 & 3)

BLOCK 4, 1856

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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. [What is a Vara?](#)
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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, 1856

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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. [What is a Vara?](#)
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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, 1856

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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, 1856

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Block 7 is located south of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Third St. on the north, Fourth 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.](#)

Collatinus Ballard (Block 7 Lot 1 & 3)

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

[Link to the Harrell Story](#)

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

C.C. Dibrell (Block 7 W ½ 6 & 8)

BLOCK 8, 1856

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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)

BLOCK 9, 1856

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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, 1856

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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.](#)

Martha J. Harmon (Block 10 Lot 1 & 2)

1856 April 19: J.W. Kelly to Martha J. Harmon

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed D/138*

Charles Hoffman (Block 10 Lot 3, 4, 5 & 6)

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

BLOCK 11, 1856

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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. [What is a Vara? Click here to find out.](#)

Samuel Frion (Block 11 Lot 1)

1856 January 22: Clark L. Owens, John A. Rogers & Isaac B. Brugh of Jackson Co. under the name of Clark L. Owen & Co. for promissory note for \$300.00 executed by Samuel Frion & John W. Harrell as security have sold to Frion an undivided ½ interest in house and lot.

1856 February 11: John R. Brooks to Samuel Frion south part of Lot 1 in Block 11.

1856 August 7: William & Cynthia Smothers to Samuel Frion lot and storehouse occupied by Frion which is to be only ½ of above lot.

Note: At some point prior to January 22, 1856, Samuel Frion and John W. Harrell had formed a partnership known as Samuel Frion & Co. The partnership dissolved on March 2, 1857.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed D/61*

**Lavaca County Deed D/86*

**Lavaca County Deed D253*

Josiah Dowling (Block 11 Lot 2)

William Tate (Block 11 Lot 3 & 4)

Note: In 1856 the ownership of Lot 2 & 4 in Block 11 become unclear. The problem of outright ownership begins on February 16, 1856 when John W. & Elizabeth Harrell and C.W. Garrett enter a deed of trust for a \$2,200 promissory note issued by Garrett to Harrell. As collateral for the note, Harrell deeds to Garrett Lot 2, 4 and the E ½ of Lot 6 & 8 in Block 7 (which Harrell actually owns) and Lot 2 & 4 in Block 11.

However, there is no recorded documentation that Harrell owns the two lots in Block 11 when this deed of trust is written and recorded. In February 1856, the owner of Lot 2 is Josiah Dowling, and the owner of Lot 4 is William Tate.

**The promissory note is paid in full on March 19, 1857 and the deed of trust is declared null and void.*

On July 17, 1856, Harrell again enters a deed that involves Lot 2 & 4 in Block 11. This time, Harrell deeds Lot 3 & 5 in Block 25 and Lot 2 & 4 in Block 11 to Hudson A. Greenwood. Please note that this deed is not recorded until May 26, 1857. Is this because Harrell has previously used the same two lots in Block 11 in the deed of trust to Garrett and the lots cannot be transferred to Hudson until the deed to Garrett is declared null and void in March of 1857?

It is not until March 10, 1857 that John W. Harrell becomes the documented owner of Lot 2 when Josiah Dowling deeds Lot 2 in Block 11 to John W. Harrell.

On October 31, 1857, John W. Harrell again deeds Lots 2 & 4 in Block 11 (Lot 2 which he now actual owns) to Wm. Skaggs of Victoria, Texas, the same two lots he deeded to Hudson Greenwood in 1856.

While Harrell does eventually become the owner of Lot 2 in 1857, there is no record that documents how the ownership of Lot 4 was transferred from William Tate to John W. Harrell.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed D/46*

**Lavaca County Deed E/142*

**Lavaca County Deed E/151*

**Lavaca County Deed E/192*

**Lavaca County Deed E/351*

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

BLOCK 12, 1856

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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)

Maryland Jones (Block 12 Lot 5 & 6)

Charles Donoho (Block 12 Lot 7 & 8)

BLOCK 13, 1856

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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.](#)

Daniel & Mary Bellows (Block 13 Lot 1 – 8)

[Link to the Hicks/Bellows Story](#)

BLOCK 14, 1856

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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 – 7)

William Smothers (Block 14 Lot 8)

1856 August 10: Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly to William Smothers

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed D/259*

BLOCK 15, 1856

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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)

BLOCK 16, 1856

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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?](#)
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Rebecca Jones (Block 16 Lot 1)
Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly (Block 16 Lot 2 – 8)

BLOCK 17, 1856

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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?](#)
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John W. Kelly (Block 17 Lot 1 – 8)

BLOCK 18, 1856

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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.

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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, 1856

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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, 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.](#)

Abner K. Foster (Block 19 Lot 1 – 8)

BLOCK 20, 1856

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Block 20 is located east of the Courthouse square and is bordered by Fourth St. on the north, Fifth 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.](#)

Masonic College (Block 20 lot 1 – 8)

FRACTIONAL BLOCK 1, 1856

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Fractional Block 1 is located directly north of Block 13 and is bordered by First St. on

the south, by Fractional Block 2 on the east, and the Lavaca River on the west. On the north is the boundary of the original town tract.

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

FRACTIONAL BLOCK 2, 1856

TO 1856 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, 1856

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Fractional Block 3 is located directly north of Block 5 and is bordered by First St. on the south and LaGrange St. on 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, 1856

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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. on 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, 1856

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Fractional Block 5 is located directly north of Block 17 and is bordered by First St. on the south and Texana St. on 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)