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Albert G. Foster (Block 1 Lot 1, 2, 3, & 5)
Collatinus Ballard (Block 1 Lot 4)
William Smothers (Block 1 Lot 6)
Maurice K. Simons (Block 1 Lot 7) [Link to Simons story](#)

Josiah Dowling & James A. York (Block 1 Lot 8)

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Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/255*

Block 2, 1857

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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.](#)

Collatinus Ballard & John W. Kelly (Block 2 Lot 1 – 7)

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Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/239*

1857 July: A.W. Hicks to Collatinus Ballard and John W. Kelly Lot 2 – 7 Block 2 and Lot 1 – 8 Block 13, tavern stand of Hicks fronting on Main, Second & Third Streets and Block 13 known as the stable stand belonging to said tavern except small fraction of lots on W side of the drain nearby sold to Rogers & Walker.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/235*

1857 November 3: Sheriff sale Lot 1 Block 2 by Sheriff Ed. Davis to Collatinus Ballard and John W. Kelly to satisfy judgement rendered September 1857 against Thomas H. Hawks in favor of John Oldham & W.C. Hollard, executors of Robert Kelly decd. Lavaca County Civil case #525

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/353-4*

Charles C. & William C. Dibrell (Block 2 Lot 8)

1857 July 28: William A. East to Charles C. & William C. Dibrell part of Lot 8 Block 2 adjoining the storehouse now occupied by Dibrells and fronting the public square.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/264*

Block 3, 1857

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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, 1857

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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? Click here to find out.](#)

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, 1857

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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? Click here to find out.](#)

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)

1857 : John W. & Lycette E. Kelly to B.B. Wilkins Lot 6 & 8 in Block 5. If Kelly pays note, then this instrument is null & void. Instrument cancelled September 1858.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed D/298 & D/151*

BLOCK 6, 1857

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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, 1857

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Collatinus Ballard (Block 7 Lot E ½ 1 & E ½ 3)

Walter R. Hinckley (Block 7 Lot W ½ 1 & W ½ 3)

1857 March 28 : Collatinus Ballard to Walter R. Hinckley W ½ Lot 1 & 3 Block 7.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/150*

Hinckley, a tinsmith, had his shop in 1857 on Block 7, on the SW corner of the square. He dealt in stoves, sheet iron, coffee pots, smoothing irons, and the

like. In 1867, when he was living in Wisconsin, he sold the shop to James Ballard.

Reference:

**Free State of Lavaca p. 164-5*

Zachariah N. Hanna (Block 7 Lot 2, 4 and E ½ 6 & 8)
[Link to the Harrell Story](#)

1857 March 18 : John & Elizabeth Harrell to Zachariah N. Hanna Lot 2 & 4 Block 7 known as the Planters Hotel of Harrells together with all houses and appurtenances also furniture, cots, and wares belonging to said Tavern Stand and including the bell belonging to said Tavern.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/142*

1857 June 20 : Josiah Dowling, John W. Kelly and John Harrell to Z.N. Hanna ½ lots being E ½ of Block 7 Lot 6 & 8 fronting on LaGrange St. and being the half lots enclosed and used as a garden by said Hanna and adjacent the lots on which the Planters Hotel is situated.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/222*

Charles C. Dibrell (Block 7 Lot 5, 7 & W ½ 6 & 8)

BLOCK 8, 1857

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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, 1857

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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, 1857

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

1857 Nov. 16 : Martha I. Harmon to John W. Kelly Lot 1 & 2 in Block 10.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/274*

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

Josiah Dowling, John W. Kelly & Wm. Smothers (Block 10 Lot 7)

William Smothers (Block 10 Lot 8)

1857 May 15 : Benjamin & Sarah Hoyt to William Smothers Lot 8 in Block 10.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/191*

BLOCK 11, 1857

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John E. Harrell (Block 11 Lot 1)

1857 March 2: John E. Harrell to Samuel Frion

The document refers to a deed of dissolution of co-partnership between Harrell & Frion dated 28 February 1857 on which date partnership was dissolved. Harrell sells his interest in said lot.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/126*

1857 March 7: Samuel Frion to John E. Harrell Lot 1 Block 11.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/248*

L.W. Staggs/Skaggs (Block 11 Lot 2)

1857 March 30: Josiah Dowling to John E. Harrell

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/151*

1857 October 31: John E. Harrell to L.W. Staggs/Skaggs of Victoria County Lot 2 & 4 in Block 11 except one stall in the SE corner of the stable belonging to William Tate.

Note: At the time of this deed Harrell did own Lot 2 but not Lot 4. Lot 4 Block 11 was owned by William Tate.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/351*

William Tate (Block 11 Lot 3 & 4)

Josiah Dowling & James A. York (Block 11 Lot 5,6,7, & 8)

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BLOCK 12, 1857

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Morehouse Latting (Block 12 Lot 1 – 4)

Maryland Jones (Block 12 Lot 5 & 6)

Charles Donoho (Block 12 Lot 7 & 8)

BLOCK 13, 1857

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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?](#)

Collatinus Ballard & John W. Kelly (Block 13 Lot 1 – 8)

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– 7 Block 2 on which stood the tavern house and appurtenances formerly known as the Hicks Hotel and now the Mansion House along with Lot 1 – 8 Block 13 on which Hicks built the stables belonging to said hotel for cash to A.W. Hicks thru his agent, Collatinus Ballard. The property was purchased for \$50.00 by Hicks plus a credit of \$1,036.00 which was Bellows indebtedness to Hicks.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/239*

1857 June 23: Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly to A.W. Hicks Lot 1 – 8 Block 13.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/237*

1857 July: A.W. Hicks to Collatinus Ballard and John W. Kelly Lot 2 – 7 Block 2 and Lot 1 – 8 Block 13, tavern stand of Hicks fronting on Main, Second & Third Streets and Block 13 known as the stable stand belonging to said tavern except small fraction of lots on W side of the drain nearby sold to Rogers & Walker.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/235*

BLOCK 14, 1857

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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)

1857: William Smothers to C.W. Garrett & Robert Kelly Indenture for 25 feet of property running back the full length of the lot in Lot 8 Block 14. The note released January 29, 1857, and the Smothers retained ownership of the property.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/63*

BLOCK 15, 1857

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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?](#)
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William B. White (Block 15 Lot 1 - 8)

1857 February 23: Sheriff Sale: John McKinney, Sheriff, executed in Lavaca County District Court in favor of E. Neuhaus vs. John W. Harrell and G.W.L. Foley in July, 1856, Lot 1, 2, 5 & 6 in Block 15, sold at public auction, to R.M. Tevis. The Sheriff was given the order by Tevis to make the deed for the property to John W. Harrell

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/109*

1857 February 21: John W. Harrell to William B. White Lot 1, 2, 5 & 6 in Block 15

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/214*

BLOCK 16, 1857

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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)

John W. Kelly (Block 16 Lot 2 , 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8)

1857 September 2: Josiah Dowling to John W. Kelly Lot 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8 Block 16, and other property.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/302*

William B. White (Block 16 Lot 5)

1857 September 3: Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly to William B. White Lot 5 Block 16.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/303*

BLOCK 17, 1857

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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)

BLOCK 18, 1857

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

Collatinus Ballard (Block 18 Lot 1 3, 5 & 7)
Alma Male & Female Institute (Block 18 Lot 2, 4, 6 & 8)

BLOCK 19, 1857

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Abner K. Foster (Block 19 Lot 1 – 8)

BLOCK 20, 1857

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Masonic College (Block 20 lot 1 – 8)

1857 February 12: Agreement between A.K. Foster and B.H. Foster and the building committee of Murchison Masonic College (J.W. Kelly, J.J. Foster, Maryland Jones, B.B. Walker and J.J. Ballard) to contract to build a Masonic Male College. The first and second floors to be used as the school and the third floor to be used as Masonic Hall.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/130*

FRACTIONAL BLOCK 1, 1857

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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, 1857

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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, 1857

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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, 1857

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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, 1857

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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.

John W. Kelly (Fractional Block 5 Lot 8 & 9)

1857: Josiah Dowling to John W. Kelly Lot 8 & 9 Fractional Block 5

*At some point between 1853 and 1857, Wilson Brooks did not pay the promissory note from Lavaca County Deed B/335 dated June 14, 1853, and ownership of the property reverted to Josiah Dowling and John W. Kelly.

Reference:

**Lavaca County Deed E/302*