

## Block 1, 1858

To 1858 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.](#)

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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)**

## Block 2, 1858

To 1858 MAP

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.](#)

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

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

## Block 3, 1858

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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.](#)

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**A.W. Hicks (Block 3 Lot 2, 4, 5 – 8)**

**William Smothers (Block 3 Lot 1 & 3)**

## BLOCK 4, 1858

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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.](#)

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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, 1858

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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.](#)

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**Albert G. Foster (Block 5 Lot 1)**

**J.W. Kelly (Block 5 Lot 2 & 4)**

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1858 May 18 : Collatinus Ballard to J.W. Kelly Lot 2 & 4 in Block 5

***Reference:***

*\*Lavaca County Deed E/545*

John W. Kelly, second only to Ballard in promoting the town's progress and an active sponsor of many civic projects, had his storehouse on the E ½ of Block 5, on the N side of the square. He dealt primarily in dry goods and carried a long stock of ready clothing, hats, shoes and dress goods, but he also stocked stoneware, saddles, stationery and school supplies. Kelly, like Ballard, went bankrupt in 1866.

**Collatinus Ballard (Block 5 Lot 3, 5 & 7)**

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

## BLOCK 6, 1858

[To 1858 MAP](#)

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.](#)

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**Lavaca County Courthouse (Block 6 Lot 1 – 8)**

## BLOCK 7, 1858

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**Collatinus Ballard (Block 7 Lot E  $\frac{1}{2}$  1 & E  $\frac{1}{2}$  3)**

**Walter R. Hinckley (Block 7 Lot W  $\frac{1}{2}$  1 & W  $\frac{1}{2}$  3)**

**Morehouse Latting (Block 7 Lot 2, 4 and E  $\frac{1}{2}$  6 & 8)**

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1858 January 21 : Z.N. & E.L. Hanna to Morehouse Latting Lot 2, 4 and E  $\frac{1}{2}$  6 & 8 being lot on which the Hanna House hotel and appurtenances are situated.

***Reference:***

*\*Lavaca County Deed E/413*

Hanna House was sold to Morehouse Latting. Latting, a native of New York, opated the hotel in 1863. The premises were enlarged to include a livery stable across the street. It was later known as the Planter's Hotel.

**[Link to the Harrell Story](#)**

**Charles C. Dibrell (Block 7 Lot 5, 7 & W  $\frac{1}{2}$  6 & 8)**

## BLOCK 8, 1858

To 1858 MAP

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.](#)

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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, 1858

To 1858 MAP

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.](#)

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

## BLOCK 10, 1858

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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.](#)

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

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

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

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1858 December 10: Wm. Smothers to Thomas J. Nolen Lot 7 in Block 10.

**Reference:**

*\*Lavaca County Deed E/653*

Note: This deed was for security on a note and the property remained in the possession of Smothers until 1860 when the property was sold in sheriff's sale relating to the note.

**William Smothers (Block 10 Lot 8)**

## BLOCK 11, 1858

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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.

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**John Harrell (Block 11 Lot 1)**

**L.W. Skaggs (Block 11 Lot 2)**

**William Tate (Block 11 Lot 3)**

**L.W. Skaggs (Block 11 Lot 4). William Tate (Block 11 Lot 4: one stall in SE corner of stable)**

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

## BLOCK 12, 1858

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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.

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**Wm. C. Dibrell (Block 12 Lot 1 – 4)**

1858 January 21: Morehouse Latting to Z.N. Hanna Block 12 Lot 1 - 4

**Reference:**

*Lavaca County Deed E/412*

1858 September 23: Z.N. Hanna to Wm. C. Dibrell Block 12 Lot 1 – 4

**Reference:**

*Lavaca County Deed E/588*

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**Maryland Jones (Block 12 Lot 5 & 6)**

**Charles Donoho (Block 12 Lot 7 & 8)**

**BLOCK 13, 1858**

TO 1858 MAP

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)**

**BLOCK 14, 1858**

TO 1858 MAP

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.](#)

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**Lavaca County Jail (Block 14 Lot 1)**

**Josiah Dowling & John W. Kelly (Block 14 Lot 2 – 7)**

**William Smothers (Block 14 Lot 8)**

**BLOCK 15, 1858**

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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.](#)

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

**Joseph J. Ballard & Volney Ellis (Block 15 Lot 1, 2, 5 & 6)**

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1858 January 1: W.B. & Elizabeth White to Elizabeth Rice for \$1600.00 owed to Rice Block 15 Lot 1 – 8 and Block 16 Lot 5

**Reference:**

*Lavaca County Deed E/415*

*\*Note: While in deed E/415 White did sell Lot 1 – 8 in Block 15 to Elizabeth Rice, the actual ownership of the four lots (Lot 1, 2, 5 & 6) White received in a deed (E/214) from John W. Harrell dated February 21, 1857, came into question.*

*In September 1858, a civil case was brought against White by A.W. Searcy who was the holder of the promissory note from White to Harrell for the purchase of Lots 1,2,5 & 6 in Block 15 in 1857.*

**Reference:**

*\*Lavaca Count District Court Case 642*

*The District Court of Lavaca County ruled against White and in favor of Searcy. The court ordered the property sold to satisfy the judgment and on November 2, 1858, Sheriff A.G. Nolen sold all of White's interest in the four lots to Searcy.*

**Reference:**

*\*Lavaca County Deed E/610*

On the very same day, November 2, 1858, A.W. Searcy sold the Lot 1,2,5 & 6 in Block 15 to Joseph J. Ballard and Volney Ellis.

**Reference:**

*\*Lavaca County Deed E/611*

*Note: Elizabeth Rice did retain ownership of Block 15 Lot 3, 4, 7 & 8 in Block 15. On April 3, 1862, she sold Lot 3, 4, 7 & 8 in Block 15 to W.B. White.*

**Reference:**

*\*Lavaca County Deed H/188*

**BLOCK 16, 1858**

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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.](#)

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**Rebecca Jones (Block 16 Lot 1)**  
**John W. Kelly (Block 16 Lot 2 , 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8)**

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**Elizabeth Rice (Block 16 Lot 5)**

1858 January 1: William B. White to Elizabeth Rice Lot 5 Block 16.

***Reference:***

*\*Lavaca County Deed E/415*

## BLOCK 17, 1858

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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.](#)

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**John W. Kelly (Block 17 Lot 1 – 8)**

## BLOCK 18, 1858

### To 1858 MAP

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.](#)

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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, 1858

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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.](#)

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**Abner K. Foster (Block 19 Lot 1 – 8)**

## BLOCK 20, 1858

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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.](#)

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**Masonic College (Block 20 lot 1 – 8)**

1858 December 18: W.W. Boyce for Murchinson Lodge to A.K. Foster.  
The first and second floors of the Murchinson Lodge building but retained title to the third floor. After Foster had completed the building, the Lodge had defaulted on its payments.

***Reference:***

*Lavaca County Deed E/662*

## FRACTIONAL BLOCK 1, 1858

To 1858 MAP

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, 1858

TO 1858 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.

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**Collatinus Ballard (Fractional Block 2 Lot 2 & 3)**

## FRACTIONAL BLOCK 3, 1858

TO 1858 MAP

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.

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

## FRACTIONAL BLOCK 4, 1858

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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.

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

## FRACTIONAL BLOCK 5, 1858

### TO 1858 MAP

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.

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