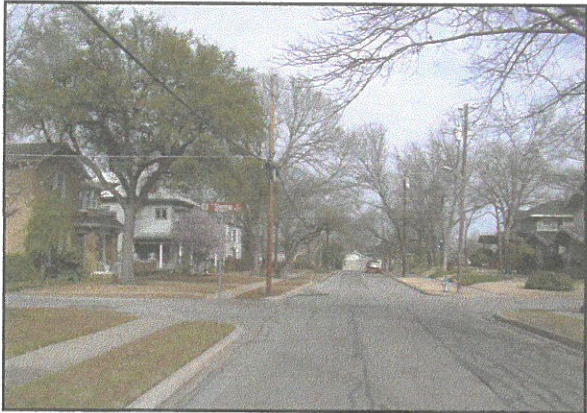


Neighborhood Context (2018)

510 Tucker Street neighborhood context



View looking East on Tucker Street

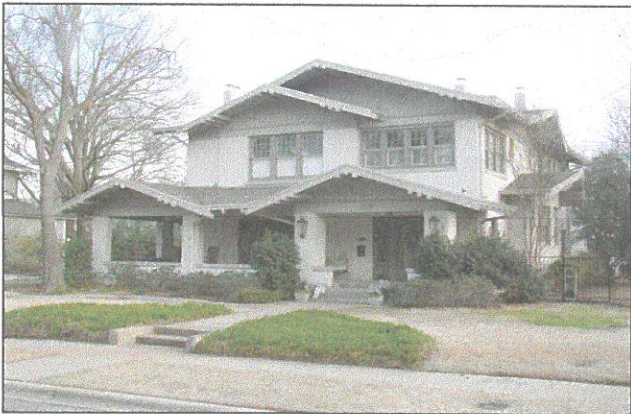


View looking West on Tucker Street

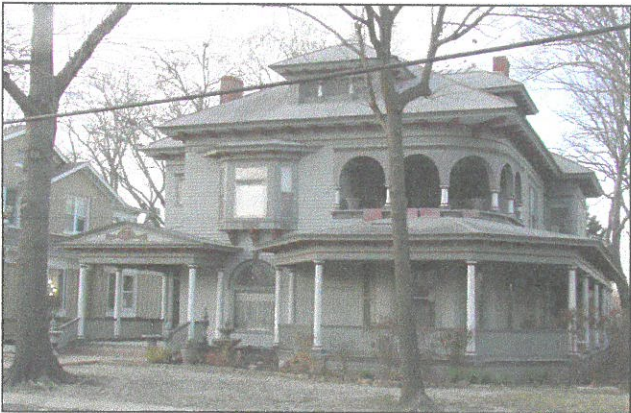
Homes near 510 Tucker Street



503 Tucker Street



509 Tucker Street



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Banks of McKinney

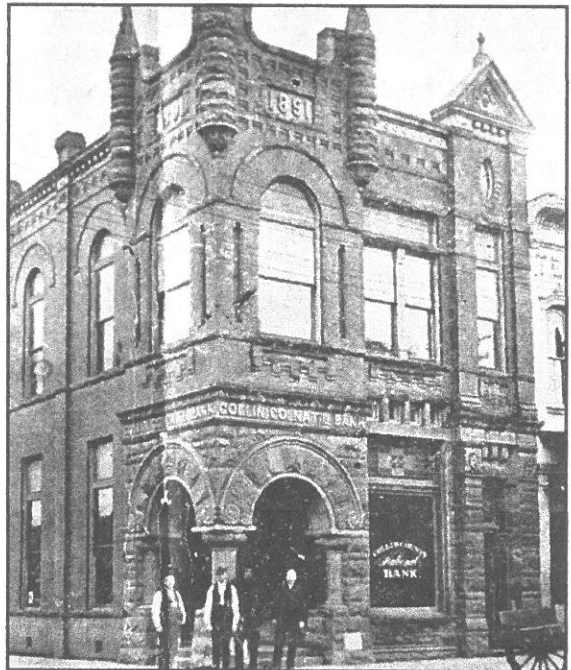
In McKinney's early years, a few wealthy individuals opened private banking firms to loan money to farmers and entrepreneurs. Irish-borne Francis Emerson was one of the first. In 1872, he began doing business as Emerson & Company on the west side of the Square. The arrival of rail lines in 1882 boosted economic activity and demand for borrowing followed. In order to meet this growing demand, Mr. Emerson solicited and acquired stockholders and nationalized his enterprise as the **First National Bank of McKinney**. The bank operated in the building now occupied by Snug on the Square. The bank later moved from Kentucky Street to a newly constructed Neo-Classical building on the east side of the Square in 1915. In 1932, the Collin County National Bank purchased the First National Bank and moved into the building on Tennessee Street. Some of the founders associated with the FNB include: Francis Emerson, T.T. Emerson, T.H. Emerson, John L. Lovejoy, and C.H. Welch. Newton Burkett began working for the FNB in 1925 and stayed on when the CCNB bought it.

Another private firm to emerge as a bank was the **Collin County National Bank**. It organized as a bank in 1881 but did not nationalize until after its competitor. Even so, it is often cited as McKinney's first bank. The bank first operated on Louisiana Street just east of the Square but in 1891 moved into the Richardsonian Romanesque building that once stood on the south-west corner of the intersection at Tennessee and Louisiana Street. Some of the founders associated with this bank include: I.D. Newsome, G.A. Foote, W.L. Boyd, Z.E. Ranney, W.A. Rhea, J.A. Aston, H.M. Markham, J.W. Throckmorton, and T.B. Wilson.

The third bank to open in McKinney was the Continental Bank and Trust Company of McKinney in 1906, a subsidiary of a Fort Worth bank. In 1909, a local group acquired the assets and changed the name to the Continental State Bank. The name changed again in 1920 to the Central State Bank. The bank received a new charter in 1934 and changed the name to the **Central National Bank**. The original bank operated in the Estes Building (currently the Little Red Hen). In 1918, the bank moved to a newly constructed building which replaced a building that collapsed on the site in 1913 killing eight people. Some of the organizers who purchased the bank in 1909 include: T.B. Wilson, James W. Field, Jesse Atkinson, Lee Elliott, F.E. Wilcox, and John H. Ferguson.



First National Bank



Collin County National Bank

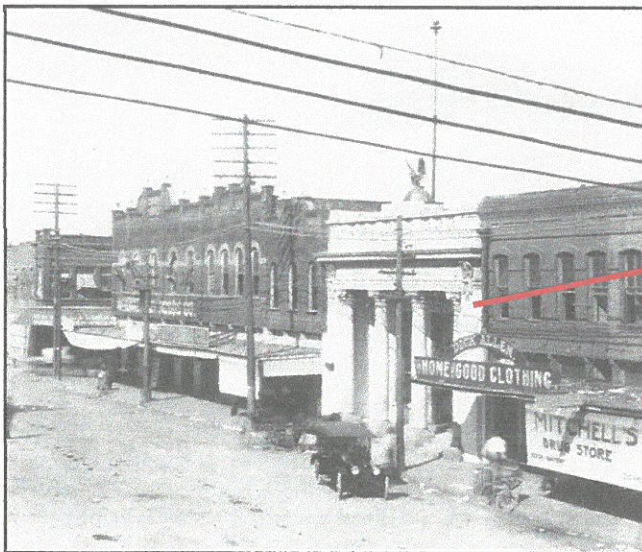


Central National Bank

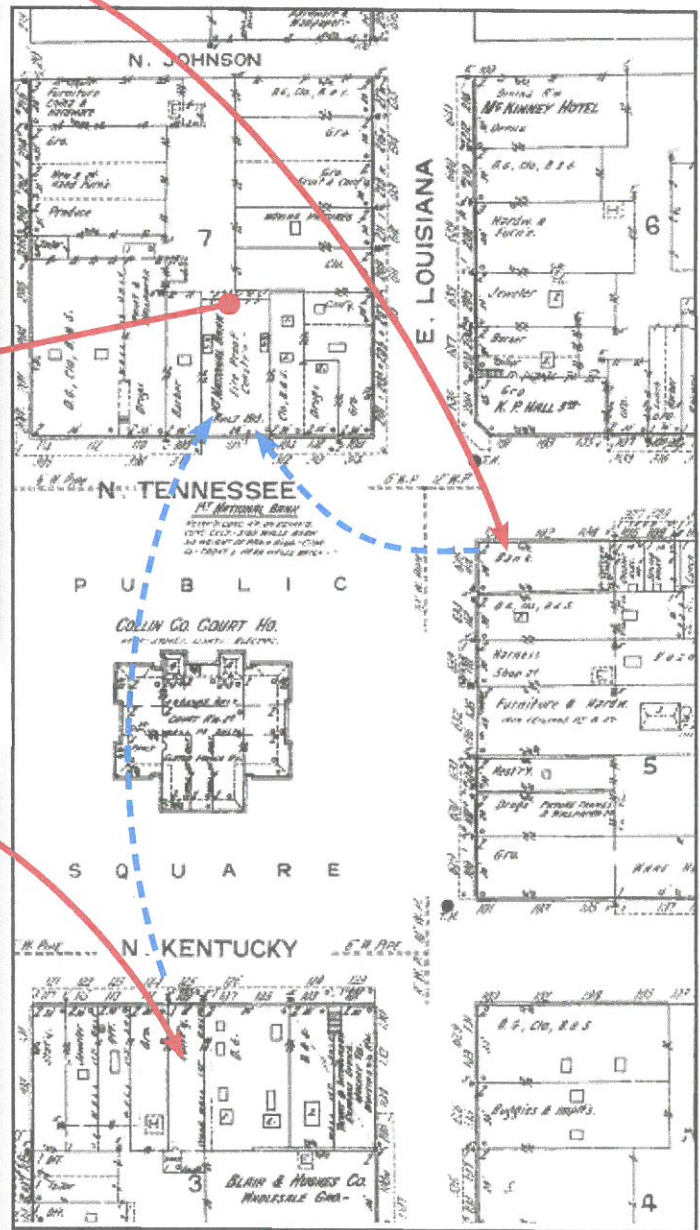


Collin County National Bank, Est. 1881

The **First National Bank**, of which J.H. Merrit was president (1929-1932), began on the west side of the Square but moved to the Neo-Classical building on the east side in 1915. The **Collin County National Bank**, of which H.H. White was the asst. cashier (1890-1911), began in 1881 in a Richardsonian-style building which was subsequently demolished when the bank bought out and moved its operations to the First National Bank building in 1932. In 1956, the bank moved two blocks north on Tennessee Street into the building that is now the home of the McKinney City Hall.



First National Bank, 1915-1932
Collin County National Bank, 1932-1956



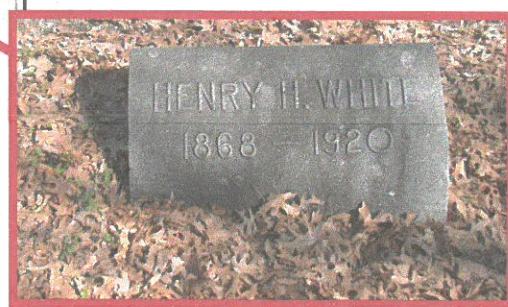
First National Bank, Est. 1882

Pecan Grove Cemetery

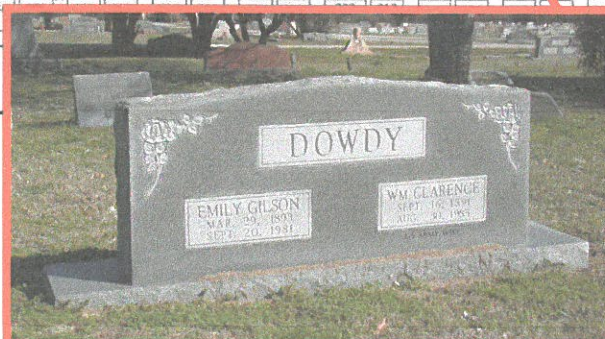
This map of Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney shows the final resting places of the families of Henry H. White, James H. Merritt and W. Clarence Dowdy.



James H. Merritt (1881-1949)
Rosabel (Hynds) Merritt (1882-1951)



Henry H. White (1868-1920)



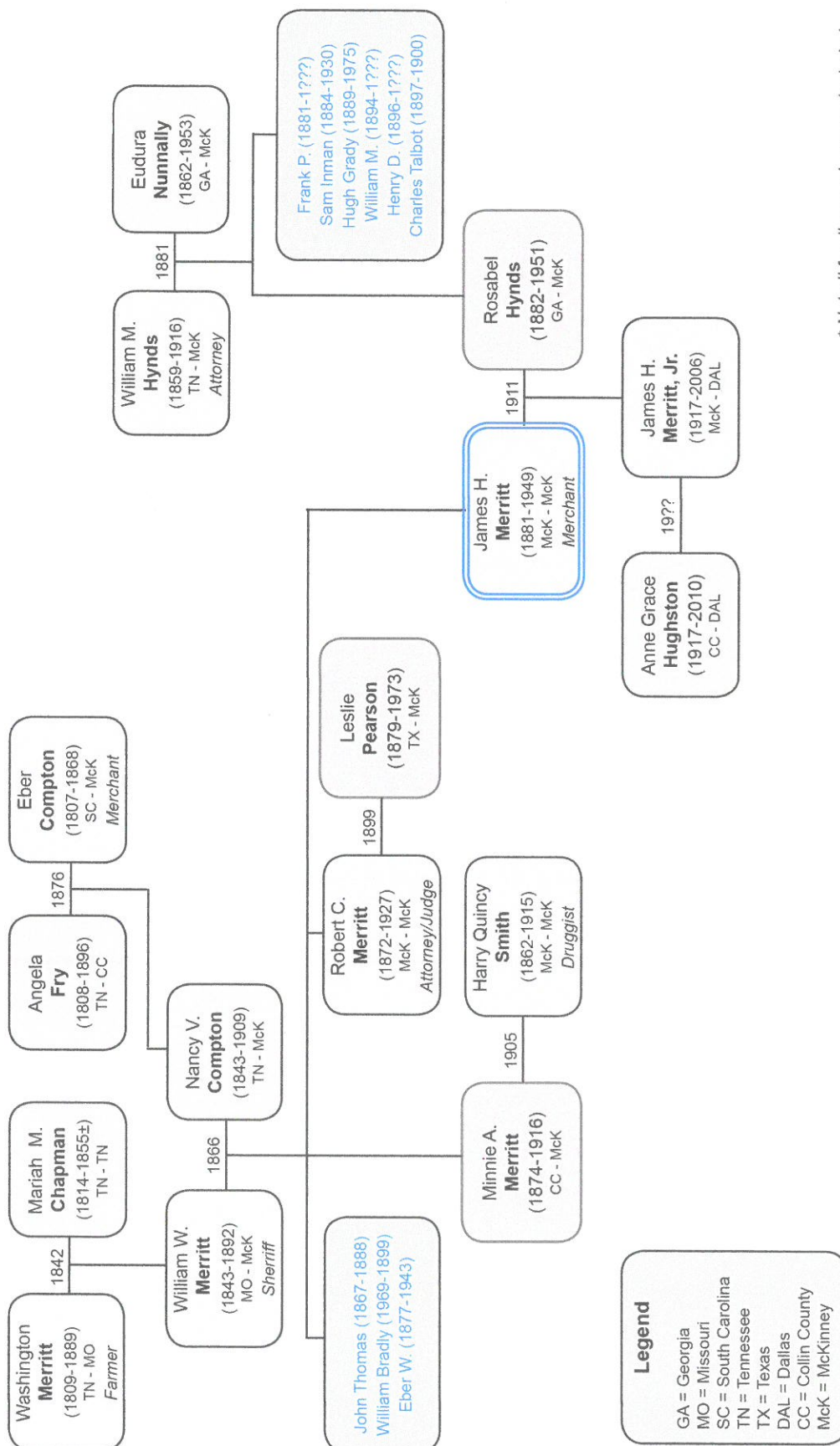
William Clarence Dowdy, Sr. (1891-1985)
Emily (Gilson) Dowdy (1893-1981)



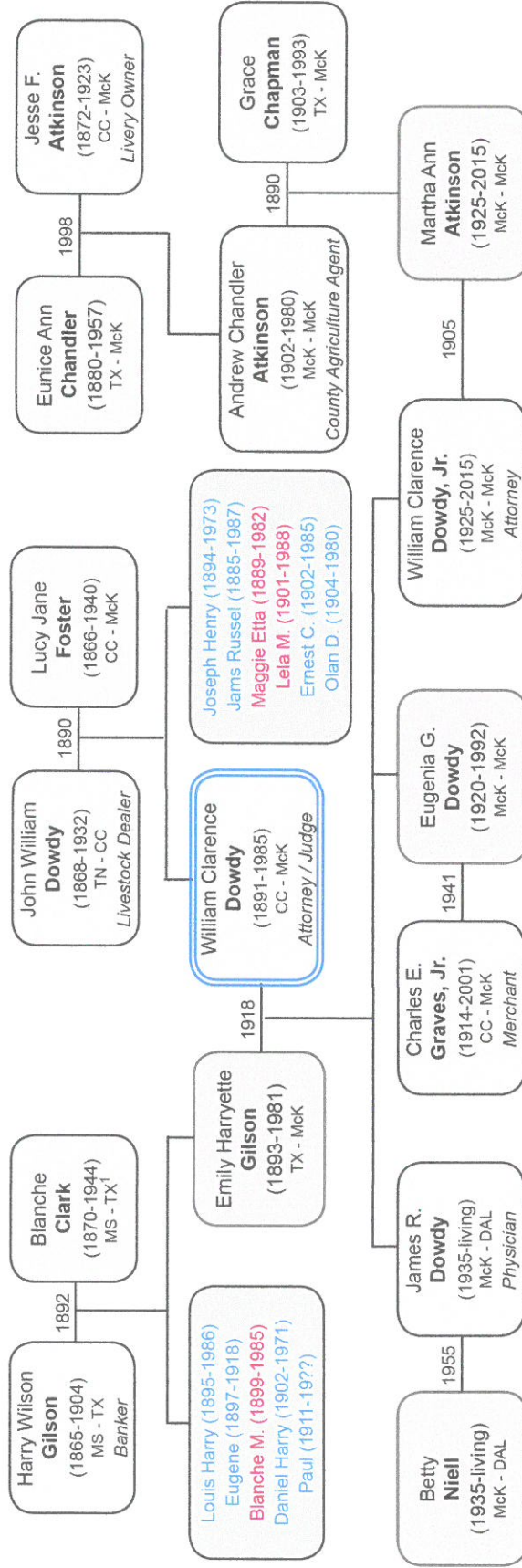
William Clarence Dowdy, Jr. (1925-2012)
Ann (Atkinson) Dowdy (1925-2015)

H. Additional Information

Merritt Family of Early McKinney*



Dowdy Family of Early McKinney*



Legend
 MS = Mississippi
 TN = Tennessee
 TX = Texas
 DAL = Dallas
 CC = Collin County
 McK = McKinney

* Not all family members are included.
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