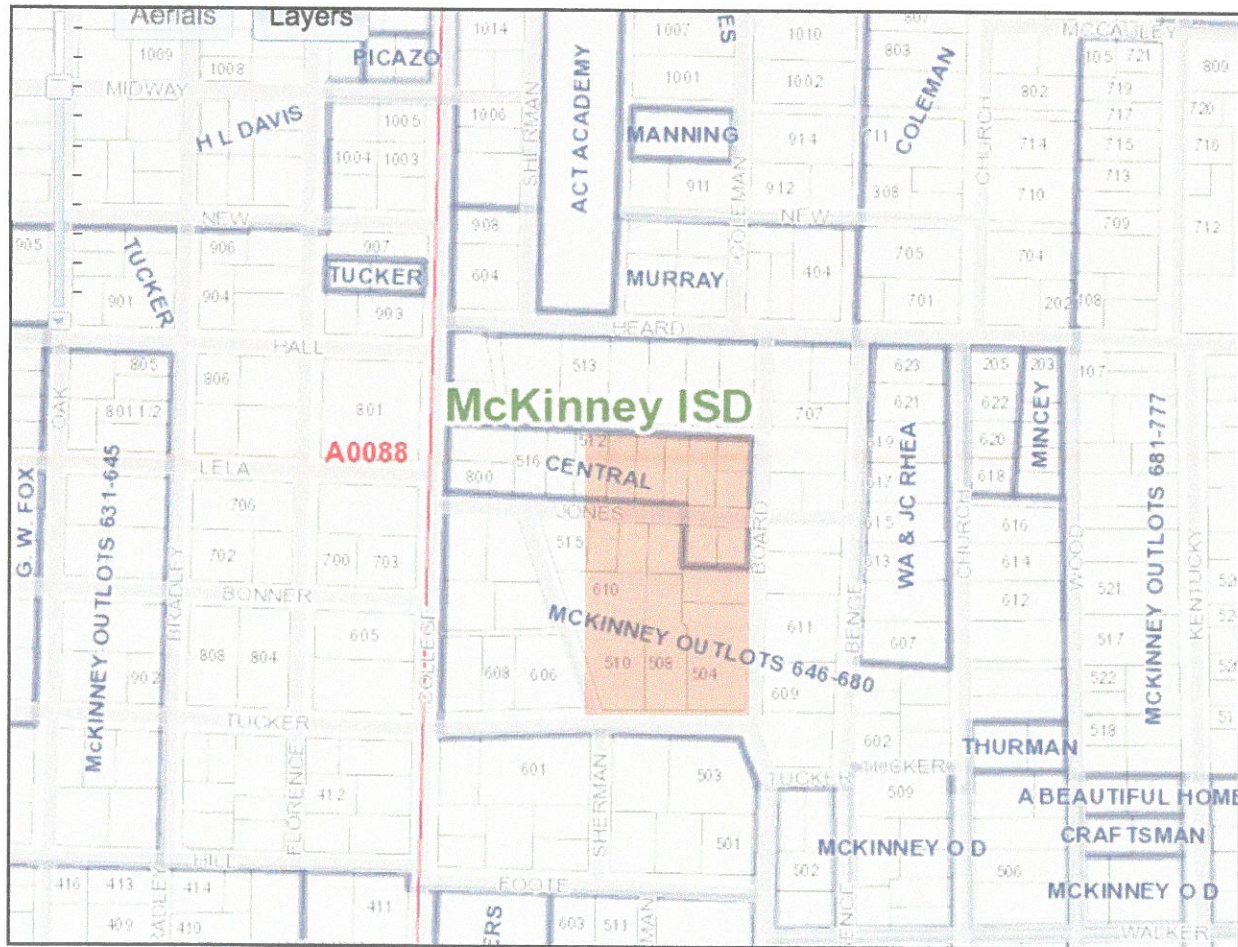


# The Margaret Davis Settlement

In 1848, the State Legislature passed a law that required the county seat of Collin County to be located within 3 miles of the county's geographical center. That law was a blow to the town of Buckner which was the de facto seat before the law was passed. Buckner was outside the legally proscribed area so a new location for the Seat needed to be chosen. A new site was chosen in a local election which placed the Seat on property owned by William Davis.

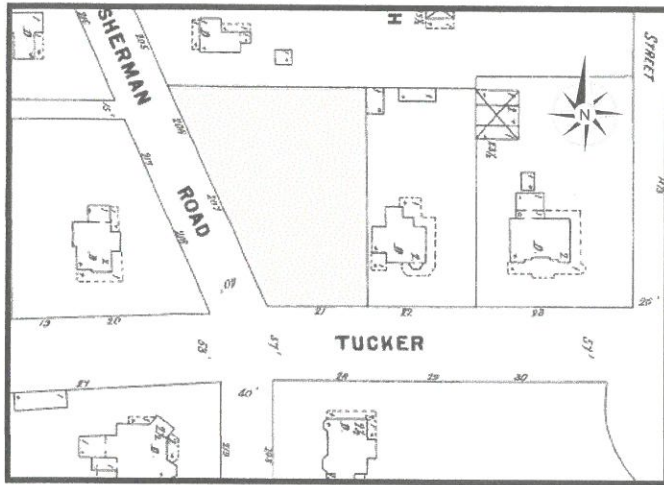
In 1849, Mr. Davis and his wife Margaret "donated" 120 acres of his 3,129 acre tract to become the town of McKinney. As consideration, he received deeds to three of the new city lots. Despite being one of the County's largest land owners, Mr. Davis abandoned his wife and child and traveled to California in search of gold. In 1854, Margaret applied to the Collin County District Court for an order of sale of some of the Davis tract to help pay for the support of herself and her young son. The application was granted permitting the sale of about 4 acres of land northwest of town. Sheriff J.H. Lovejoy presided over the auction of the parcel which was sold to Joseph B. Wilmeth for his high bid of \$100.

The highlighted area in the map below shows the approximate location of the 4-acre parcel that was set aside for sale super-imposed over the current Collin County Appraisal District subdivision map.

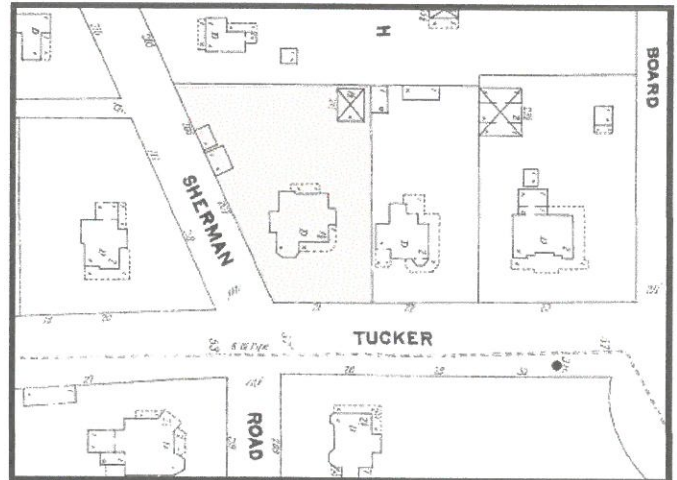


# Sanborn Maps: 1897 & 1927

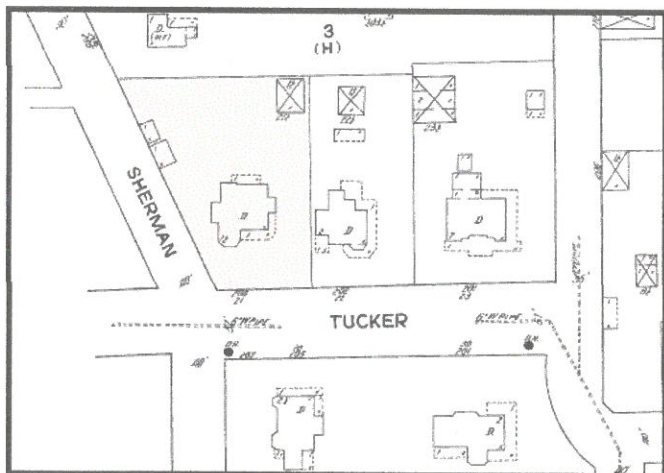
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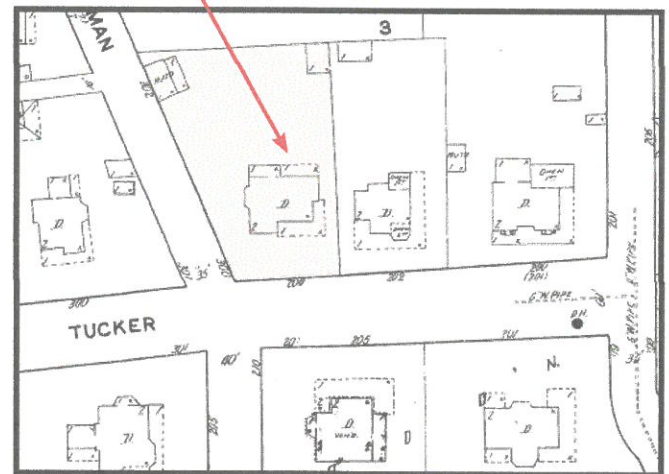


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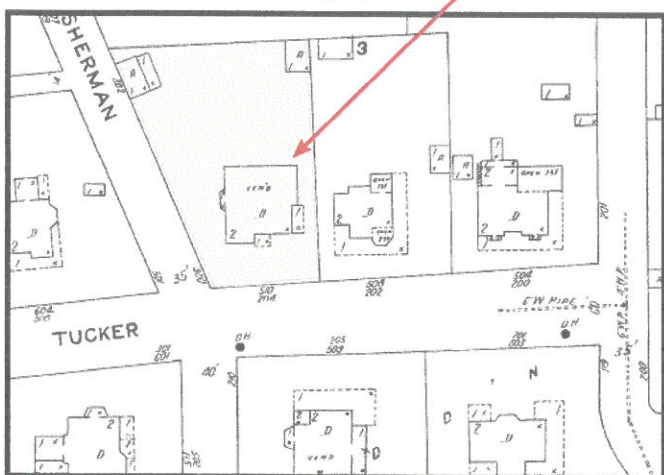
*first remodel - 1915*

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*second remodel - 1923*

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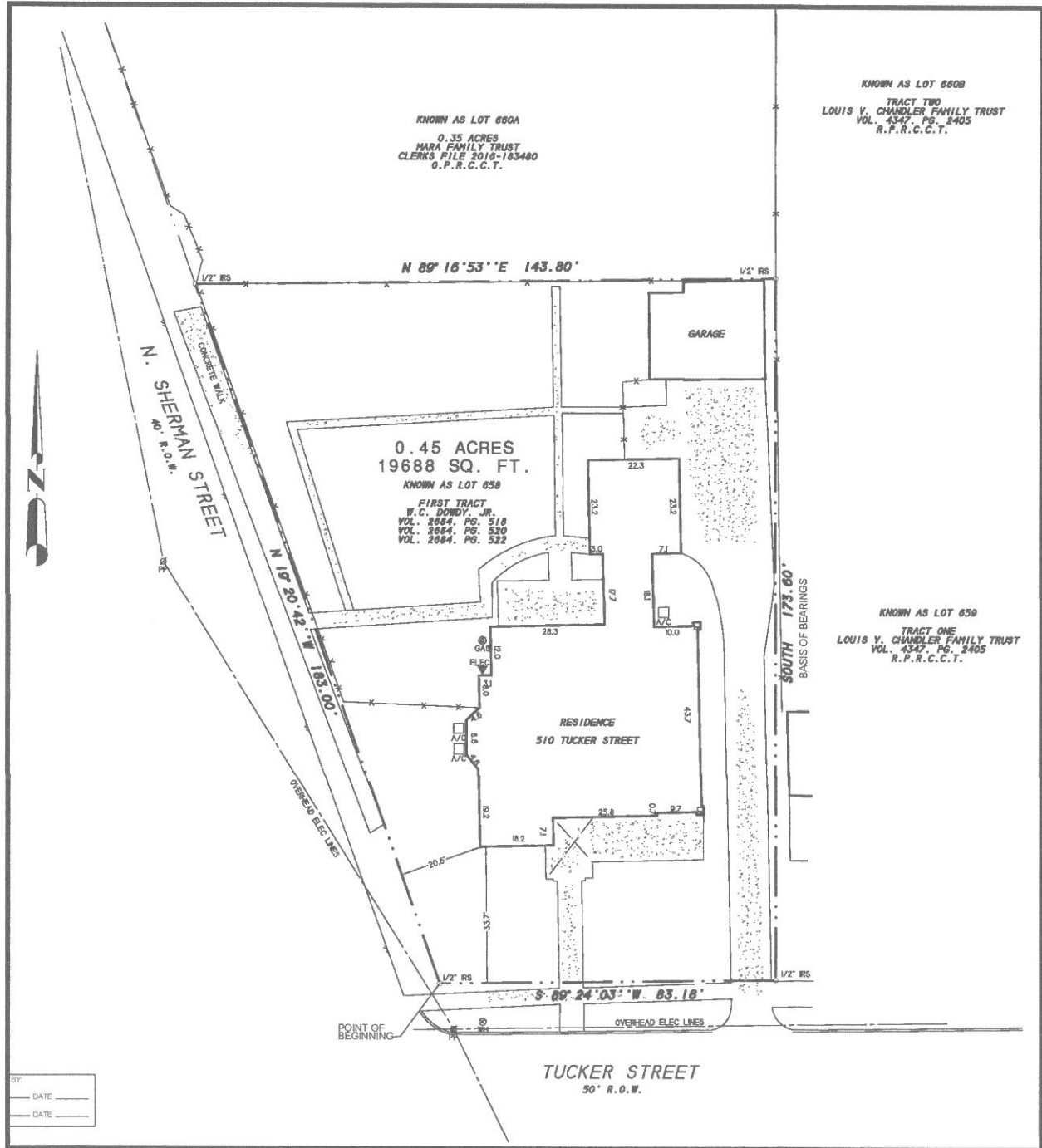
*These Sanborn Insurance maps show the evolution of the property at 510 Tucker Street. The 1902 map is the first to show a structure on the property. The 1920 map indicates the changes J.H. Merritt made in 1915. The 1927 map shows the changes he made in 1923 when he had the house sheathed in brick.*



The map above shows the neighborhood around 510 Tucker Street. The aerial photo below shows the immediate neighborhood at the intersection of North Sherman and Tucker Streets.



# Site Plan for 510 Tucker Street (2016)

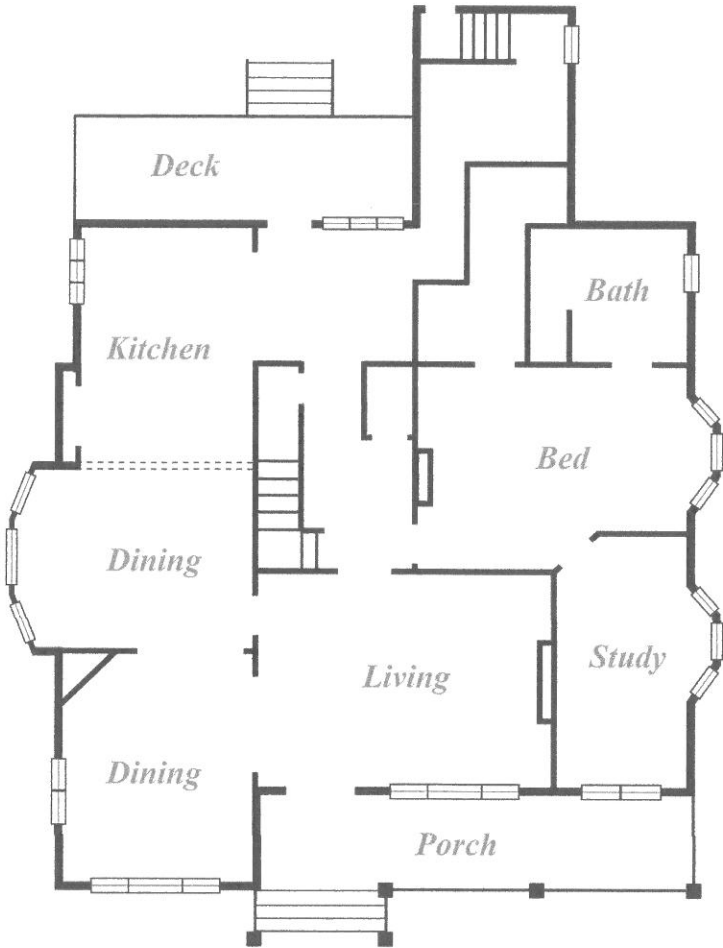


Legal Description: McKinney Outlots. Lot 658

# Floor Plan

This plan shows the Merritt House as it currently exists.

First Floor



Second Floor

