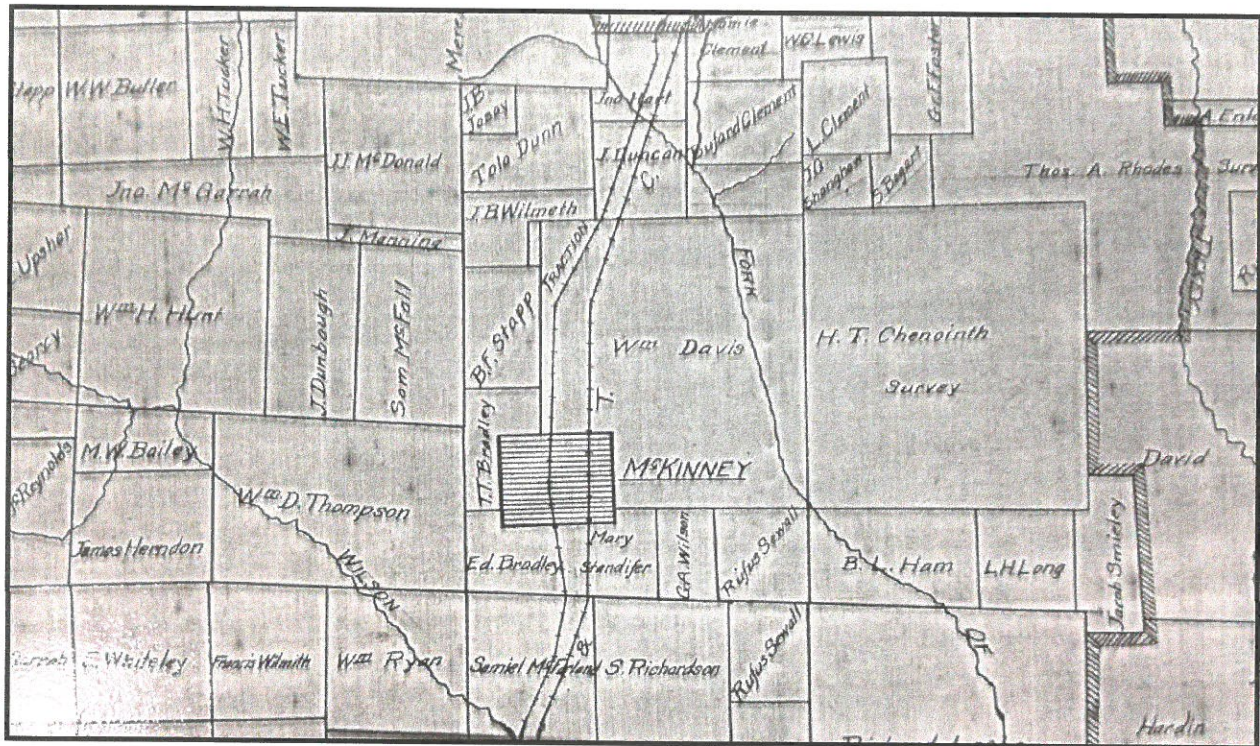


## F. Drawings

### William Davis Headright

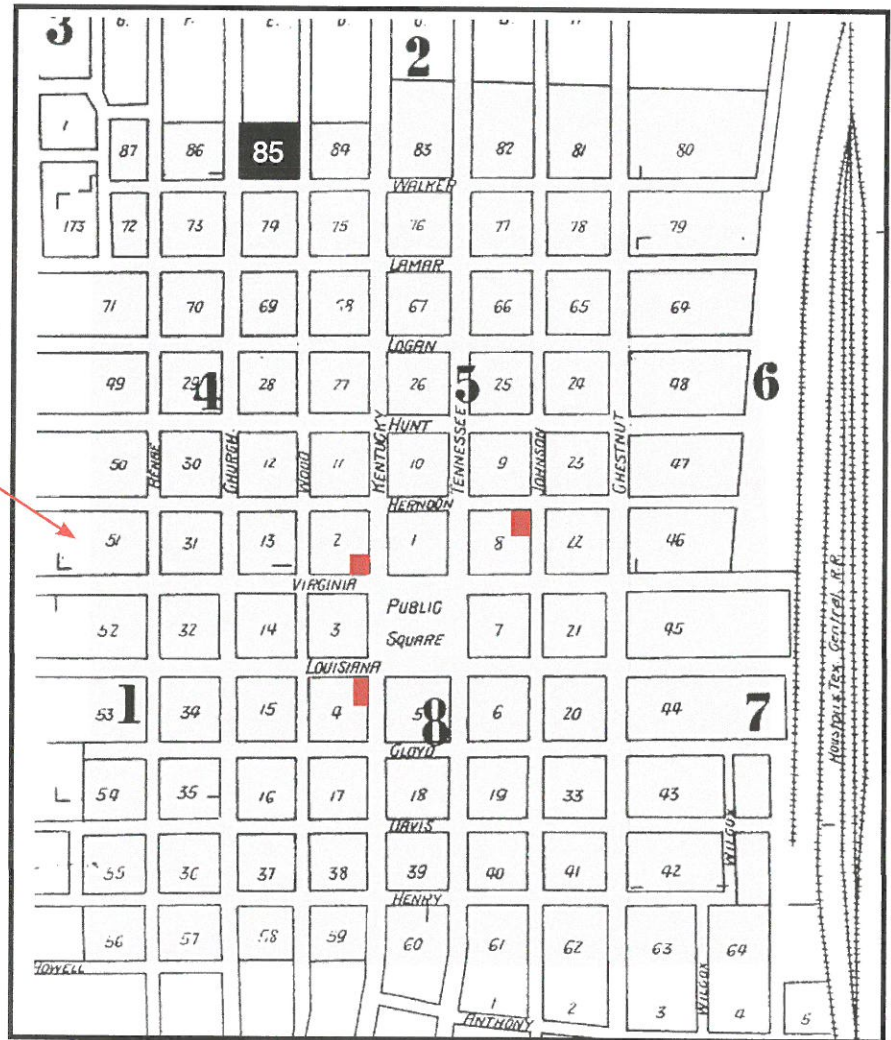


When Texas became a republic, it granted land to participants in the battle for independence. There were several classes of grants available depending on when a person arrived in Texas and if they were married. Generally, a married man who was in Texas before March 2, 1836 would be eligible for a First Class Headright grant of one league and one labor of land (4,605 acres). A single man could get 1/3 of a league and one labor.

William Davis was granted 2/3 of a league and a labor of land in 1841. This type of grant did not fit any of the regular headright classes at the time and suggests that William Davis (who was single at the time) was granted an augmentation based on some unique performance associate with his contribution to Texas independence.

This grant became known as the Davis Survey and amounted to 3,129 acres which encompassed the site chosen to be the County Seat of Collin County. William Davis donated 120 acres of his land to the County commissioners to be used to create the town of McKinney. The legal description of properties which were a part of this donation include the words "McKinney Original Donation."

The eastern end of Lot 51 of the original donation of land by William Davis became the site of the K.D. Thompson House.



In 1849, William Davis and his wife Margaret donated 120 acres of his 3,129 acre headright grant to become McKinney, the new Collin County seat. Commissioners J.B. Wilmeth, J.M. McReynolds, and John Fitzhugh instructed George White and Ethelred Whitely to lay out the new town. Mr. Davis' donation was divided into 87 blocks and became known as the McKinney Original Donation (shown in shaded area). The commissioners "paid" Davis by allowing him to have title to three lots within the donation. These lots are highlighted in red in the above map.

Each acre here per acre



Magnets No. 6. 8.

By a decree of the district court of N. county

Republic of Texas  
County of Harrison Survey for William Davis of 31298 acres of land situate in the East Part of Township 33 North Range 12 East of the East Part of County being part of the quantity he is entitled to receive of a certificate

no issue on the day of

the district court of N. county

Beginning at a stake in prairie a Beacon bearing S 11 W 10 Varas marked W B thence

East 1053 Varas to the South West corner of John Duncans Survey thence a long his South boundary line 2421

Varas to the South East corner of the same survey

2648 Varas <sup>with East Part</sup> crossing creek 3160 Varas prairie

4203 Varas det a stake a long Elm bearing West 12 Varas marked W B thence

South 1187 Varas cross a spring bearing of the same creek 2756 Varas thence by a long bearing

the East Part of the same

1203 Varas to a small ash an other ash bearing N 61 W 5 Varas marked W B thence

West 2970 Varas upon prairie 4203 Varas det a stake a long forked cotton wood bearing E 120 Varas marked W B thence

North 4203 Varas thence prairie to the Beginning Survey on the 28 day of Sept 1841

John Duncans } Soil to Fuller  
John Cart } sworn chain carrier } Dept S. F. C.

I do solemnly declare under the Oath of my office that the foregoing Survey was made according to Law and that the Line Bearings and Courses with the marks natural are truly described in the above plat and field notes and that the Survey was made as above dated also 5 Lots of small Lands and the balance between Lands called Fuller

This is a portion of the document that granted William Davis his headright in 1841.