

APPENDIX 1

LITTLE EGYPT FROM THE AIR



FIGURE 1. In this 1930 City of Dallas aerial photo, the land surrounding Little Egypt is seen as cultivated fields and agricultural structures. The Hill property is the bounded area indicated by the arrows. North is the top edge of the photo.



FIGURE 2. A close-up of the Hill property in the Figure 1 survey photo. Northwest Highway is the major road that runs across the bottom of the picture. What will become Ferndale Road is indicated with the blue arrow, Thurgood Lane by the yellow one. The Egypt school is probably the small structure indicated by the red arrow, although it was moved north of Northwest Highway somewhere around the time this photo was taken.



FIGURE 3. Little Egypt in 1949. At this point, the southernmost portion of the community below Northwest Highway was still being farmed, probably by a member of the Hill family. Only two years later, the landscape would begin to radically change within Egypt.

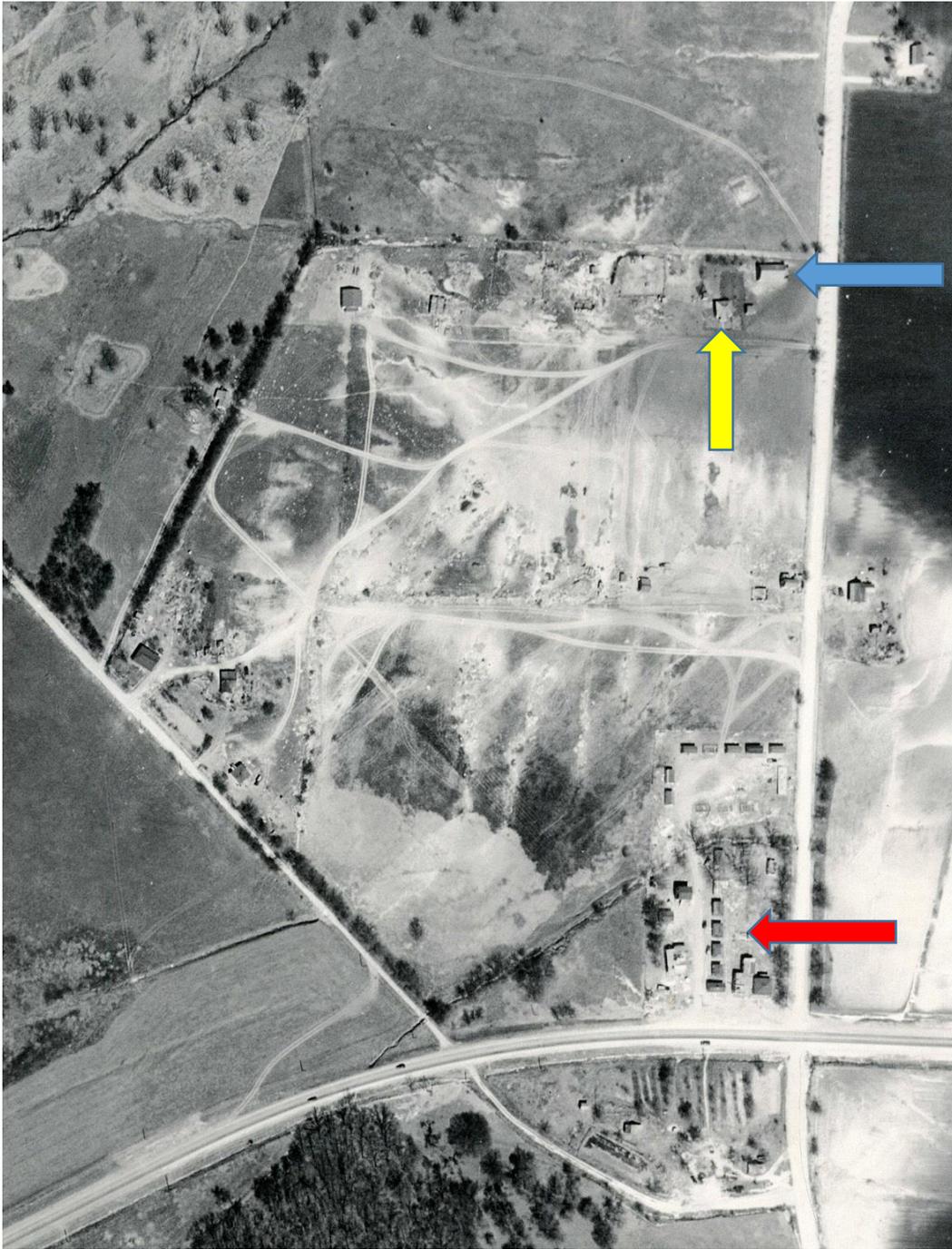


FIGURE 4. This 1951 agricultural survey map shows the accelerating growth of the Egypt's development. The red arrow indicates the location of the North Loop Motel, and possibly a dance hall. The newly constructed brick church building of the Egypt Chapel Baptist Church is indicated by the blue arrow. The new home of Commodore Hill, one of Jeff's sons, is indicated by the yellow arrow, and there are additional houses in the settlement. The surrounding landscape is still largely farmland, but that would soon change dramatically.

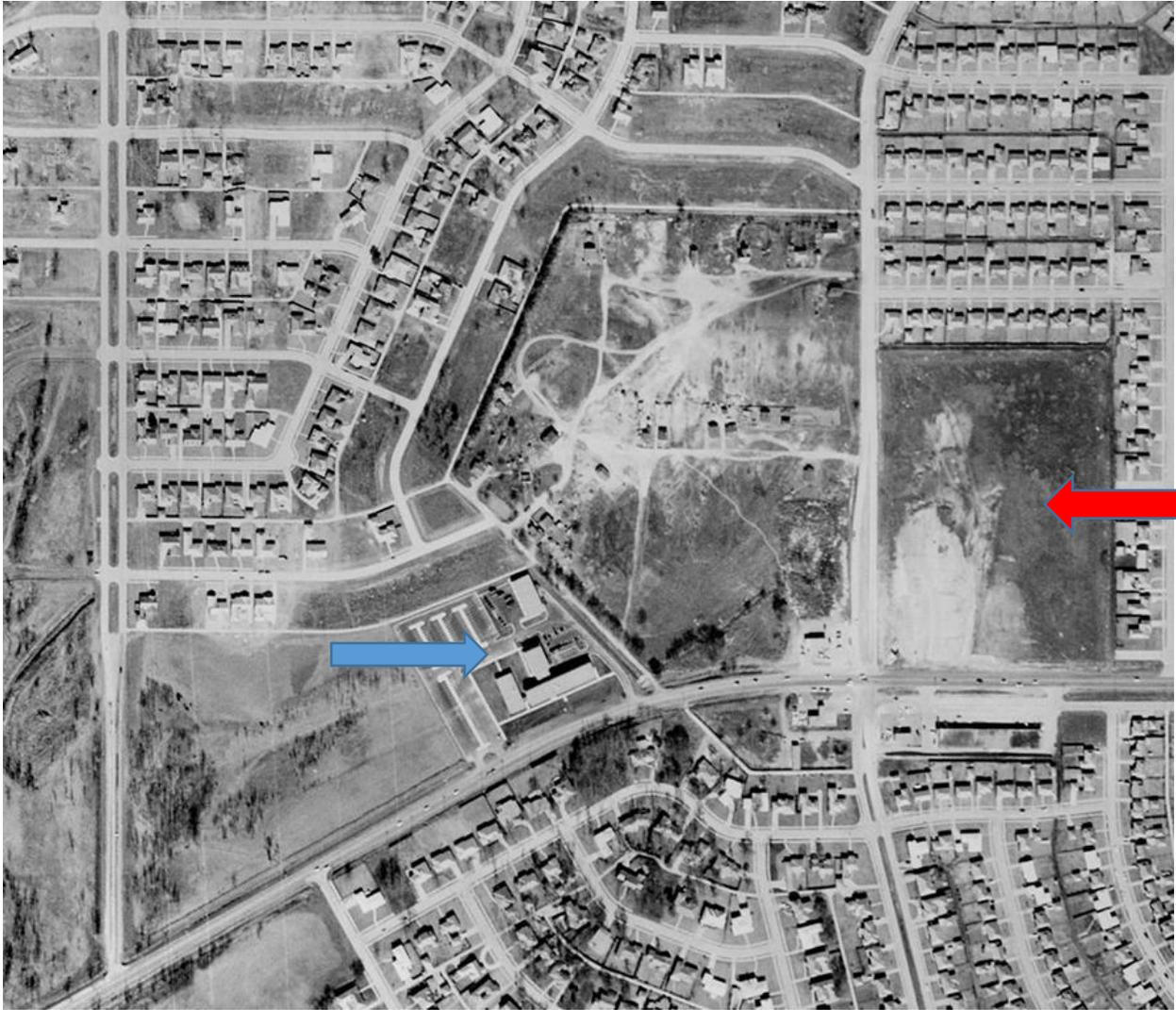


FIGURE 5. Little Egypt, 1959. In the space of eight years, the press of suburban Lake Highlands had obliterated the surrounding farmland, and was hemming in Egypt from all sides. Commercial interests, as well as government buildings, likewise crowded Egypt's margins. Ground for the upcoming construction of North Lake Shopping Center is indicated by the red arrow. The newly-constructed Army Reserve facility is indicated by the blue arrow. The southern end of Egypt below Northwest Highway are already being taken over by small business structures.

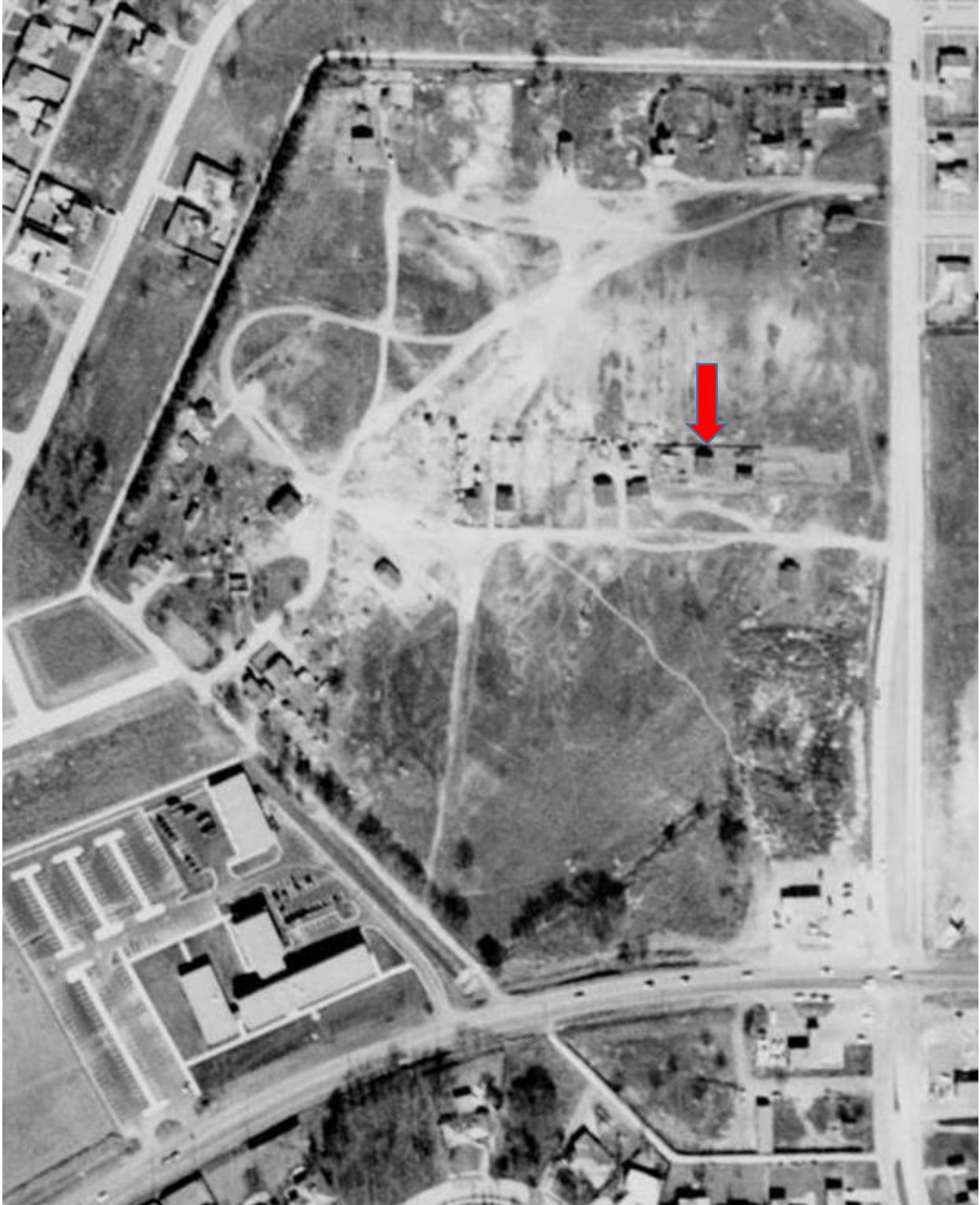


FIGURE 6. This close-up of Figure 5 shows the growth of not only Egypt's neighbors, but also internal growth, with land in the center of the settlement now containing houses, including Jeff Hill's son, William, indicated here by the red arrow. In the 1951 photo it was the lone house in that section of the settlement, but now it is surrounded by a row of neighbors.



FIGURE 7. Little Egypt in 1962. Taken a few months before its demise, Egypt contains some 18-28 families in 18 houses. The new North Lake Shopping Center can be seen across Ferndale from the settlement, with Vick's cafeteria indicated with the red arrow, and Aldwick and Lanshire Drives to the west and north of the Egypt respectively, lined with new homes.

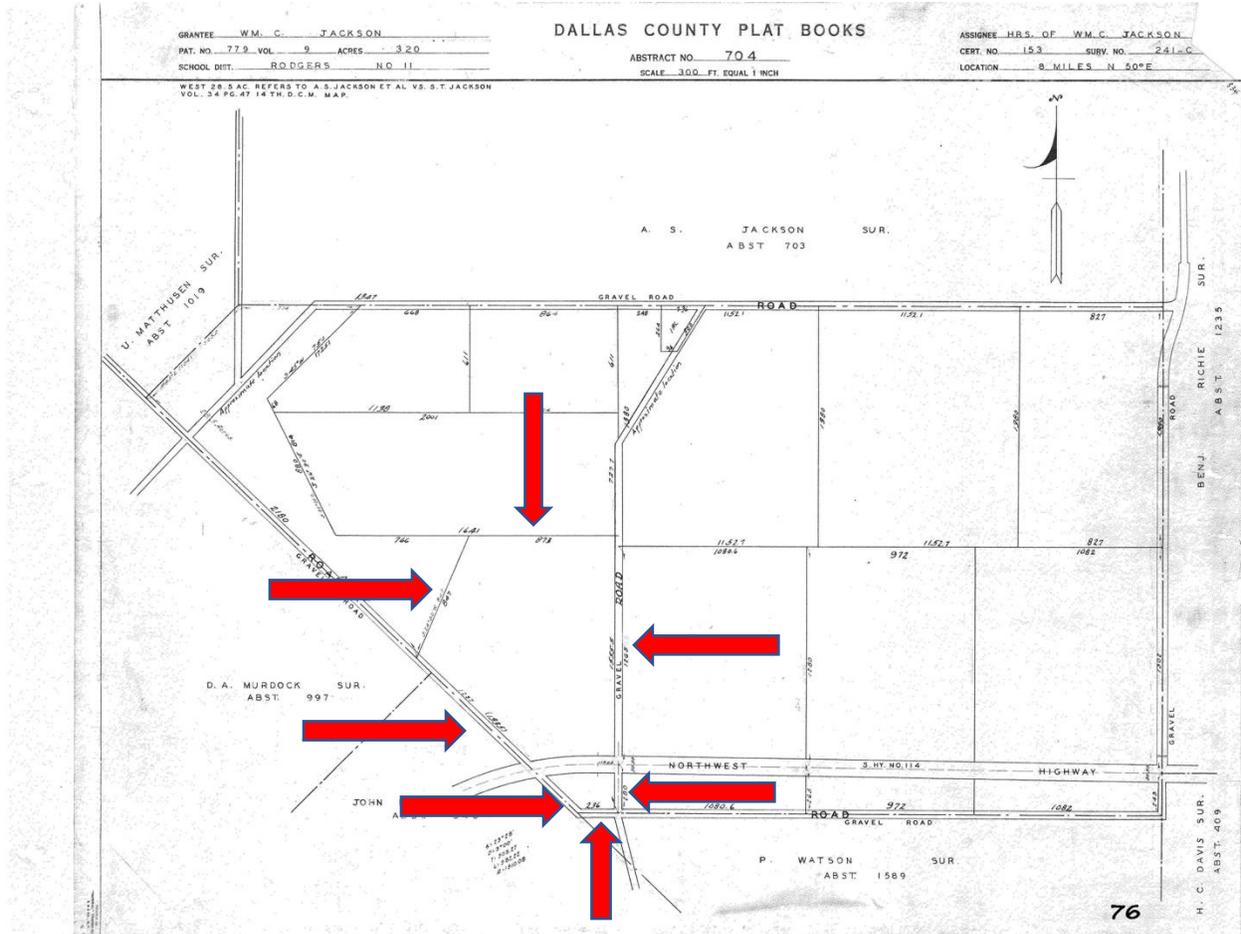


FIGURE 2. The original plat containing the 30-acre parcel that will become Little Egypt. Boundaries are indicated with the red arrows.

APPENDIX 3

A HOME IN LITTLE EGYPT: THE McCOY HOUSE



FIGURE 1. As the Little Egypt Project began to reconstruct the settlement and identify the location and evolution over time of dwellings and other structures in the community, aerial maps became one of the most useful tools, and a true window on the past. In this example, the 1962 aerial survey map was divided into grids for the detailed study of specific sectors of the community under more enlarged views. Figure 2 to follow is an example, in this case, of grid number 3.

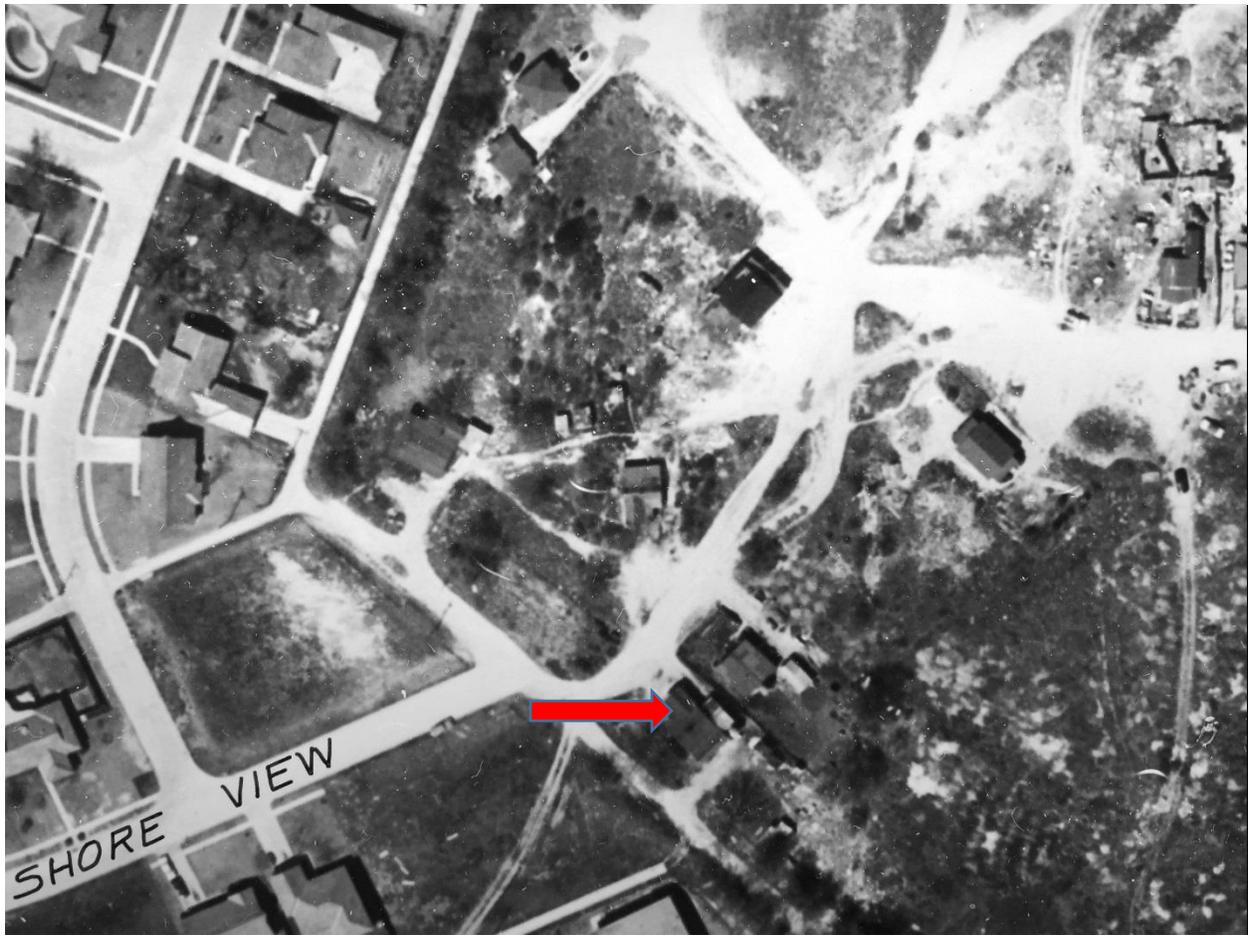


FIGURE 2. A close-up of grid 3. The red arrow points to the home of Sandy and Eva McCoy and their children.



FIGURE 4. Close-up of the McCoy house from the air, 1962. The house is indicated with the red arrow, with the arrow pointed to the front of the structure. The blue arrow marks the carport; the yellow arrow marks a water-based cooling unit, and the orange arrow indicates the location, on what is today Thurgood Lane, of the home's butane tank. Outbuildings included a chicken coop (dark green arrow), outhouse (purple arrow), and smoke house (light green arrow).

APPENDIX 4
A GALLERY OF LITTLE EGYPT PAPER MAPS

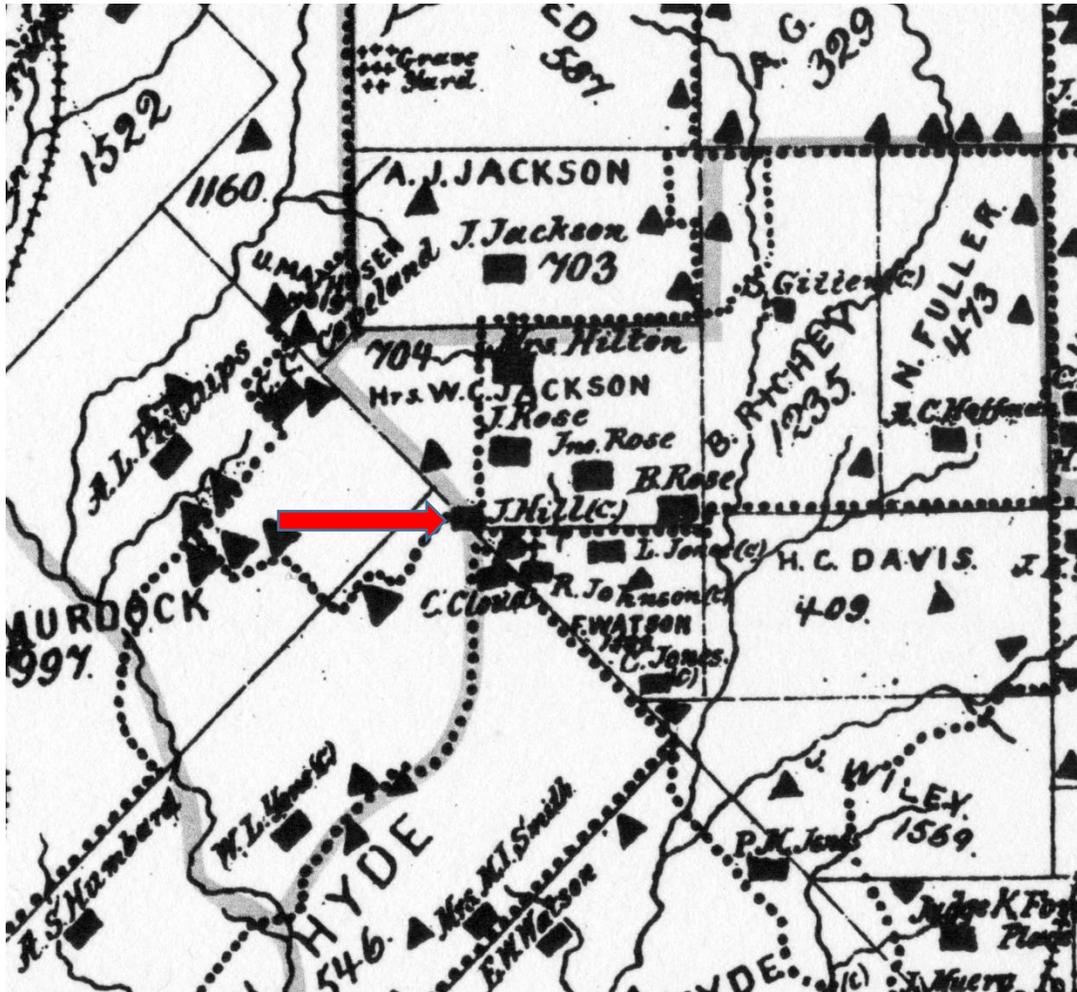


FIGURE 1. The Jeff Hill property as it appears on the 1900 Sam Street's Map of Dallas County, Texas. Street's map, which sold for a dollar, was an extensive survey of Dallas County that included detailed cartographic data on property and their owners. Jeff Hill appears along with his neighbors and nearby churches and cemeteries. Since he is black, his name is followed by a "(c)."



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To the Dallas County and Texas Historical Commissions Historical Marker Selection Committees:

I am honored to speak in support of the Little Egypt Project's application for the Dallas County Historical Commission's Under-Told Historical Marker Funding and the Texas Historical Commission's Official Texas Historical Marker. This presents a great opportunity for an oft-forgotten, but important community to be rightfully recognized and honored for its contribution to the African-American story of Dallas.

Little Egypt represents the history of Dallas in the Reconstruction period as a community begun by two freedmen, nestled in a farming area and centered around the community church, soon encircled by modern development and ultimately relocated to the southern sector of the city. Today, Little Egypt represents the story of community engagement and the fostering of a love of history and anthropology in the next generation of historians. It is quite encouraging to know that much of the work to document the history of Little Egypt through archeological digs of the remaining structures and oral history interviews with the children of Little Egypt have been conducted by honors U.S. History students at Richland College.

As the Dallas City Councilmember for District 10 that includes Little Egypt, I am committed to enhancing economic development, community engagement, and public safety throughout the district while working to preserve the history and legacy of our Lake Highlands. Its prophetic that the former Little Egypt area is today a vibrant hub of our Lake Highlands Community housing our Northeast Police Department, the former National Armory and soon to be headquarters of the Dallas Park and Recreation Department, the Knights of Columbus hall and pool, and a few of our entrepreneurial gems. An Official Texas Historical Marker for Little Egypt will help ensure that this pioneering, African-American community in Northeast Dallas is not forgotten. As productive development continues in the area, it is vital that we do not allow the legacy of Little Egypt to be forgotten. It is now time to for Dallas County and the State of Texas to give formal recognition.

It is a great pleasure to represent the community of historians and anthropologists working to preserve this history of the African-American community of Little Egypt. I earnestly give Little Egypt my highest recommendation and urge the Dallas County and Texas Historical Commissions give every consideration to The Little Egypt Project's application for the Under-Told Historical Marker Funding and Official Texas Historical Marker as such a designation will assist in rising awareness of this significant, notable, and under-told community story. If I can be of any further assistance, please email me at adam.mcgough@dallascityhall.com.

Respectfully,

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