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Boundaries - Historical Notes

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The following is a summary of acts which authorized boundary changes for Gibson County.

1. Public Acts of 1821, Chapter 32, authorized the establishment of several new counties west of the Tennessee River. Section 4 of that act set the boundary of an unnamed county to be relocated west of Carroll County, which county was established and named Gibson County by Private Acts of 1823, Chapter 111.
2. Public Acts of 1879, Chapter 137, changed the line between Gibson and Crockett counties to place in Crockett county all the lands of James Lewis, the Thermon Jones heirs, William Bell, Needham Moore, W. G. Jones, J. W. Porter, O. B. Clark, R. J. Williams, and D. H. Jones.
3. Public Acts of 1881, Chapter 108, changed the line between Gibson and Crockett counties to place in Crockett county all the lands of R. J. Williams lying south of the Middle Forked Deer River.
4. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 121, changed the line between Gibson and Crockett counties to place in Crockett county all the lands of James Lewis.
5. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 119, changed the line between Gibson and Madison counties to place in Madison county all the lands of J. M. Simpson and R. H. Simpson, and in Gibson county all the lands of J. G. Fulghum.
6. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 128, changed the line between Gibson and Crockett counties to place in Crockett county all the lands of L. H. Harris, and in Gibson county all the lands of W. S. Moore and E. D. Harris.
7. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 32, changed the line between Gibson and Dyer counties to place in Dyer county all the lands of John Barham.
8. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 50, changed the line between Gibson and Crockett counties to place in Gibson County the lands of J. H. Blackmoore lying on the west side of the Forked Deer River.
9. Private Acts of 1897, Chapter 137, changed the county line between Crockett and Gibson to include in Crockett County the entire tract known as the Bell farm.
10. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 796, changed the line between Gibson and Madison and Gibson counties to place in Madison county the lands of R. H. Simpson.
11. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 848, changed the line between Gibson and Madison counties to straighten the county line, by moving land owned by R. T. Lewis, six acres from Gibson to Madison county and six acres from Madison to Gibson county.
12. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 230, changed the boundary between the 13th and 15th Civil Districts of Gibson County from the meanders of the old river to the drainage ditch.
13. Private Acts of 1931 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Chapter 67, changed the County line between the counties of Gibson and Dyer to include in Gibson County the entire A. L. McCorkle farm and Mrs. Allie Spence's farm.
14. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 740, changed the line between Gibson and Madison counties to place in Gibson county the lands acquired by W. A. Birdsong from R. H. Simpson, being the same lands placed in Madison county by Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 796.

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