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Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Acts of 1801, Chapter 53, appointed David Stuart as the commissioner to run the line between Greene and Cocke counties, as set out in an act passed January 2, 1799. Thomas Hollard was to act as Mr. Stuart's assistant.
2. Acts of 1801, Chapter 54, appointed James Patterson as surveyor and John Parks as marker for Greene County and Joseph Brown, surveyor and George Davis, marker for Washington County, to run and mark the line between those counties, according to an act passed in 1783 at Hillsborough, North Carolina.
3. Acts of 1801, Chapter 56, appointed Daniel Carter of Greene County and William Payne of Hawkins County as commissioners to run the line between those two counties, according to an act passed by the North Carolina legislature in 1786.
4. Private Acts of 1829-30, Chapter 213, authorized citizens of Greene County at their own expense to have the county resurveyed for the purpose of ascertaining the number of square miles in it.
5. Private Acts of 1832, Chapter 46, authorized the Greene County Court to appoint a surveyor to run the line between Greene and Cocke counties, "as lies between Michael Broyalse's house on Horse Creek and the North Carolina line."
6. Private Acts of 1835-36, Chapter 29, and Acts of 1837-38, Chapter 192, attempted to establish the county of Powell out of parts of Greene, Sullivan, Hawkins and Washington counties, but neither of these attempts was able to gain voter approval and the county of Powell was never established.
7. Acts of 1847-48, Chapter 145, placed in Cocke County all the lands and buildings of George Easterly, Junior, south and west of the Nolichucky River in Cocke County, out of Greene County.
8. Public Acts of 1891, Chapter 142, changed the boundary between Greene and Washington Counties, placing the farms of G. M. Gillespie, A. E. Gillespie, Thomas C. Williams and George T. Harris in Washington County.
9. Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 176, placed the lands of Benjamin Keebler, lying on "what is known as Limestone Creek" in Washington County, out of Greene County.

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