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# Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Acts of 1845-46, Chapter 134, which attempted to take land from Warren County and define said land as part of Grundy County was declared unconstitutional and void according to the court in *Gotcher v. Burrows*, 28 Tenn. 585 on the grounds that the land which Grundy County was attempting to annex was less than twelve miles in some places from Warren County's county seat.
2. Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 79, moved the residence and lands belonging to William Kelton, Wilson S. Kelton, Ely Hanby, and Jacob Wagoner from Grundy County and placed them in Warren County. Section 2 detached the home and farm belonging to William C. Williamson from Grundy County and attached the same to Coffee County. Section 4 transferred all the properties belonging to Elizabeth Tate, wife of James Tate, Peter Counts, and Jacob Wannamaker from Warren County into Grundy County, thence to the line known as the Robert's line. Section 5 merely states that Thomas Johnson is hereby attached to Grundy County but doesn't say from which county he came.
3. Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 262, Section 3, changed the lines between Grundy and Coffee County so as to include the lands of William H. Coulson wholly within Coffee County. Section 8, of the same Act, also transferred out of Grundy and into Coffee County all the lands belonging to William H. Willis, Mary E. Nevell, Pollyanna Nevell, and A. E. Patton, conferring upon all of them all the rights and privileges of other citizens of Coffee County.
4. Acts of 1853-54, Chapter 181, changed the boundary line between Grundy and Marion Counties beginning on the southeast corner of Grundy County, running north eastwardly course to the Carlton Place where John Lockheart now lives and thence to the Northeast line of Grundy County so as to include as much territory now in Grundy County as is intended to be stricken off of Marion County. The County Courts of Grundy and Marion Counties will appoint surveyors and chain carriers to run the said line. Grundy County would pay her surveyor \$2.50 per day and the chain carriers \$1.00 per day.
5. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 248, changed the boundary lines between Grundy and Marion Counties so as to include all the lands of Benjamin Wooten wholly within Grundy County. Section 2 provided that parts of the Acts of 1853, Chapter 181, remain in full force and effect according to a description contained in this Section, applying to Marion County only. Section 3 conferred upon those moved all the rights of citizenship. Section 5 transferred the properties belonging to Mary E. Nevell and Poleynev Nevell from Grundy County into Coffee County.
6. Acts of 1857-58, Chapter 11, Section 13, moved the property commencing at the old Caldwell Bridge and running due south to the old Petty Road, so as to include W. G. Gwinn, Lawson Row, and Daniel C. Smith wholly within Franklin County.
7. Acts of 1857-58, Chapter 83, Section 3, repealed the 10th Section of an Act passed on March 4, 1858, which was an Act entitled an Act to change the line between the Counties of Grundy, Jefferson, Grainger, Anderson, and Roane.
8. Acts of 1873, Chapter 73, changed the lines between Grundy, and Coffee Counties so as to take out of Grundy and place into Coffee County the lands and properties of Martin Hoover, Henry Meadows, J. C. Garrison, T. J. Garritson, William Garritson, James Parks, E. Rives, T. E. Rives, T. E. Mabery, G. Browley, T. G. England, James Rhea, John Rhea, James Hoover, Andres Stalls, A. Anthony, William H. Garritson, W. H. Meadows, E. H. Rives, James Parks, J. W. Walker, J. B. Thoxton and Joseph Brawley. (It seem some names are repeated and some may be misspelled but this is the way they appeared in the Act.) These moves would not be made until after an election indicating a desire to do so.
9. Acts of 1877, Chapter 81 changed the boundary between Coffee and Grundy Counties by including the lands of Ewell Smith in Coffee County.
10. Acts of 1881, Chapter 107, moved the home and land of J. F. Laxson out of Grundy County and into Franklin County.
11. Acts of 1891, Chapter 228, transferred the same properties of J. F. Laxson from Franklin County back into Grundy County.
12. Acts of 1905, Chapter 374, detached the residences and farm of Thomas E. Mabry and Mrs. Mary Pointer from Grundy County and attached them to Coffee County.
13. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 774 took the lands of W.M. Wanamaker, O. C. Wanamaker, and A.

- H. Coppinger from Grundy County and attached them to Warren County, thus becoming part of the Sixth Civil District.
14. Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 629, transferred a tract of land belonging to Tom Pointer lying in the First Civil District of Grundy County, consisting of about 100 acres to the 8th Civil District of Warren County.

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