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Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Acts of 1877, Chapter 44, established the county line between Hamblen and Jefferson Counties, since there were differences of opinion as to whether it was in accordance with the constitutional provision that the line of the new county of Hamblen could approach the courthouse of Jefferson County by more than eleven miles. This Act was repealed by Acts of 1879, Chapter 18, and the line re-established as described in the 1870 act creating Hamblen County.
2. Acts of 1877, Chapter 137, changed the boundary between Hamblen and Hawkins County to place all the lands of A. M. Trullinge in Hamblen.
3. Acts of 1885, Chapter 104, changed the Hamblen-Jefferson county line to include all the lands of G. M. Bowen and his wife Mary in Jefferson County.
4. Acts of 1889, Chapter 154, altered the boundary between Hawkins and Hamblen County to include the lands of James H. Moore, approximately seventy acres, in Hamblen County.
5. Acts of 1889, Chapter 189, changed the line between Jefferson and Hamblen counties, placing the farms of A. C. Huff and E. B. Hale in Hamblen County.
6. Acts of 1895, Chapter 189, detached the lands of Jerry Thomas and the farms of E. C. Rader, George Collier, and F. M. Collier from the Fourteenth Civil District of Hawkins County and placed them in the Eleventh Civil District of Hamblen County.
7. Acts of 1899, Chapter 385, changed the Hamblen County - Jefferson County boundary, by placing forty-five acres of W. C. Watkins in Hamblen County and eighty acres of M. A. Roberts in Jefferson County.
8. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 471, placed the farms of Mack H. Hunter and Herbert Roberts in the Second Civil District of Hamblen County, out of Jefferson County.

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