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Change County Lines

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Private Acts of 1823 Chapter 137

SECTION 1. That the west boundary line of Perry county shall be altered as follows: beginning at the north-west corner of said county; and running thence south parallel with the range line, to a point two miles south of the line that divides the sixth and seventh sections in the ninth surveyor's district; thence east to Turnsbow's creek; thence down said creek to the Tennessee river; thence down with the west bank of said river, to a point due west of the point that the west boundary line of Wayne county leaves said river; thence with the said boundary line, down said river, to the north-west corner of Wayne county; which shall be the permanent lines dividing said counties.

SECTION 2. That the court of Perry county shall appoint a suitable persons [sic] to run the aforesaid lines, and allow them such pay as to them may seem reasonable and right.

SECTION 3. That the south boundary line dividing Henderson and Hardin counties, shall be run as follows: beginning at the south-west corner of Perry county, and running thence west to a point due north of the north-east corner of M'Nairy county; thence south to the south boundary line of Henderson county; which shall be the permanent lines dividing said counties.

SECTION 4. That the court of Henderson county shall appoint some suitable persons to run said lines, and allow them such pay as to them may seem reasonable and right.

SECTION 5. That the surveyor appointed to run the dividing line between Hardin and Henderson county, shall run the dividing line between Henderson and M'Nairy county, and shall be paid as provided for in this act.

Passed: October 31, 1823.

Acts of 1845-46 Chapter 62

COMPILER'S NOTE: The first six (6) sections of this act have no application to Henderson County and are omitted from this compilation.

SECTION 7. That the within described territory of the county of Henderson be attached to the county of Decatur as established by this Legislature, [viz.] Beginning at the north east corner of Henderson County, thence west 2½ miles with the line between Carroll and Henderson counties, thence south to the Hardin County line, thence east with the line between Hardin and Henderson counties to Decatur county, thence north with the line between Decatur and Henderson counties to the beginning.

SECTION 8. That Abraham Dereberry, Uzzell Hawkins and Samuel Moreland, or any of them, after giving at least 20 days notice in at least six places in the territory proposed to be attached, shall open and hold elections, or appoint some persons to hold the same at the house of Abraham Dereberry, and at the house of Samuel Moreland, and all legal voters within said territory, may vote for or against being attached to Decatur county, those in favor of being attached shall have on their tickets "Decatur County;" and those opposed shall have on their tickets "Henderson County;" and if a majority of the qualified voters vote in favor of being attached, then and in that case it shall be and constitute a part of Decatur county. And it shall be the duty of said surveyor to certify the result, and make return the Chairman of the county court of Henderson County, and also to the Chairman of Decatur County, which shall be entered upon the records of each county; and said territory shall be entered upon the records of each county; and said territory shall be organized into two civil districts, under the regulations of the county court of Decatur, or attached to the several civil districts, in Decatur county adjoining. And said citizens shall have all the rights and privileges of citizens of Decatur county.

SECTION 9. That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to reduce the county of Henderson to less than her constitutional limits. And provided further, That the counties of Decatur and Perry, be organized, otherwise this amendment shall be null and void, so far as relates to the county of Henderson.

SECTION 10. That the commissioners herein appointed, shall have power to employ some competent surveyor (if necessary) to run out and mark the lines, to be paid by the citizens attached to Decatur County.

Passed: January 15, 1846.

Acts of 1847-48 Chapter 15

SECTION 1. That the eastern boundary of Decatur county be extended to the low water mark on the

east bank of Tennessee river, and that revenue accruing from trading boats, &c., trading on said eastern side of the river shall be due to the proper officers in Perry County, and collected as other revenue.

SECTION 2. That the Surveyors of Henderson and Decatur counties, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, be and they are hereby required to commence at the point where the county line crossed the road leading from Lexington to Perryville, previous to the act passed at the last General Assembly, attaching the portion of Henderson to Decatur, and run in a south-westerly direction so as to strike the southern boundary of Henderson County, at a point that will leave Henderson county her constitutional limits; and all east of the line shall be and is hereby attached to the county of Decatur; and the citizens thereof shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all the liabilities of other citizens of Decatur county; and said Surveyors shall be allowed such compensation as the County Court of Decatur county may think their services reasonably worth.

SECTION 3. That all that portion of territory, lying north of the road leading from Lexington to Perryville, attached by the last General Assembly to Decatur county, be and the same is hereby declared a portion of Henderson County, and that the Sheriff of Henderson County, be and he is hereby authorized and required to collect the taxes due for the year 1847, in that portion of territory attached by the last General Assembly to Decatur County; and that he pay over all sums collected north of said road to the Trustee of Henderson County; and all such sums as may be collected south of said road, and east of the line described in the second section of this act, shall be paid over to the Trustee of Decatur county, and their receipts shall be good vouchers in the hands of the Sheriffs or Tax Collectors in the final settlement of their accounts; and all monies collected by the revenue collector of Decatur county from citizens in that portion of territory made by this act a part of Henderson County, shall be paid over to the Trustee of Henderson County, and his receipt shall be a good voucher in the hands of said revenue collector upon final settlement.

SECTION 4. That the county seat of the county Perry shall after the passage of this act, be known and distinguished by the name of Lindon.

SECTION 5. That the said Surveyors, after running the line described in the second section of this act, shall designate two suitable places to open and hold an election of the qualified voters in said portion of territory by this act attached to Decatur county, and also two suitable persons to open and hold the same at each place; which election shall be held in thirty days after running of said line, notice first having been given in at least four public places within the said territory for at least fifteen days; and those in favor of being attached to Decatur county, shall have on their tickets "Decatur county," and those opposed shall have on their tickets "Henderson county;" and if a majority vote in favor of being attached to Decatur, then those holding the elections shall make a report of the same to the County Court Clerks of each county, which shall be filed in their respective offices; and the portion thus attached to Decatur, shall be deemed and taken as a part of Decatur, and shall be under jurisdiction of the same, in all things, as other portions of said Decatur county.

SECTION 6. That the Surveyor of Perry county, and the Surveyor of Wayne county be required to examine the line between Wayne and Perry as defined by the last General Assembly, and if it approached nearer at any point to Waynesborough, than twelve miles, then said Surveyors shall so alter the line as to prevent it approaching nearer than twelve miles, and such line as defined by them shall be the line between Perry and Wayne; said Surveyors shall have such compensation as their respective County Courts may deem their services reasonably worth.

Passed: December 1, 1847.

Acts of 1849-50 Chapter 92

That the line between Henderson and Decatur counties be so altered so as to commence at the point designated in the act passed 19th January, 1848, and run in a south-westwardly direction, (so as not to approach Lexington nearer than twelve miles,) to the line known as the Brown line; thence south with that line to the Hardin county line; and the citizens east of that line to be entitled to all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the liabilities of other citizens of Decatur county.

Passed: November 8, 1849.

Public Acts of 1868-69 Chapter 39

SECTION 2. That the county line of Henderson be so changed as to attach the portions of said county Southwest of the Forked Deer River to Madison County, beginning at the Southwest corner of Henderson County, running east with the McNairy County line to the Forked Deer River; thence with said river to the county line between Henderson and Madison counties. The taxes in the portions of said county due shall

be paid to the Tax Collector of Henderson County.

COMPILER'S NOTE: Section 1 of this act changes the line between Lawrence and Giles Counties, Section 3 alters the line between Benton and Carroll Counties, Section 4 deals with the Emery Manufacturing and Transportation Company, and Sections 5-14 of this act authorized the formation of Grant County which would have included a portion of Henderson County, but the county was never formed.

Passed: February 25, 1869.

Public Acts of 1893 Chapter 3

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Carroll and Henderson be changed to run as follows: Beginning in the center of Giffin's Creek with W. A. Holder's east boundary line; thence up, and following the meanderings of Giffin's Creek to C. F. McHany's west boundary line; with C. F. McHany's west boundary line back to the said creek; thence up center said creek to Sim Barkham's east boundary line to York's Creek; thence up center of York's Creek to the county line, containing about seven hundred and fifty (750) acres, and including the lands of C. A. Gates, E. E. Williamson, W. A. Holder, G. W. Lovell, M. C. Lanier, and M. E. Jones, L. R. Burroughs, Sim Barkham, Ranking and Williamson, W. N. Holmes in Carroll County.

SECTION 2. That this act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 9, 1893.

Public Acts of 1893 Chapter 81

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Henderson and Chester be so changed so as to detach from Henderson and attach to the county of Chester the territory in the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning where the Chester County line now strikes the Forked Deer River, being the northeast corner of said county, running east with said stream to its fork with what is known as the Middle Fork of the Forked Deer; thence with said stream south of east to C. Beaver's old mill place; thence south-east with mill stream to the Mifflin and Saltillo Road, at Mount Gilead; thence south to the county line.

SECTION 2. That this act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 3, 1893.

Acts of 1903 Chapter 186

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Henderson and Madison be and the same is hereby changed so as to run as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the Jackson and Beech Bluff public road with the Madison and Henderson County line, running thence east 136 poles to a stake; thence north 409 poles to a stake; thence west 136 poles to a junction with the present county line so as to include 340 acres of land, the farm of C. N. Matlock, within the boundaries of Madison County.

SECTION 2. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 19, 1903.

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