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Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 173, moved approximately 80 acres of the 180-acre plantation of E. Lee out of Henderson County and into Decatur County where the rest of the land was located.
2. Public Acts of 1869-70 (2nd Sess.), Chapter 3, provided for the establishment of Etheridge County out of portions of Henderson, Gibson, Carroll, Madison and Weakley Counties, subject to the outcome of an election those areas on whether the new county should be formed. This act was amended by Public Acts of 1869-70 (2nd Sess.), Chapter 117, to authorize the Commissioners appointed under that act to make such changes in the boundary line of the new county adjacent to Henderson and Madison Counties, by either extending or contracting the boundary as they determined to be in the best interests of the people. This act was further amended by Public Acts of 1870-71, Chapter 93, to authorize boundary changes and to condition any boundary changes, and the formation of the county itself, upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters.
3. Public Acts of 1873, Chapter 100, transferred all the lands belonging to J. Henry Thomas and J. H. Dodd out of Henderson County and into Decatur County, provided such action did not reduce the area of Henderson County below its constitutional limits.
4. Public Acts of 1877, Chapter 14, established a new county to be known as Hanes County out of parts of Henderson, Benton, Carroll and Decatur Counties, conditioned upon the approval by the people in the area affected.
5. Public Acts of 1881, Chapter 130, changed the boundaries between Henderson and Decatur Counties beginning at the county line at the lands formerly owned by G. M. Morgan and subsequently owned by Noah Williams, running east with the line of John F. Chumley and continuing to the county line at or near T. Lemon's line.
6. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 56, transferred all the lands belonging to W. T. Vaden and W. A. Thompson out of Henderson County and into Carroll County.
7. Public Acts of 1885, Chapter 13, changed the boundary lines between Henderson and Decatur Counties to include all of J. C. P. Myracle's home tract of land, known as the Cox land, within Decatur County.
8. Acts of 1905, Chapter 161, detached all the lands belonging to W. M. Jones and C. P. Jones, as they were generally described in the Act, from Henderson County and attached the same to the 11th Civil District of Chester County.
9. Public Acts of 1972, Chapter 738, removed from Henderson County the 20-acre farm of Howard Bailey and wife, Fran Bailey, and placed it in the 2nd Civil District of Chester County.

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