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# Change of Boundary Lines

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## Public Acts of 1869-70 (2nd Sess.) Chapter 12

**SECTION 1.** That the county line between the Counties of Haywood and Lauderdale, be changed so as to run as follows: Beginning at a point on the county line where Thos. A. Walker's line crosses the same, running thence east with his line to his south-east corner; thence north-east to Louis S. Maclin's south-east corner; thence with his east boundary line in a direct course to A. L. Oldham's south-east corner; thence with the boundaries of said Oldham's land to a point where the Wandville and Chestnut Bluff road crosses said Oldham's east boundary line; thence with said Wandville and Chestnut Bluff road, in a north-eastern direction, to a point where the Haywood and Lauderdale County line crosses said road, and that portion of Haywood lying west of said line as designated, be stricken off from Haywood and attached to Lauderdale County, also that portion of Thos. Lea's land lying in Haywood County, being about ten acres, be attached to Lauderdale County.

**SECTION 2.** The public welfare requiring it, that this Act take effect from and after its passage.

Passed: June 6, 1870.

## Public Acts of 1873 Chapter 52

**SECTION 1.** That in conformity with the petition of more than four-fifths of the citizens now residing on Island No. 34, or Miller's Island; and on upper Hatchie Island, in the Mississippi river, the line between Lauderdale and Tipton Counties, be extended down the Hatchie river to the lower or southern point of upper Hatchie Island; thence westwardly to the lower or southern point of No. 34, or Miller's Island, in the Mississippi river, passing the same in a direct line to the western boundary of the State.

**SECTION 2.** That the Island No. 34, or Miller's Island, and the upper Hatchie Island, be annexed to and form part of District No. 4, of Lauderdale County; and the County Court of said county have authority to appoint suitable officers to hold an election on a day of which notice shall be given in the "RIPLEY NEWS" and "TIPTON RECORD," and if three-fourths of those citizens residing on said Island, or owning real estate on the same at the date of the passage of this Act, and voting at said election, shall cast their votes in favor of annexation to Lauderdale County, upon the return made by said officer, the County Court of Lauderdale County shall cause publication of the facts to be made in such newspapers of the State as they deem expedient, and proceed to exercise jurisdiction over the territory thus annexed; Provided, Said change shall not reduce Tipton County below the constitutional limits.

**SECTION 3.** That the said change of the line between said Counties of Lauderdale and Tipton shall in no event release the portion of Tipton County which may be cut off therefrom, and attached to Lauderdale County, from the payment of its portion of such indebtedness as may have been contracted by said County of Tipton prior to such change of the county line, and that said territory known as Island No. 34, or Miller's Island, and the upper Hatchie Island shall, notwithstanding such change in county lines, continue liable, and shall be assessed as heretofore for such portion of such previously incurred indebtedness, and which assessment shall be collected as heretofore.

Passed: March 19, 1873.

## Public Acts of 1877 Chapter 43

**SECTION 1.** That the line between Dyer and Lauderdale counties be so changed as to transfer from Lauderdale to Dyer county all the territory of Lauderdale county north of the following line: Beginning in the county line in the middle of the channel of Forked Deer river, opposite the old shingle yard below Key Corner, running thence due south to the centre of the road leading to Hale's Point from Double Bridges; thence eastwardly along said road to the centre of the road leading from Key Corner to Ripley; thence southwardly along said road to the centre of the channel of Mill Creek; thence down said creek as it meanders to the county line, to wit, the south fork of Forked Deer river.

**SECTION 2.** That the passage of this Act shall in no wise exempt any of the citizens or property within the territory above mentioned from any liability already lawfully incurred either to Lauderdale county or for any railroad subscription.

**SECTION 3.** That the County Court of Dyer county shall provide for the assessment and collection of taxes in said territory for the year 1878, and shall provide for the election of Justices of the Peace and Constables in said territory, as soon as they see proper, looking to the public welfare.

**SECTION 4.** That the Justices of the Peace and Constables who are at present in office within the above described territory, shall serve as officers of Dyer county until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

**SECTION 5.** That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to reduce Lauderdale county below her constitutional limits; and this Act shall become a law as soon as two-thirds of the qualified voters residing in the territory proposed to be added to Dyer county, shall so express their desire at an election to be held by the sheriff of Lauderdale county, who is hereby authorized and instructed to hold such election in the mode and manner prescribed by law, within six months after the passage of this Act, first giving thirty days' notice of said election; the polls shall be open as the law provides, in two of the most convenient places in the territory mentioned above, and the said sheriff shall make known the result of the election in writing to the Clerks of the County Courts of Dyer and Lauderdale counties, who shall publish the same: Provided, that an accurate survey shall first be made to ascertain if said proposed change will reduce the county of Lauderdale below its constitutional limits.

**SECTION 6.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 20, 1877.

## Public Acts of 1893 Chapter 120

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Dyer and Lauderdale is hereby so changed as to embrace in the county of Dyer the point of land called "Tiger Tail," at the junction of the Forked Deer River with the old channel of the Mississippi River, through which Obion River now runs. This change of the line between the counties of Dyer and Lauderdale is to begin at a point in the Forked Deer River about one-fourth of a mile above its junction with the old channel of the Mississippi River, at a point where the said line diverges in a north-western direction from the Forked Deer River; runs thence from that point with the center of the Forked Deer River to the junction of the Forked Deer River with the old channel of the Mississippi River, and thence with the center of the channel through which the waters of the Obion and Forked Deer Rivers flow to the Mississippi River, called Obion River, to the Mississippi River.

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

Passed: February 1, 1893.

## Private Acts of 1917 Chapter 320

**SECTION 1.** That the line between Haywood and Lauderdale Counties shall be changed as follows:

So as to detach certain lands from Haywood County and attach them to Lauderdale County. That beginning at a point in the center of the south fork of Forked Deer River on the south margin of the Gates Levee Road, same being in the east boundary line of the Baker and Sugg tracts of land and on the line between the Counties of Haywood and Crockett and on the line of Haywood County in the 10th Civil District of said Haywood County running thence across the river bottom west to the lands of W. T. Hay that lie south of the public road; then on west with his said north boundary line and the north line of J. H. McKinnon, J. B. Lee and Thomas Lane; north 79 3-4 degrees west 3-90/100 chains to a stake, north 75 3-4 degrees 8- 84/100 chains to a stake, north 83 degrees west 29 chains to a stake, north 88 degrees west 2 1-2 chains to a stake, south 83 3-4 degrees 16 17/100 chains to an iron stake, west 102 55/100 chains to a stake, north 89 degrees, west 46 35/100 chains to a stake, in the center of the Woodville and Gates Road, with a large poplar pointer, being Thomas Lane's northwest corner and at a point about two chains north of where the present Haywood County line runs south 64 1-2 degrees west 214 29/100 chains from the south fork of Forked Deer River in a triangle in the center of the Woodville and Gates Road, and so that the lands of S. J. Pickard, Thomas Lee Estate, the Hay or Greene Bradford tract of land, Mrs. J. T. W. Milan, M. L. Wood, M. D. Coffman, K. F. Fennel, D. H. Cherry and J. B. Lucas together with a small portion of the Baker and Sugg tract of land north of the Gates Levee shall be detached from Haywood County and attached to Lauderdale County and become a part of said county and of the 17th Civil District of said County of Lauderdale.

**SECTION 2.** That the taxes for the year 1917 due upon the said lands so detached from Haywood and attached to Lauderdale County and also any other taxes that may be due by the citizens living upon the said lands shall be due and payable to the said County of Lauderdale and collected by its officers; provided that said land and all of same shall be subject to the Railroad Tax to which it was subject while a part of Haywood County, and provided that said tax shall be collected by the Trustee of Lauderdale County and by him paid to the Trustee of Haywood County.

**SECTION 3.** That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 22, 1917.

## Private Acts of 1931 Chapter 549

**SECTION 1.** That the line between Haywood and Lauderdale Counties shall be changed as follows:

So as to detach certain lands from the First Civil District of Lauderdale County and attach them to the Ninth Civil District of Haywood County, Tennessee, which lands so detached are described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake in the mouth of Lagoon Creek where the same enters into Big Hatchie River, runs thence northward and eastward with the meanderings of Lagoon Creek and in the center thereof to a stake in the center of said creek where said creek crosses the present line between Haywood and Lauderdale Counties; thence south with said county line to a stake in Big Hatchie River; thence down said river in a northwesterly direction with the meanderings of said river and the present county line of Lauderdale County to the point of beginning, containing approximately 1,400 acres. That said above described tract of land shall be detached from said First Civil District of Lauderdale County, Tennessee, and become a part of the said Ninth Civil District of Haywood County, Tennessee.

**SECTION 2.** That taxes for the year 1931 due upon said land so detached from Lauderdale County and attached to Haywood County, Tennessee, shall be payable to said County of Lauderdale and collected by its officers.

**SECTION 3.** That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: June 23, 1931.

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