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Chapter IV - Boundaries

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Creation of the County

Territorial Ordinance of June 11th, 1792

Be it ordained that from and after the fifteenth day of the present month of June, the counties of Greene and Hawkins shall be circumscribed by a line beginning on Nolachucky river at the place where the ridge which divides the waters of Bent and Lick creek strikes it, thence with that ridge to Bull's Gap of Bay's mountain, thence a direct line to the place where the road that leads from Dodson's ford to Perkin's iron works crosses the watery fork of Bent creek, thence down that road to the head of Panther creek, down the meanders of that creek to the river Holston, thence a northwest course to the river Clinch. Again, from Nolachucky river where the ridge that dividesthe waters of Bent and Lick creek strikes it a direct course to Peter Fine's ferry on French Broad, then south to the ridge that divides the waters of French Broad and Big Pigeon and with that ridge to the eastern boundary of the territory.

And be it ordained that two new counties be laid out and established below the aforesaid line, that is to the southward and westward of it, to be distinguished from and after the said fifteenth day of June instant by the names of Jefferson county and Knox county. The county of Jefferson to be butted and bounded by the above described line from the eastern boundary of the territory to the river Holston, and down the river Holston to the mouth of Breswell's mill creek, thence a direct line to the mouth of Dumplin creek on French-Broad, thence up the meanders of French-Broad to the mouth of Boyd's creek, thence south twenty five degrees east to the ridge which divides the waters of Little Pigeon and Boyd's creed and with the said ridge to the indian boundary or the eastern boundary of the territory as the case may be, and by the eastern boundary: And Knox county to be butted and bounded by the line of Jefferson county to the mouth of Creswell's mill creek to the indian boundary or eastern boundary of the territory as the case may be: Again from the mouth of the said creek up the meanders of the river Holston to the mouth of Panther creek, thence northwest to the river Clinch, thence by the river Clinch to the place where the line that shall cross Holston at the ridge that divides the waters of Tennessee and Little rivers according to the treaty of Holston shall strike it, and by that line.

And be it ordained that Charles McClung and James Mabrey be appointed Commissioners to run and mark the northwest line from the mouth of Panther creek to the river Clinch, and the line from the mouth of Creswell's mill creek to the mouth of Dumplin: And Alexander Outlaw and Joseph Hamilton that from Bull's Gap to the watery fork of Bent creek and from Nolachucky river to Fine's ferry on French-Broad, and the south line to the dividing ridge between French-Broad and Big-Pigeon.

And be it ordained that Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions shall be held in and for the said counties for the due administration of Justice for the county of Knox on the third Monday of January, April, July and October--for the county of Jefferson on the fourth Mondays of the same months and may be continued by adjournments from day to day not exceeding six days.

And be it ordained that the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions shall be held for the county of Knox at Knoxville, and for the county of Jefferson at the house of Jeremiah Matthews.

Done at Knoxville the 11th day of June in the year of our Lord 1792

County Seat

Acts of 1799 Chapter 38

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A TOWN BY THE NAME OF DANDRIDGE, IN JEFFERSON COUNTY.

WHEREAS FRANCIS DEAN OF THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY TWO, CONVEYED FIFTY ACRES OF LAND TO ALEXANDER OUTLAW, HUGH KELSEA, JARED FITZGERALD, ANDREW HENDERSON, AND GEORGE DOHERTY, AS COMMISSIONERS FOR ERECTING A COURT HOUSE, PRISON AND STOCKS IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY, TO BE LAID OUT INTO A TOWN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COUNTY: AND WHEREAS THE SAID ALEXANDER OUTLAW, HUGH KELSEA, JARED FITZGERALD, ANDREW HENDERSON AND GEORGE DOHERTY HAVE CAUSED THE SAID FIFTY ACRES OF LAND TO BE LAID OUT INTO A TOWN BY THE NAME OF DANDRIDGE, AND DISPOSED OF SUNDRY OF THE LOTS ACCORDING TO THE INTENTION OF THE DONOR:

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That the said fifty acres of land shall continue to be a town agreeably to the plan of the said Alexander Outlaw, Hugh

Kelsea, Jared Fitzgerald, Andrew Henderson and George Doherty, by the name of Dandridge, and that the deed of conveyance from the said Francis Dean, to the said Alexander Outlaw, Hugh Kelsea, Jared Fitzgerald, Andrew Henderson and George Doherty, for the said fifty acres of land, although made without value received, shall be good and valid in law to them and their successors, for the purpose for which the said Francis Dean conveyed the same.

AND WHEREAS JARED FITZGERALD, ONE OF THE ABOVE COMMISSIONERS, HATH REMOVED FROM THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON: AND WHEREAS IT IS REQUISITE THAT HIS PLACE SHOULD BE SUPPLIED, AND AN ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS BE APPOINTED:

SECTION 2. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, That in addition to the said Alexander Outlaw, Hugh Kelsea, Andrew Henderson and George Doherty, who are hereby declared to be continued commissioners, James Doherty shall be a commissioner in the place and stead of Jared Fitzgerald, and Edward George be appointed in addition, with full power and authority, as commissioner, vested with the said fifty acres of land laid off as aforesaid, in a town, to regulate the said town, and dispose of such lots as have not already been sold, and apply the money arising from the sale, for the purposes for which the said fifty acres were originally given and conveyed by the said Francis Dean.

SECTION 3. BE IT ENACTED, That the said Alexander Outlaw, Hugh Kelsea, Andrew Henderson, George Doherty, James Doherty and Edward George, commissioners as aforesaid, shall also be commissioners for completing and keeping in repair the courthouse, prison and stocks of the said county of Jefferson, and be held accountable to the court of the said county, in the manner as other commissioners for erecting public buildings are held accountable for all monies by them received and expended.

Passed: October 26, 1799.

Change County Lines

Acts of 1794 Chapter 11

WHEREAS THE INHABITANTS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WHO LIVE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FRENCH BROAD RIVER, LABOUR UNDER DIFFICULTIES IN ATTENDING AT COURTS AND MUSTERS, IN HAVING THE RIVER TO CROSS, AND OTHER INCONVENIENCES ATTENDING THE PRESENT EXTENSIVE BOUNDARIES OF SAID COUNTY:

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GOVERNOR, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SOUTH OF THE RIVER OHIO, That the county of Jefferson be divided by a line as follows, to wit. Beginning on the Eastern boundary of this territory; from thence a direct line to the ridge that divides the waters of Little Pigeon from the waters of Big Pigeon river; thence along the same to the head of Muddy Creek; thence a direct line to the lower end of an island in French Broad river, formerly known by the name of Hubbert's island; thence a direct line to the mouth of Cresswell's mill creek; thence with the Knox county line to the top of Bay's mountain; thence along the said mountain to where French Broad river runs through the same; thence along the said mountain, and with the extreme height thereof, to the place where the dividing ridge that divides the waters of French Broad from those if Little river intersects the same; thence with said ridge to the Pigeon mountain; thence along said mountain to the Indian boundary, and with the same to the Eastern boundary of the Territory; thence to the beginning. And all that part contained in the said boundaries, shall thenceforth be erected into a new and distinct county, by the name of SEVIER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IN ENACTED, That Joseph Wilson, Robert Polk, Samuel Magahee, Samuel Newell, and Thomas Buckenham are hereby appointed commissioners; and authorized to lay off, and appoint a place the most centrical and convenient in said county, for the purposes of erecting a court house, prison, and stocks.

SECTION 3. And for the due administration of justice in said county, BE IT ENACTED, That the court for the said county of Sevier shall be held constantly by the justices of said county on the last Mondays in January, April, July, and October in every year; and the justices for said county of Sevier are hereby authorized and empowered to hold the first court for the same at the house of Isaac Thomas, and all subsequent courts for said county, on the days above mentioned for holding courts therein, at any place to which the said justices shall from court to court adjourn themselves, until a court house be built for the said county of Sevier; and then all causes, matters, and things depending in the said court, and all manner of process returnable to the same, shall be adjourned to such court house; and all courts held in and for said county of Sevier, shall be held by commission to the said justices in the same manner, and under the same rules and restrictions, and shall have and exercise the same powers and jurisdiction as are or shall be prescribed for other courts held for theseveral counties in this Territory.

Passed: September 27, 1794

Acts of 1795 Chapter 14

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GOVERNOR, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SOUTH OF THE RIVER OHIO, That from and after passing of this act, the line that divides the aforesaid counties of Jefferson and Sevier, on the south side of French Broad River, shall begin on said river at the lower end of Hubbard's island, thence a direct line to where the dividing ridge that divides the waters of Flat creek from the waters of Peerey's creek intersects said river, thence with said ridge to the ridge that divides the waters of Flat creek from the waters of Muddy creek, thence with that ridge to the ridge that divides the waters of Little Pigeon from the waters of French Broad and Big Pigeon, to the eastern boundary of this Territory.

Passed: July 11, 1795.

Private Acts of 1797 Chapter 8

COMPILER'S NOTE: The other sections in this Act deal with the creation of Cooke County. Therefore, the sections have been omitted.

WHEREAS THE CITIZENS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, LIVING ON THE WATERS OF FRENCH BROAD AND BIG PIGEON, ABOVE THE MOUTH OF CHUCKY RIVER, ARE SO SITUATED BY RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS, THAT THEY CANNOT WITH CONVENIENCE ATTEND COURTS, GENERAL MUSTERS OR ELECTIONS IN SAID COUNTY: AND IT BEING MADE APPEAR TO THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THAT THE BONDS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION MAY BE HAD IN EACH COUNTY:

SECTION 1. That from and after the passing of this act, the said county shall be divided by a line to begin on the North Carolina boundary line with this state, on the south side of French Broad river, one mile from said river, thence down said river, one mile distance from the same to where it intersects the Greene county line, thence with said line to Nolachucky river, a small distance below Captain William White's house, thence down the said river to French Broad, leaving all the islands

to Jefferson County, thence down the river French Broad, in the same manner, to the bent of said river opposite Colonel Parmenas Taylor's, and from thence a direct line to the top of English's mountain, within one mile of Sevier county line, thence parallel with that line to the uppermost house on Cozby's creek, and from thence an easterly line, to a point on the North Carolina boundary line, as to leave six hundred and twenty-five square miles in Jefferson County, and from thence with said boundary line to the beginning, which bounds, so described, shall, from and after the passing of this act, be a separate and distinct county, known by the name of COCKE.

SECTION 7. That the sheriff of Jefferson County is hereby authorized to collect all monies due on judgments or executions, entered up in the county of Jefferson, prior to the passing of this act, and that all proceedings now pending in the county of Jefferson shall be proceeded on, and determined in same manner as if this law had not been passed. Passed: October 9, 1797.

Private Acts of 1817 Chapter 23

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Jefferson & Cocke, be and the same is hereby altered, so as to include an island in French Broad river, lately know, by the name of Kenney's Island now Carter's Island in the county of Cocke, then with the present line of said counties to the line of David Beck's land, on the south side of said river, then south to the lines of said counties, adding the land of David Beck to the county of Jefferson, *Provided*, nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the Sheriffs of said counties from collecting the tax now due in the said counties, and accounting for the same in the same manner as if this law had not been passed.

Passed: October 11th, 1817.

Acts of 1854 Chapter 130

COMPILER'S NOTE: Sections 2-4 are the only ones that deal with Jefferson County. Therefore, the remaining sections have been omitted.

SECTION 2. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

SECTION 3. That the dividing line between the counties of Jefferson and Hawkins be changed as follows: Beginning at or near George Lynch's on the line between said counties of

Jefferson and Hawkins running with said line to the Walnut gap; from thence a direct line to the north-east boundary line of Pleasant Kirkpatrick's plantation, and with said line till it strikes the road leading from Russellville to Bull's Gap; and with said road till it strikes the county line of Greene and Hawkins, below Bull's Gap.

SECTION 4. That the persons and property included in the fraction of Jefferson, lying north-east of said line, as described in the first section of this act, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the citizens of Hawkins, and subject to all the duties thereof; and the act passed February 7, 16, 1852, entitled "an act to change the line between the counties of Jefferson and Hawkins, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed: January 31, 1854.

Acts of 1870 (Ex. Sess.) Chapter 6

COMPILER'S NOTE: Those Sections of this Act which did not involve Jefferson County were not printed herein then the county of Hamblen shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be a county, with all the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to all the liabilities and duties with other counties in this State.

SECTION 1. That in conformity to the fourth section of the tenth Article of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, a new county be, and the same is hereby established, to be composed of fractions to be taken from the counties of Jefferson and Grainger, to be known and designated as Hamblen County.

SECTION 2. That the boundaries of the county of Hamblen shall be as follows, viz: Beginning at four cedars on the northern bank of Nolachucky River, at the point where the boundary line between Jefferson and Greene counties to Rader's Spring, at or near Bull's Gap; thence with the line between Hawkins and Jefferson counties to Mount Sterling, at or near the house of Wm. Pangle; thence with the line between Hawkins and Jefferson counties to Cheek's cross roads; thence with the line between Hawkins and Grainger counties to the center of Holston River; thence down the Holston River with the meanders thereof to the mouth of Hull's branch; thence from the mouth of Hull's branch south 25 degrees east one mile and 120 poles to a stake; thence east 5 miles and 16 poles to a stake; thence south 77 degrees east 1 mile to a stake; thence 59 degrees east 1 mile to a stake; thence 59 degrees east 1 mile to a stake; thence south 47 degrees east 1 mile to a stake; thence south 47 degrees east 1 mile to a stake; thence south 23 degrees east 1 mile to a stake on the northern bank of French Broad River; thence south 60 degrees east, up the French Broad River to the mouth of Nolachucky River; thence up the Nolachucky River with the meanders thereof, and with the line between Jefferson and Cocke Counties to the beginning.

SECTION 5. That it shall be the duty of said Commissioners to designate five public places in the fraction taken from Jefferson County, and three public places in the fraction taken from Grainger County, and shall give public notice by printed or written advertisement, for at least thirty days, posted up at five or more public places in each of said fractions; that on a day to be designated by them, and at the places designated, an election will be opened and held at which all persons entitled to vote for members of the General Assembly, who have resided in the fraction proposed to be stricken off for six months immediately preceding said election, shall be entitled to vote, and each voter who desires to vote for the establishment of the new county shall have on his ticket the

words "New County," and those desiring to vote against the new county shall have on their tickets the words "Old County," and if upon counting all the ballots cast in said election, it shall appear that two-thirds of all the qualified voters in each of said fractions have voted for the new county,

SECTION 6. That said Commissioners shall appoint Judges and Clerks to hold said election, and also some suitable person as an officer at each place designated in each of said fraction, who shall have all the powers and perform all the duties imposed by law upon other officers and inspectors holding elections under the laws of this State; and who shall, after polls are closed and the vote counted, make out and certify the result and return the same, with a copy of the pollbooks, to the Chairman of said Board, who shall, when the return are all received, proceed, in the presence of said Board, to compare the votes and certify the result and return the same, with a copy of the pollbooks, to the Chairman of said Board, who shall, when the returns are all received, proceed, in

the presence of said Board, to compare the votes and certify the result and return the same, with a copy of the pollbooks, to the Chairman of said Board, who shall, when the returns are all received, proceed, in the presence of said Board, to compare the votes and certify the result; and the election herein provided shall be held on the same day in each of said fractions; and if, from

any cause the election as hereby provided, shall not be held in either of said fractions on the day appointed, said

Board shall provide for another election, as herein provided in such fraction; and if said Commissioners shall believe upon investigation, which they are hereby fully authorized to institute into the manner of holding said election, that any improper or fraudulent practices have been permitted, they shall have the power to declare the election so hold in either fraction to be void, and shall proceed to hold another election in said fraction, first giving thirty days' notice, as herein provided.

SECTION 14. That all causes now pending, or which may be pending at the time of the organization of said county, in any of the Court of either Jefferson or Grainger Counties, between citizens pending within the limits of the new county, shall be transferred to the county having jurisdiction thereof in said county of Hamblen; and all suits pending, or which may be pending against any defendant residing within the limits of the new county, shall, if the plaintiff consent thereto, also be transferred to said county; and all prosecutions pending, or which may be pending in the Court of either of the counties of Grainger or Jefferson, for violations of the criminal law, where the crime is charged to have been committed within the limits of the new county, as hereby established, shall also be transferred to the Court of Hamblen County having jurisdiction thereof.

SECTION 16. That the people of each of the fractions taken from Jefferson and Grainger Counties shall remain liable and be bound to pay their respective shares of the debts owning by either of the counties from which they are stricken off, and shall also be entitled to their respective shares of all public securities or stocks that may be the property of either of said counties, and all

taxes assessed for the year 1870 on the property, polls and privileges in each of said fractions remaining uncollected upon the organization of said county of Hamblen, and the election and qualification of a Tax Collector for said county, shall be collected and accounted for by the Tax Collector of said county of Hamblen in the same manner as the public taxes of other counties, and the taxes assessed for county purposes in each of said fractions which may be collected at the time or organization of said county shall be apportioned between the new and the old counties, the fractions of each being required to pay their proper proportion of all public expenses for the year, up to the time of organization as aforesaid, and the county Courts of the old counties respectively, and also the County Court of the new county shall each appoint three suitable persons on the part of each, to apportion the public debt that each county may owe, and also to apportion the public securities or stocks, that may be owned by either of the old counties, and also to apportion the revenue assessed for county purposes, which may have been collected by the old counties for the year 1870, and in making such apportionment, the aggregate value of all taxable property and polls in each shall be taken as the basis of said apportionment, and each of the fractions included in the new county, and shall remain liable and pay their proportion of the debts of the old county from which they may be stricken off, and the County Courts of each of said counties are fully authorized to make such orders and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, so as to effect a fair and equitable apportionment of the debts owing, stock owned and revenue collected by each.

SECTION 18. That the public welfare required that this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed: May 31, 1870.

Acts of 1875 Chapter 140

COMPILER'S NOTE: Only Section 3 of this Act affected Jefferson County.

SECTION 3. That the county line between the counties of Hamblen and Jefferson be changed as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point in the center of the Dandridge and Greenville dirt road, eleven miles, by measurement, along the same from the Jefferson County Court House; then running south-eastwardly as nearly parallel with the present county line between said two (2) counties as practicable, so as not to approach nearer than eleven miles of the Jefferson County Court House, until it strikes the Cocke county line; then beginning again at said point first mentioned and running a direct line so as to never come within less than eleven miles of the said Jefferson County Court House, until it strikes the Cocke county line; then beginning again at said point first mentioned and running a direct line so as to never come within less than eleven miles of the said Jefferson County Court House, until said line strikes the C. C. G. & C. R. R.; then running a north-westwardly course along the southwest side of said railroad, thirty feet from the center of same, until the line strikes the present line between the counties of Jefferson and Hamblen; also, provided, that if there by any expense incurred in changing said county line between Jefferson

and Hamblen, the citizens living in that part of the county so attached to Hamblen county, shall be required to pay the same, and in default thereof the county of Hamblen shall pay the expenses of same

Passed: March 24, 1875.

Acts of 1935 Chapter 672

SECTION 1. That the County Line between the Counties of Sevier and Jefferson be so changed as to detach from the County of Jefferson and attach to the County of Sevier that portion of the farm of George Petty now situated in Jefferson County. The land to be detached from Jefferson County and attached to Sevier County is more particularly described in the two descriptions now recited as follows:

Beginning on a rock at the north side of the old Knoxville road, corner with Lowery Hickman and A. J. Hickman, thence crossing the road S. 9 1/4 E. 13 1/4 poles to a rock; thence with the N.E. Hickman, S. 87 3/4 W. 10 1/2 poles to a rock in the original line, thence with the same S. 3 degrees

W. 34 1/4 poles to a pile of rock, thence with Petty's line, E. 51 poles to a white oak, corner of a tract owned by Mrs. M. A. Langston; thence with her line in 27 W. -32 poles 20 links to a rock; thence No. 16 1/2 W. 24 poles to a rock at said road, corner with A.J. Hickman, Jr,; thence with his line and the road S. 82 1/2 W. 19 1/4 poles to the beginning, containing 10 3/4 acres more or less.

Beginning on a stone in the north side of the Knoxville road and running S. 8 1/2 E. 13 poles to a stone, N. ---89 1/2 W. 10 poles to a stone in the Lowery Hickman line with same N. 5 E. 8 poles to the beginning, and estimated to contain 3/4 of One Acre, be and the same more or less.

Passed: April 18, 1935.

Acts of 1817 Chapter 23

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Jefferson & Cocke, be and the same is hereby altered, so as to include an island in French Broad river, lately know, by the name of Kenney's Island now Carter's Island in the county of Cocke, then with the present line of said counties to the line of David Beck's land, on the south side of said river, then south to the lines of said counties, adding the land of David Beck to the county of Jefferson, *Provided*, nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the Sheriffs of said counties from collecting the tax now due in the said counties, and accounting for the same in the same manner as if this law had not been passed.

Passed: October 11th, 1817.

Acts of 1853-54 Chapter 130

COMPILER'S NOTE: Sections 2-4 are the only ones that deal with Jefferson County. Therefore, the remaining sections have been omitted.

SECTION 2. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

SECTION 3. That the dividing line between the counties of Jefferson and Hawkins be changed as follows: Beginning at or near George Lynch's on the line between said counties of Jefferson and Hawkins running with said line to the Walnut gap; from thence a direct line to the north-east boundary line of Pleasant Kirkpatrick's plantation, and with said line till it strikes the road leading from Russellville to Bull's Gap; and with said road till it strikes the county line of Greene and Hawkins, below Bull's Gap.

SECTION 4. That the persons and property included in the fraction of Jefferson, lying north-east of said line, as described in the first section of this act, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the citizens of Hawkins, and subject to all the duties thereof; and the act passed February 7, 16, 1852, entitled "an act to change the line between the counties of Jefferson and Hawkins, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed: January 31, 1854.

Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Acts of 1796, Chapter 34, appointed Joseph Greer, Abraham McClery, and William Bailes, as commissioners to run the boundary line between Knox County, Jefferson County, and Sevier

- County agreeable to an act of the Legislature and the Representatives of the Ohio Territory which divided Jefferson County into two district counties (published herein). All the inhabitants of the area would perform their duties in Knox County until the line was ascertained.
- Acts of 1803, Chapter 46, appointed David Stuart and William Taylor as commissioners to run and mark the line between Cocke County and Jefferson County agreeable to the Act of the General Assembly.
- 3. Acts of 1804, Chapter 19, authorized David Stuart to appoint one chain carrier in Jefferson County and another one in Cocke County to assist him in ascertaining, measuring, and marking the line between the two respective counties beginning on the south side of the French Broad River.
- 4. Acts of 1805, Chapter 14, provided that Peter Bryan and Joshua Gill, who were commissioners appointed by Sevier County's Quarterly Court to ascertain the line between Sevier County and Jefferson County, be allowed the sum of \$2.00 each for each and every day they have served as such which amount would be paid by Sevier County. Mordecai Lewis would also be allowed the sum of \$2.00 per day for each day he had spent surveying the line between Jefferson County and Sevier County. Chain carriers were to be paid \$1.00 for each day they worked at that task.
- 5. Acts of 1806, Chapter 1, set up surveyor districts and offices across the State so as to include Jefferson County among them.
- 6. Acts of 1811, Chapter 41, changed the line between Jefferson County and Cocke County beginning on the south side of the Nolachucky River, at the narrow neck in Outlaw's Big Bend of the said River, thence due west 90 poles to the river bank; thence with the present line between the two counties; and all that appeared north of the said line would be added to Jefferson County.
- 7. Acts of 1811, Chapter 110, stated that after the passage of this Act, the line of Cocke County would be changed so as to include the inhabitants on the waters of Cosby's Creek, which was supposed to be in Jefferson County. These people would hereafter be considered as citizens in Cocke County.
- 8. Acts of 1815, Chapter 13, stated that the new cut road so far as it extended through the plantation of Thomas Crossley on the road leading from Cheeks Cross Roads to Dodson's Ford on the Holston River would be hereafter considered as the line between Hawkins County and Jefferson County, leaving Crosby in Hawkins County.
- 9. Acts of 1817, Chapter 23, rearranged the boundary line between Jefferson county and Cocke County so as to include an island in the French Broad River, lately known by the name of Kenney's Island, thence running south to the lines of the said counties so as to include the lands of David Beck in Jefferson also.
- 10. Acts of 1817, Chapter 158, which was incorrectly cited as Chapter 148 in the earlier Volume, clarified the true dividing line between Grainger County and Jefferson County to be the main stage road from Panther Springs to a house occupied by Phelps Reed, John Moffett, and Joseph Shannon, successively.
- 11. Acts of 1820, Chapter 154, appointed Gabriel McCraw, of Hawkins County, Charles T. Porter, of Jefferson County, and Joseph Shannon, of Grainger County, as commissioners, who would run and mark the line between Hawkins County and Jefferson County from the marked corner on the watery fork of the Bent Creek where the road leading from Dodson's Ford on the Holston River to where Cheeks Cross Roads crosses the same, thence to Bull's Gap, all agreeable to the existing law. When completed, they would make out reports on the work and submit them to their respective courts.
- 12. Acts of 1825, Chapter 310, named Johothan Wood, of Cocke County, and William Taylor, of Jefferson County, as Commissioners to run and mark the line between the two counties beginning at the French Broad River where the said line leaves the River below the Dutch Bottom and continue with the same to the extreme height of English's Mountain and report the same to their respective courts. Each county must compensate their man with a reasonable amount for his services.
- 13. Acts of 1827, Chapter 176, changed the boundary lines between Jefferson County and Cocke County so that part of Jefferson County which was south of the Nolachucky River, or what was known as Robert Hill's Bend, be wholly contained within Cocke County.
- 14. Acts of 1845-46, Chapter 47, Section 4, changed the lines between Jefferson County and Grainger County so as to run with the stage road from the head of Panther Spring to John W. Hill, Sr.'s place so as to include the property of J.N. Shannon wholly within Jefferson County.
- 15. Acts of 1845-46, Chapter 174, moved the properties belonging to William Thompson, including his

- residence, out of Sevier County and into Jefferson County.
- 16. Acts of 1847-48, Chapter 51, transferred the property of James Barton from Jefferson to Grainger County by changing the boundary to run with the stage road from Joseph Shannon's to Isaac Barton's.
- 17. Acts of 1847-48, Chapter 197, rearranged the boundary between Jefferson County and Grainger County so that the line would leave Panther Creek, at or near Robert Potter's Senior, and strike it again at about forty rods west of the dwelling place of William Rice so as to include the dwelling and the lands owned by the said Rice wholly in Jefferson County.
- 18. Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 69, realigned the boundaries between Grainger County, Hawkins County, and Jefferson County, so as to include the storehouse of Obadiah Boaz, at Cheek's Cross Roads in Grainger County, and so that the line would run with the main stage road leading from Knoxville to Jonesboro to Cheek's Cross Roads, and from thence along the Bean Station Turnpike to the residence belonging to Boaz.
- 19. Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 189, Section 3, altered the dividing line between Jefferson County and Sevier County at Creswell's Creek so that all the lands of Thomas Stringfield would be wholly contained in Jefferson County. This Act was repealed by Acts of 1854, Chapter 130, but seemed to be reenacted again by Acts of 1856, Chapter 248.
- 20. Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 299, moved the area beginning on the side of the road leading from Russellville to Knoxville where the Arnott Road intersects the said road near Taylor's Blacksmith Shop at Cheek's Road; thence with the said Arnott's Road to Arnott's Gap at the Greene County line, out of Jefferson County and into Hawkins County. All the citizens and property in the area would have the same status as other residents of Hawkins County.
- 21. Acts of 1853-54, Chapter 130, changed the line between Hawkins and Jefferson County.
- 22. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 161, Section 2, changed the lines between Jefferson County and Grainger County so that the property of Charles E. Eckle would be included wholly in Jefferson County.
- 23. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 248, Section 4, moved the house and lands of Thomas Stringfield out of Knox County and into Jefferson County.
- 24. Acts of 1857-58, Chapter 47, detached the farms of William Taylor and Jesse Hunt from Grainger County and attached the same to Jefferson County.
- 25. Acts of 1859-60, Chapter 135, Section 7, changed the boundary line between Jefferson County and Grainger County so as to include the farm and residence of Mrs. Naney Senter wholly within Grainger County.
- 26. Acts of 1869-70, Chapter 48, Section 5, moved the farm known as the "Dr. Cassin's Farm" now owned by John C. Tate, out of Grainger County and into Jefferson. The farm which was named the "Mastin Moore" farm, owned by D. W. C. Senter, went out of Jefferson County and into Grainger County.
- 27. Acts of 1877, Chapter 44, noted in the preamble that differences of opinion existed on whether the line between Jefferson County and Hamblen County was nearer than eleven miles to the county seat of Jefferson County which, if true, would contravene the constitutional limitations. This Act described the line by metes and bounds and named William H. Eckle, Samuel P. Johnson, and Temple Harris, all of Jefferson County, and Rufus E. Rice, William Howell, and Wilson C. Witt, of Hamblen County, to run and mark the line as described herein. Plats of the line were to be made for each county and the commissioners would be paid a reasonable amount for their services by each county. This Act was repealed by the one following and the subject boundary line was restored as it was prior to the passage of this Act.
- 28. Acts of 1879, Chapter 55, moved the home and lands belonging to William Phillips out of Jefferson County and into Cocke County.
- 29. Acts of 1879, Chapter 56, detached the river island farm now owned by John Vance, Jr., which was situated in the Holston River from Grainger County and attached it to Jefferson County.
- 30. Acts of 1881, Chapter 54, transferred the properties of S. A. Sims out of Jefferson County and into Sevier County.
- 31. Acts of 1883, Chapter 38, realigned the boundary between Jefferson County and Sevier County so that the lands of John Russell, the heirs of William Felker, and Benjamin Manning, would all hereafter be contained wholly in Sevier County.
- 32. Acts of 1883, Chapter 54, moved the properties owned by James A. Caldwell and John Caldwell

- out of Sevier County and into Jefferson County.
- 33. Acts of 1883, Chapter 139, changed the boundary lines between Jefferson County and Cocke County so that the property belonging to J. K. Garner would hereafter be included wholly in Cocke County.
- 34. Acts of 1885, Chapter 104, removed the lands of C. M. Bowen and Mary Bowen from Hamblen County and placed them in Jefferson County.
- Acts of 1889, Chapter 106, altered the boundary lines between Jefferson County and Sevier County so that the real properties belonging to S. A. Sims and Benjamin Manning would be contained wholly within Sevier County.
- 36. Acts of 1889, Chapter 189, took the entire farms belonging to A. C. Huff and E. B. Hale out of Jefferson County and placed them in Hamblen County.
- 37. Acts of 1899, Chapter 385, changed the line between Hamblen County and Jefferson County so that certain lands belonging to W. C. Watkins, which were conveyed to him by John Talbot, containing about 45 acres, would be located wholly within Hamblen County. Section 2 of this Act moved about 80 acres of land owned by M. A. Roberts out of Hamblen County and into Jefferson County.
- 38. Private Acts of 1901, Chapter 260, rearranged the boundaries between Jefferson County and Sevier County so that the houses and farms of James Langston and M. A. Langston would be contained wholly within Jefferson County.
- 39. Private Acts of 1901, Chapter 283, transferred the properties belonging to W. G. Cate, J. W. Douglass, J. P. Moore, W. G. Bull, and E. Bull out of Sevier County and placed them altogether in Jefferson County.
- 40. Private Acts of 1907, Chapter 227, changed the boundaries between Jefferson County and Grainger County so as to include wholly within Jefferson County all of what was known as "Old McKinney Island" which was owned by E. G. Price, James Vance, and Samuel Vance, and located in the Holston River.
- 41. Private Acts of 1907, Chapter 386, further removed from Jefferson County and placed altogether in Grainger County all the lands constituting "Vance's Island," owned by W. A. Frazier, which Frazier had bought from James K. Vance, and his wife.
- 42. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 471, moved the lands belonging to Mack H. Hunter and Herbert Roberts, which adjoined one another, out of the Ninth Civil District of Jefferson County and into the Second Civil District of Hamblen County

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