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## Change of Boundary Lines

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# Change of Boundary Lines Acts of 1806 Chapter 21

WHEREAS the large extent of the counties of Anderson and Claiborne, renders it grievous and burthensome to many of the inhabitants thereof to attend courts, general musters, elections, and other public meetings therein. For remedy whereof:

**SECTION 1.** That the following described bounds be, and the same are hereby erected into a new and distinct county by the name of Campbell, to wit: Beginning at a point to be ascertained by running a direct line from the town of Burrville, in Anderson county, north forty-five degrees east eleven miles, and running from thence north forty-five degrees, west to the Kentucky state line, or the northern boundary line of the state of Tennessee, from thence east, with the said boundary line, to a point on the same, from whence a line to be run at the angle of forty-five degrees, south east, shall cross Powell's Valley, at or near the house where James Davis formerly lived in said Valley, leaving said house in Campbell county not more than fifty poles, thence the same course continued, to the line of Grainger county, on the right bank of Clinch, thence down the said river of Clinch, agreeably to its various meanders, to a certain point that shall intersect the lines of Anderson and Claiborne counties, immediately on the said right bank of Clinch river, thence crossing said river, and running southwardly with the line that divides the counties of Anderson and Grainger, to the Chestnut Ridge, thence along the extreme height thereof, to a point from whence a line shall be run at the angle of north forty-five degrees, west to the point the place of beginning.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Sections 2 through 7 did not relate to Anderson County and are not included herein.

**SECTION 8.** That Jesse Roysden, and Walter Evans, be appointed commissioners, who are authorized to run the dividing lines, and boundary lines, of and between the said counties of Campbell, Anderson and Claiborne, and designate the boundaries of said Campbell county, as herein before directed and described; that is, where the said line or lines are not already run or particularly pointed out by natural boundaries; for which services the said commissioners shall be allowed the sum of two dollars each per day, and the marker one dollar per day, the expense to be paid by the said county of Campbell.

**SECTION 9.** That the present sheriffs and collectors of the counties of Anderson and Claiborne, be authorized to collect all arrearages of public taxes, which by law they were authorised to collect, in the same manner that he might or could do, before the said sectional parts, that now compose the county of Campbell, were taken off of said counties of Anderson and Claiborne.

COMPILER'S NOTE: Section 10 did not relate to Anderson County and is not included herein.

Passed: September 11, 1806.

#### Private Acts of 1807 Chapter 51

**SECTION 1.** That from and after the passing of this act, the county of Anderson shall be comprehended within the following bounds, to wit: Beginning on the Chestnut Ridge, where the Knox & Grainger county line formerly crossed the same; thence with the Grainger county line to the north bank of Clinch river; thence down the said river to the first bluff below the mouth of Cove creek; thence along the extreme height of the ridge, which divides the waters of Cove creek from those of Cole creek, to the top of Wallen's ridge; thence north forty five degrees west, to the point where it will intersect the former line of Anderson county, which runs south forty five degrees west; thence from that point, south forty five degrees west, to a point, from whence south forty five degrees east will strike Wallen's ridge, one quarter of a mile above the gap of the Indian fork of Poplar creek; thence from said last mentioned point, south forty five degrees east to Wallen's ridge, one quarter of a mile above the gap of the Indian fork of Poplar creek; thence to the double Springs, on the east side of said creek; thence a direct course to Clinch river, opposite the mouth of Hickory Creek; thence up the lines of Knox county to the beginning.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Section 2 did not relate to Anderson County, therefore, it is not included herein.

**SECTION 3.** That Jesse Roysden shall be, and hereby appointed to run and cause to be distinctly marked, the line between said counties of Anderson and Campbell, who shall be allowed the sum of two dollars per day therefor, one half of which sum, shall be paid by the county of Anderson, and the other half by the county of Campbell; and that Joab Hill shall be, and he hereby is appointed to run and cause to be

distinctly marked, the line which divides the counties of Claiborne and Campbell, who shall be allowed the sum of two dollars per day therefor; which shall be paid by the counties of Claiborne and Campbell, one half by each.

**SECTION 4.** That each of said persons shall employ a person to mark said lines, and each of said markers shall be allowed for their service the sum of one dollar per day; which shall be paid by the said counties, in the same manner and in the same proportions, that said surveyors are directed to be paid.

**SECTION 5.** That from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the inhabitants of that part of the county of Campbell, that was formerly Anderson, to hold their elections for governor, members to congress, members to the general assembly and electors to elect a president and vice-president of the United States, and field officers of the militia of said county, at the place of holding court in said county; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of said county or his deputy, to attend the said elections and conduct the same, under the same rules and regulations as by law they are bound to do in other counties in this state in similar cases.

**SECTION 6.** That it shall be the duty of the sheriff of said county, or his deputy, as the case may be, when the votes so taken, for the county of Anderson, to meet on Monday, immediately succeeding the said election, in Kingston, to compare the votes so taken, which shall be taken as a part of the election for Anderson County, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed: November 7, 1807.

#### Private Acts of 1817 Chapter 20

**SECTION 1.** That from and after the passing of this act, the line hereinafter mentioned, shall be the dividing line between the counties of Anderson and Campbell, that is to say: beginning on Clinch River, at the first bluff above the island ford thence with the dividing ridge between Cave and Cole creek to Wallen's Ridge, and then with Wallen's Ridge, to the line run by William Hogshead under the act of Eighteen Hundred an Eleven, then with that line to New River, then down New River to the mouth of Smoky Creek, then to the dividing ridge which divides the waters of New River and Brimstone, so as to leave Smoky Creek in Anderson county, then with said dividing ridge to a point one-half mile above the mouth of Brimstone, leaving the waters of New River in Campbell county, and the waters of Brimstone in Anderson County; from thence north forty five degrees west to the Kentucky line; and that tract of country which lies north and east of the before described line shall compose and be a part of the county of Campbell. **SECTION 2.** That the County of Campbell, shall defray all expences incident to the running said line, whenever the county court of Campbell shall deem the running necessary. *Provided*, nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the proper officer of the county of Anderson from collecting any taxes that may be due in the tract of country hereby annexed to the county of Campbell.

Passed: September 24, 1817.

#### Private Acts of 1853-53 Chapter 129

**SECTION 1.** That the following shall be the dividing line between the county of Campbell on the one side, and the counties of Anderson and Scott on the other-- to wit: Beginning at a point on New river, a short distance above William Massengill's, where the present Scott county line crosses said New river;

running thence up New river to a point on the east bank of New river, opposite to Solomon Doherty's; thence to the Coal gap, in such a direction as to leave the waters of the Beech fork in Campbell connty [sic], and to leave Banister Vowel's residence in Anderson county; running thence on the south side of the mountain, in which the said Coal gap occurs, to the present residence of the Cokers', including the said Cokers in Campbell county; thence a direct line to a point in the former line between Campbell and Anderson counties, near the residence of Paul Harmor, so as to leave said Harmor in Anderson county. *Provided*, that if either of the counties of Anderson and Campbell desire to have a survey of the line laid off in this act, they shall be entitled thereto, and the county of Campbell shall defray all expenses incident to said survey.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** The remainder of the above act did not concern Anderson County.

Passed: February 20, 1854.

#### Private Acts of 1853-54 Chapter 320

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** The prior sections of this act did not concern Anderson County and are, therefore, not printed here.

**SECTION 25.** That the dividing line between the counties of Anderson and Scott be changed as follows: To leave new river at two white walnuts on the north bank of said river, at the mouth of a hollow in William Massingill's field; thence up said hollow to the top of the mountain, which divides the waters of said river from the waters of Smoky Creek, north eighty, west 160 poles; thence along the top of said mountain due west 320 poles, to a white oak, James McGee's west corner; thence south 30, west 600 poles, with the top of the mountain, passing Lowe's Gap; thence south 80, west 500 poles with the top of the mountain to intersect with the old line near the head of the Straight Fork; thence with said line to new river; thence down the same to the beginning.

Passed: February 11, 1854.

## Private Acts of 1855-56 Chapter 173

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Sections 1 through 5 and section 9 did not concern Anderson County and are, therefore, not printed here.

**SECTION 6.** That the line as run by Samuel C. Young, according to an act of Assembly, passed February 20, 1854, chapter 129, commencing at a point near Powell Harmen's, thence running north eighty-five degrees, west, to the residence of Coakers, on the top of the mountain, and marked by James Wilson, be, and the same is hereby, declared to be the true dividing line between the Counties of Anderson and Campbell.

**SECTION 7.** That the Surveyors of the Counties of Anderson and Roane, in connection, shall meet and run, and cause to be marked, the dividing line between the Counties of Anderson and Roane, from the Double Springs on Poplar Creek, to a point on Clinch River, according to an act of Assembly, passed 1801, chapter 45, section 15; and the same, when run and marked, shall be the true dividing line between said Counties of Anderson and Roane.

**SECTION 8.** That the said Surveyors shall make out a plot of said survey, and file it with the Clerks of the

Circuit Courts of their respective Counties, and the same shall be spread on the record books of said Courts, at the next terms of their Courts. Each County shall pay a proportional part of the expenses of said survey out of their County Treasury.

Passed: February 25, 1856.

#### Private Acts of 1857-58 Chapter 129

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Sections 1 through 4 and Sections 6 through 9 did not involve Anderson County and have been omitted.

**SECTION 5.** That the county lines between the counties of Roane, Anderson and Morgan, be changed as follows: To be continued between Roane and Anderson, with the extreme heighth of the Pine Ridge, a northeasterly direction, to the Mountain Fork of Poplar creek; thence up with the meanders of said creek to the north side of Walden's Ridge; thence with the foot of said Ridge, a westerly direction, to the West Fork of the Indian Fork of Poplar creek, to the place where the county line between Roane and Morgan, now crosses said creek.

Passed: March 15, 1858.

## Private Acts of 1887 Chapter 127

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Sections 1 through 4 and Sections 6 through 9 did not involve Anderson County and were, therefore, not repeated herein.

**SECTION 5.** That the county lines between the counties of Roane, Anderson and Morgan, be changed as follows: To be continued between Roane and Anderson, with the extreme heighth of the Pine Ridge, a northeasterly direction, to the Mountain Fork of Poplar creek; thence up with the meanders of said creek to the north side of Walden's Ridge; thence with the foot of said Ridge, a westerly direction, to the West Fork of the Indian Fork of Poplar creek, to the place where the county line between Roane and Morgan, now crosses said creek.

Passed: March 15, 1858.

#### Private Acts of 1889 Chapter 34

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Anderson and Roane be and the same is hereby settled and fixed so as to include the following described boundary in the county of Anderson, viz: Beginning at a rock in the old line between Anderson and Roane in E.A.Reed's south-east line, then south 78 west with Reed's line 150 poles to a beech in Reed's corner, then south 53 west 107 poles to a large forked white oak on a hill near G.W.Butler's house, then south 17 west 51 poles to a stake, hickory and black oak pointers William Wiley's and John G. Scott's corner; then with the line between said Wiley's and said Scott's to the Walden Ridge Railroad, and same course continued to the Valley Road, and same course still continued to the top of Walden's Ridge in the line between Morgan and Roane Counties, in all 124 poles to a stake, hickory and black oak pointers; then north  $61\frac{1}{2}$  east 168 poles to the center of the gap of Walden's Ridge, then with the line between the counties of Morgan and Roane to the corner of the counties of Anderson, Morgan, and Roane, near the old salt well, then a direct line to the beginning.

**SECTION 2.** That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 23, 1889.

#### Private Acts of 1903 Chapter 304

**SECTION 1.** That the line between Anderson and Morgan Counties be, and the same is hereby changed so as: Beginning at the wagon road on Fodder Stock Mountain upon the present line, running north 7 degrees, west, 388 poles to a white oak near the north bank of New river; thence north 32 degrees, west

180 poles to a stake at the point Stallion Mountain, and on the top bench of said mountain where the same comes to a point; thence with the said bench of said mountain with the conditional line of Robert Patterson's heirs, south 86 degrees, west 39 poles to a stake; north 54 degrees west 94 poles to a stake; north 88 degrees west 34 poles to a stake; north 78 degrees west 52 poles to a stake; north 3 degrees west 100 poles to a stake; south 32 degrees west, 50 poles to a stake; south 86 degrees, west 56 poles to a stake; north 15 degrees, west 60 poles to a chestnut; north 1 degree, west 200 poles to a stake on the top of the mountain at the present county line, so as to include all of the Bletcher Arms 2,000 tract of land lying at the head of New river, and now owned by the State of Tennessee, in Morgan County.

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

Passed: March 28, 1903.

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