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Change of Boundary Lines

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Private Acts of 1822 (Second Session) Chapter 96

SECTION 1. That all that tract of country lying North of the following described bounds shall be, and remain a part of Hickman county (to wit,) beginning at the south east corner of Hickman county made by the commissioners on the old Natchez road, and running with said road to Grinder's old stand on said road, thence eastwardly on the top of said ridge, with its different meanders between the head waters of Swan and Buffaloe, and extending on with said ridge between the head waters of Cane creek and Trace creek, and thence with a ridge so as to include Racoon creek in Hickman county, to the east boundary line of Perry county; thence north with Perry county line to the north-west corner of Hickman county.

SECTION 2. That all the balance of territory being north of Lawrence county and south of [the] aforesaid described line shall be and remain a part of Lawrence county.

SECTION 3. That all the remaining part of said territory lying north of Wayne county and south of said before described line of Hickman shall be and remain a part of Wayne county.

SECTION 4. That the county court of Wayne and Lawrence shall appoint one or more commissioners to run and mark the lines as far as respects Lawrence and Wayne counties.

SECTION 5. That all and every person or persons whatsoever, falling into the bounds of either of the aforesaid counties, shall, and they are hereby vested with all the rights and privileges that they would have had in case they had been originally attached or belonged to said counties, and that this act shall be in force from and after the passing thereof, and that all laws or parts of laws coming within the purview and meaning of this act shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

August 17, 1822.

Private Acts of 1835-36 Chapter 46

COMPILER'S NOTE: Section 2 of this act is the only section that effects Hickman County, the rest of the sections are therefore not printed herein.

SECTION 2. That all that territory and country now lying in the county of Hickman, within the following boundaries, shall hereafter belonging and (be) attached to the county of Humphreys to wit:--Beginning in the line dividing the counties of Hickman and Humphreys, where the same first strikes Duck river, running south from the north west corner of Hickman; running thence up with the meanders of Duck river, with the main channel, to where the middle of the main ridge dividing the waters of Sugar and Tumbling creeks strikes the river; thence a north easterly course, along the summit of said ridge, between the waters of said creeks, to the main ridge dividing the waters of Garner's and Little Hurricane creeks; thence along the summit of the same to the north boundary line of Hickman county; thence west with said line, to the north west corner of said county; thence south with the line dividing the counties of Hickman and Humphreys to the beginning.

Passed: February 2, 1836.

Acts of 1837-38 Chapter 211

COMPILER'S NOTE: Section 1 of this act did not effect Hickman County and is therefore not printed herein.

SECTION 3. That the county line between the counties of Maury and Hickman, be and the same is hereby so altered as to include within the limits of Hickman county the following described territory, to wit: beginning at the ford at Gordon's ferry, where the Natchez road crosses Duck river, on the south bank of said river, running thence up said river with its meanders to the mouth of Fall branch; thence up said branch with its main channel to where the same strikes the Natchez road, thence northerly with said road to the beginning.

SECTION 4. That the citizens residing in said limits shall enjoy all the advantages and be subject to all the duties and liabilities that are enjoined or secured to the citizens of Hickman county.

Passed: January 24th, 1838.

Acts of 1843-44 Chapter 38

SECTION 1. That a new county be, and the same is hereby established, to be composed of fractions

taken from the counties of Maury, Lawrence, Wayne and Hickman, and to be known and designated by the name of Lewis County, in honor of Captain Merriwether Lewis, who has rendered distinguished services to his country, and whose remains lie buried and neglected within its limits, and shall be bounded as follows:

SECTION 2. Beginning on the South bank of Duck River, at a point twelve miles on a straight line West from Columbia, and running in a South direction, leaving Columbia twelve miles to the East, to the Turnpike leading from Mount Pleasant to Tennessee river, thence with said turnpike road to the Wayne county line, running thence in a Northerly direction, leaving Waynesboro to the West twelve miles, thence in a North-East direction through Hickman county, leaving Centerville twelve miles to the West to Duck river, thence up said river to the beginning.

SECTION 3. That John Aiken and Albert G. Cooper of the county of Maury, Shadrick Morris and James Voss of the county of Lawrence, James Gullett and David Voorhies of the county of Wayne, Hugh B. Venable and John Clayton of the county of Hickman, shall be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with authority to employ a competent surveyor to run out and designate the boundaries of said county, and also to employ a competent surveyor to ascertain by actual survey of the several counties, from which the county of Lewis is to be composed, and if upon such survey there shall be territory and population sufficient to meet the requirements of the constitution, without infringing upon the constitutional territory or population of either of the counties, from which said county of Lewis is to be composed, then said county of Lewis is hereby established upon the following conditions:

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of said commissioners, as soon as they ascertain that there is territory and population sufficient to constitute a new county under the requirements of the third section of this act, after first giving twenty days notice in two or more public places, of the time and place in each of the fractions proposed to be stricken off from the counties of Maury, Lawrence, Wayne and Hickman, that they will open and hold an election in each of the fractions proposed to be taken off from the counties aforesaid, for the purpose of ascertaining whether a majority of the voters, residing in the several fractions, are in favor of, or opposed to the establishment of said county of Lewis; and all persons qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly, who have resided in the fractions aforesaid six months immediately preceding the day of 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 desirous to vote against the new county, shall have on their tickets the words Old County; and if upon counting the ballots, the judges of the several elections in said fractions, shall return that a majority of each of the fractions have voted for the new county, then the county of Lewis shall be, and the same is hereby established, with all the powers, privileges and advantages, and subject to all the liabilities of other counties in this State.

COMPILER'S NOTE: The remaining Sections of this Act involved only Lewis County.

Passed: December 21, 1843.

Acts of 1851-52 Chapter 189

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Perry and Hickman, be changed as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the Ridge between Cain creek and Brush creek, at the head of Dicky's branch, running thence north, so as to leave Isaac Depreast west of said line, crossing Cain creek, and continuing one half mile north of said creek, there to corner, and run from said corner west or north-west to the Perry county line, so as to include all the citizens living on Cain creek, below where said line crosses the creek, above said Depreast's, and that all the territory stricken off of Hickman County by changing the line as above described, be, and is hereby attached to the county of Perry.

SECTION 2. That all persons residing within the territory attached to the county of Perry, by the first section of this act, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the liabilities and penalties of other citizens of Perry county. Provided, It does not reduce the county of Hickman below its constitutional limits, and it shall be the duty of the county court of Hickman county to appoint a surveyor to run out said county, whenever the county of Perry shall have deposited with the county court clerk, of Hickman county, money sufficient to pay all the cost and expense for running out said county.

COMPILER'S NOTE: Section 3 did not concern Hickman County.

Passed: February 25, 1852.

Acts of 1853-54 Chapter 138

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Perry and Hickman be changed as follows--to-wit: Beginning on the present county line, twenty poles north of William Watson's; thence East, to Abisha Curl's, so as to include said Curl in Perry county; thence southeast to Owen Morgan's; thence south-east

to Jno. Sutherland's, on the Cave branch; thence southeast to David Carry's, including all of said persons and places in Perry county; thence south-west so as to leave Alexander Joice in Hickman county; and thence so as to leave John Sisco's in said county of Hickman; thence south to the county line on the dividing ridge between Cane and Brush Creeks; and all the territory stricken from Hickman county by changing the line as above described, be, and the same is hereby attached to the county of Perry.

SECTION 2. That the persons residing within the territory attached to the county of Perry by the first section of this act, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the liabilities and penalties of other citizens of Perry county; and that this act shall take effect from and after the tenth day of March next.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the county surveyor of Perry county to run and mark the line between said counties of Hickman and Perry, as set forth in the first section of this act; and it shall be the duty of the county of Perry to pay for the same. Provided, said change does not reduce said county of Hickman below its constitutional limits.

Passed: March 3, 1854.

Private Acts of 1897 Chapter 270

SECTION 1. That the line now dividing the counties of Hickman and Lewis be so changed as to include within the county of Lewis, all of the lands, farms, and homes embraced within the following metes and bounds, to-wit: Begins at the crossing of the Coon creek and Linden roads, the common corner of Perry and Hickman and Lewis Counties, running thence north 12 degrees, west five hundred (500) poles to a pile of stones; thence north 65 degrees, east four hundred and twenty-four (424) poles to a white oak; thence north 19 degrees, east one hundred and eighteen (118) poles to a spotted oak; thence north 74 degrees, east forty-two (42) poles to a stake; thence north 31½ degrees, east one hundred and six (106) poles to a chestnut tree; thence south 63 degrees, east fifty-six (56) poles to a stake on steep point; thence north 81½ degrees, east seventy poles to a spotted oak; thence north 4 degrees, east one hundred and four (104) poles to the center of Cane creek; thence with the meanderings of said creek about north 60 degrees, west about one hundred and sixty (160) poles to a point opposite the cross fence between John E. Sisco and A.J. Pace; thence north 15 degrees, east, with Sisco's line, one hundred and thirty (130) poles to a hickory; thence north 83 degrees, east thirty-seven (37) poles to a hickory; thence south 45 degrees, east twenty-two (22) poles to a white oak; thence north 64 degrees, east thirty-eight (38) poles to a spotted oak; thence south 79 degrees, east fifty (50) poles to the pathway on top of ridge that divides the Deprust branch from Pace Branch; thence with the meanderings of said pathway, a course varying from north 45 degrees, east to north four hundred and eighty (480) poles to a large stone on south side of road running from Kimmins to Pleasantville; thence with said road and the Beaverdam road, a course varying from north 85 degrees, east to south 50 degrees, east fifteen hundred and sixty (1,560) poles to the Lewis County line, westerly of Kimmins; surveyed January 21, 22, and 23, 1897. All bearings read from magnetic meridian with instrument that reads 3 degrees, 18 minutes easterly of true meridian.

W. J. Hale, *County Surveyor.*

Lewis County, Tennessee;

W.W. Brown,

J.P. Talley,

Will Goodman,

W.E. Humphreys,

C.C.

Including in the said county of Lewis the lands, farms, and homes of the following, to-wit: G. W. Skelton, Sr., R. A. Mitchell, G. W. Hinson, G. W. Skelton, Jr., Thos. James, E. C. Bastian, L. W. Hinson, J. R. Duncan, P. K. J. Hensley, W. H. Crowe, Bryant Mathis, D. C. Anderson, S. J. Downing, Elisha Talley, S. H. Hinson, A. H. Wylie, Budd Mathis, J. E. Sisco, E. M. Hinson, Richard Willis, W. W. Brown, D. D. Humphreys, C. W. Mooday, A. T. Wylie, J. P. Talley, Ruben Mathis, W. H. Bastian, J. H. Brown, W. W. Quillin, J. A. Sisco, R. Lee Hinsley, William James, John Harper, D. L. Hinson, W. A. Pace, F. J. Cheatham, J. A. Goodman, C. A. Lancaster, "land" by Union Bank and Tr. Co., Executor; J. H. Sisco, W. A. James, J. M. Carson, Solomon Hinson, J. D. Brown, J. E. McCullon, W. T. Duncan, W. J. Garrette, Jonathan Duncan; and also all other farms and lands and homes embraced within said metes and bounds, as hereinbefore expressly set forth.

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

Passed: March 12, 1897.

Public Acts of 1899 Chapter 264

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Hickman and Lewis be, and the same is hereby, changed as follows: Beginning at a stake in the line as now established on the south side of Cane creek, at what its [sic] is known as Jenkins' ford, and on the south side of DePriest's branch and the public road, runs thence N. 82 degrees east 140 poles to a stake; thence N. 75 degrees east 36 poles to A. J. DePriest's line; thence with his south boundary line to a black walnut stump near the south side of the road; thence with the south boundary of A. J. Brown's land to A. J. DePriest's other tract of land; thence with his south boundary line to his corner; thence with J.D. Brown's south boundary line to a black walnut on the south said of the south side of the Centreville road, thence N. 65 degrees east 32 poles, to a stooping black oak with white oak pointers; thence N. 41 degrees east 80 poles to a stake with hickory pointers; thence N. 31 degrees east 134 poles to a small black gum in the Hickman and Lewis county line, near Joseph Horner's house.

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

Passed: April 15, 1899.

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