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Change of Boundary Lines

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Public Acts of 1819 Chapter 2

SECTION 1. That the boundaries and lines hereinafter described, shall be and constitute the limits of Humphreys County, to wit; beginning at the mouth of White Oak creek, on the Tennessee River, where the upper line of Stewart county strikes said river; running thence a due west course to the top of the ridge dividing the waters of Sandy river from the water of the Tennessee; ---- thence southwardly on the top of said ridge, to a point thereon which will be at least twenty five miles south of the north boundary line of Humphreys county, hereinbefore mentioned, or so much farther, as that a line therefrom due east to the west boundary line of Hickman county and the other boundaries of said county of Humphreys which are herein after mentioned, will include six hundred and twenty five square miles; thence due east to the west boundary line of Hickman county; thence north and west with the lines of Hickman, Dickson and Stewart counties as heretofore described by law, to the beginning.

SECTION 2. That Robert Jarmon, David Wells, John Thompson, Dawsey P. Hudson, and Harmon Lytle, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with authority to employ a surveyor, and have the lines of the county of Humphreys, as above described, run out and marked as soon as may be convenient; and the county court of said county are hereby authorized to pay said commissioners and surveyor, such sum as said court may deem a sufficient compensation, for the services required of them by this act, out of any monies belonging to said county, not otherwise appropriated.

SECTION 3. That this act shall be in force from and after the passing thereof.

Passed: November 15, 1819.

Acts of 1820 Chapter 90

SECTION 1. That the boundaries of Humphreys county shall be as follows, to wit, beginning at the mouth of White Oak Creek, on the Tennessee river, where the upper line of Stewart County strikes said river, running thence west four miles and a half, thence south, fortyfive degrees west, ten miles and a half, thence due south to a point, that a line due east, intersecting the west boundary line of Hickman County, and the other boundaries of said Humphreys county, heretofore established by law, will include six hundred and twenty five square miles; thence due east to the west boundary line of Hickman County, thence north and west with the lines of Hickman, Dixon and Stewart as heretofore described by law to the beginning.

SECTION 2. That the territory by this description of boundary thrown off from Humphreys county on the south, shall be, and constitute a part of Perry County.

Passed: July 6, 1820

Private Acts of 1835-36 Chapter 30

COMPILER'S NOTE: Sections 3 through 11 concerned only Benton County and are not published in his volume.

SECTION 1. That from and after the first day of January, 1836, the county of Humphreys shall be and the same is hereby declared divided, making the Tennessee river the dividing line of said county.

SECTION 2. That there shall be a new county laid off including all that part or section of county, west of the Tennessee river, formerly included in the county of Humphreys, to be called. known and designated in this State by the county of Benton, to have and possess all the rights and privileges, known to any other county in this state, by any general law or usage.

SECTION 12. That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to prevent the county of Humphreys from entering up judgments, or the sheriffs of said county from selling under such judgments, any lands or other property within the bounds of the said county of Benton for taxes and charges that are due from the citizens of said county of Benton, for the present or any preceding year.

Passed: December 19, 1835.

Private Acts of 1835-36 Chapter 46

SECTION 1. That all that portion of Dickson county lying in the following boundaries, shall hereafter be attached to and belong to the county of Humphreys: ---Beginning at the south west corner of Dickson

county, and thence running east with the south boundary line of said county of Dickson, to where the said line intersects the ridge that divides the waters of Hurricane creek from the waters of Garner's creek; thence with said ridge, to where said ridge intersects with the ridge that divides the waters of Cumberland and Duck rivers; thence north westwardly with said ridge, to the line that divides the counties of Dickson and Humphreys; thence south with said line to the beginning.

SECTION 2. That all that territory and county now lying in the county of Hickman, within the following boundaries, shall hereafter belong 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 Trumbling creeks strikes the river; thence in 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.

SECTION 3. That the citizens residing within the aforesaid boundaries, shall still vote with the county from which they have been detached, until the next enumeration, for the members of the general assembly, members to congress, governor and electors for president and vice president; Provided, the lines hereby directed to be run, shall not run within twelve miles and a half of the present county seats of said counties; and Provided, also, the said counties shall not be reduced below their constitutional limits.

SECTION 4. That all taxes and other public dues from citizens within the aforesaid boundaries, shall be collected in the same manner as heretofore; and the county courts are hereby authorized to render up judgment for the same, in the same manner as if the territory hereby detached still remained attached to their respective counties.

SECTION 5. That all officers, civil and military, shall remain in office, within the aforesaid boundaries, until elections shall take place by law, to supply the same; when it shall be lawful for the citizens within said boundaries to vote with and in all things be considered citizens of the county of Humphreys.

SECTION 6. That John Thompson, Isaac Little, Henry Luton and William McCastland, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to survey, run out, and mark the boundaries as herein directed, and have a copy and plat of the same transmitted to the county courts of each county; which copy and plat shall be spread on the records of their county.

SECTION 7. That the said commissioners shall receive three dollars per day for each day they may be engaged in making the survey, hereby directed to be paid out of the county treasury of Humphreys County.

Passed: February 2, 1836.

Acts of 1839-40 Chapter 76

SECTION 1. That so much of the county of Stewart as lies within the following described bounds, (to wit:) beginning at a point where the line between Stewart and Humphreys counties crosses the dividing ridge between White Oak and Turkey creek, at the head of Varner's branch, running thence down said branch to White Oak creek, thence up White Oak creek with its meanders to the mouth of Lewis' branch, thence up said branch with its meanders to the forks of the same at or near Nimrod Crosswell's, thence up the south fork of the same to the Tennessee ridge, thence along the top of said ridge to where the road leading up the Long branch of White Oak crosses the same, thence a due east course to the line of Dickson County, thence southwardly with said line to the north boundary of Humphreys county, thence with the line dividing Stewart and Humphreys counties to the beginning, be, and the same is hereby attached to the county of Humphreys, and that the citizens included in that portion of Stewart attached to the county of Humphreys shall have and enjoy all the rights and privileges of other citizens of Humphreys county.

SECTION 2. That all civil officers residing in that portion of Stewart county thus attached to the county of Humphreys shall continue in and hold their offices until the next regular election for county officers.

SECTION 3. That Alexander Brown, William O. Gwinn, Elisha Crosswell, William Rye and Alexander Irwin be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, a majority of whom may act, to superintend the running and marking said line; and they shall have authority to appoint a competent surveyor, whose duty it shall be to run said line and make out two correct plats of said territory, one of which shall be deposited with the county court clerk of Stewart county, and the other with the county court clerk of Humphreys county; said commissioners and surveyors shall be entitled to the same compensation for their services that other persons are entitled to for performing similar services, to be paid out of any money in the

hands of the trustee of Humphreys county not otherwise appropriated.

SECTION 4. That William O. Gwinn, Esq. shall open and hold an election at the house of Alexander Brown, Esq. on the 15th day of February, 1840, after first giving ten days notice by advertisement at two or more public places in the territory above named, and if there be a majority in favor of being attached as provided in the foregoing provisions of this act, then this act shall take effect, and not otherwise.

Passed: January 20, 1840.

Public Acts of 1870-71 Chapter 46

SECTION 1. That a new county be, and the same is hereby established out of the fractions of the territory composing the counties of Stewart, Humphreys, Montgomery and Dickson, to be known and designated by the name of the county of Houston, and shall be bounded as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. That the general boundaries of said county shall be as follows, towit: Beginning at a mulberry about six poles below the mouth of White Oak Creek, on Tennessee river; running east eleven miles, with the old Stewart and Humphreys county line, to a point due north from Waverly, eleven miles; thence east with a circle, keeping eleven miles from Waverly, seven miles; thence east six miles to the Dickson county line; thence north 21° east, by Norris' Mills, three and a half miles, to a sycamore on the right bank of Bear Creek, about three hundred and fifty yards from Maj. Shelton's residence; thence north seven miles, to the Montgomery county line; thence west with said county line, four miles to the south-west corner of Montgomery county; thence north 19° west, with said county line to the Cumberland river; thence with said river and its meanders, seven miles, to the residence of Capt. Naylor, on the bank of said river, opposite the "Checkered House," and about eleven miles from Dover; thence south 70° west eleven miles, with a circle, keeping eleven miles from Dover, to a stake eleven miles due south of Dover, and about one quarter of a mile west of the last residence of John Barnes, deceased; thence north 73° west, with the same circle, six and one-half miles to Leatherwood Creek; thence down said creek, with its meanders, to the Tennessee river; thence up the said river, with its meanders, to the beginning, twelve and one-half miles, containing three hundred forty square miles.

COMPILER'S NOTE: The remainder of this Act concerned the establishment of Houston County and is not reprinted in this volume.

Passed: January 21, 1871.

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