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# Change of Boundary Lines

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## Acts of 1822 (Ex. Sess.) 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; 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and that all laws or parts of laws coming within the purview and meaning of this act shall, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed: August 17, 1822.

## 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 Merrewither 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 Centreville 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:

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** The remainder of this Act affected only Lewis County and is omitted.

December 21, 1843

## Acts of 1853-54 Chapter 89

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** The remaining portions of this Act do not apply to Lawrence County and are not reproduced herein.

**SECTION 10.** That the dividing line between Lawrence and Lewis counties be so changed, that all of that part of the north-western portion of the county of Lawrence, lying immediately south of and adjoining the county of Lewis, which may be left after surveying out and setting apart to said county of Lawrence its constitutional territory, as hereinafter mentioned, shall be included in and attached to the county of Lewis. Provided, it shall not appear that the county of Lewis, as enlarged, is not a constitutional county.

**SECTION 11.** That before any such change shall take place, the county court of Lewis county, a majority of the acting justices of the peace being present and voting in the affirmative, shall pass an order notifying the county court of Lawrence county, that they desire to have said county of Lawrence surveyed out, and it constitutional territory set apart to it, as hereinafter mentioned.

**SECTION 12.** That it shall be the duty of the county court of Lawrence county, on receiving the above mentioned notice, to appoint some competent and suitable person to make said survey, who shall have power to employ at the expense of said county of Lewis, chain carriers, a marker, flag bearer, a pack horse man, and such other persons as may be necessary to assist him in making said survey, and who shall together with said chainers and marker before commencing said survey, take and subscribe an oath before some justice of the peace in the county of Lawrence, faithfully, honestly, and correctly to perform the duties imposed upon them by this act, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

**SECTION 13.** That said survey shall begin at the south-east corner of the county of Lewis, on the north boundary of Lawrence, and run thence eastwardly with the north boundary of said county of Lawrence to the north-east corner of the same; thence southwardly with the west boundary of Giles county, the Alabama State line; thence westwardly, with the same to the south-east corner of Wayne county; thence northwardly with the same so far, that by running east and north to the beginning, will include in the county of Lawrence six hundred and twenty-five square miles, its constitutional territory.

**SECTION 14.** That said survey when made shall be returned to the next quarterly term of the county court of Lawrence County, and the change in the dividing line between Lawrence and Lewis counties as herein mentioned, shall take effect from and after the time said survey is received and approved by said county court of Lawrence County.

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