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# Change of Boundary Lines

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### Acts of 1817 Chapter 13

**SECTION 1.** That from and after the passage of this act, the boundaries of Rhea County shall be as follows, (to wit), beginning on the South Bank of Tennessee River, opposite the mouth of White's Creek in Rhea County, thence South thirty degrees East, to the southern boundary line of this State, thence West with said boundary line to a point opposite the mouth of Opossum creek that -empties in on the north side of said river; thence a direct line to the mouth of said creek; thence north thirty degrees West to the extreme height of Waldens Ridge, thence east, with Bledsoe county line, until it intersects Roane County or Whites creek; thence down said creek, as it meanders, to the beginning.

**SECTION 2.** That the lines and boundaries that are set forth in the first section of this act, shall be known and declared to be the established bounds of said county; hereby repealing all laws heretofore passed on the subject of designating the bounds of said county, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.--Provided, nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize the making of any entry or survey, within the bounds hereby included in the county of Rhea, to which the Indian title is not at present extinguished, until the same shall hereafter be directed by law.

Passed: October 9, 1817.

### Acts of 1819 Chapter 3

**SECTION 1.** That the boundary lines of the county of Rhea, shall be as follows to wit: beginning at the mouth of the first creek above the Cherokee Agency, that empties into Hiwassee River, on the north bank; thence down the said river to its confluence with the Tennessee River; thence down said river including Jollys Island in said county, to the line of the county of Hamilton; thence with the line of Hamilton county to the Bledsoe county line; thence with said county of Bledsoe to the county of Morgan; thence with said county of Morgan to the county of Roane; thence with the line of the county of Roane to Whites Creek; thence down said creek to the mouth thereof crossing Tennessee River and running south forty five degrees east, eight miles from the mouth of said creek; thence due south to the top of the ridge dividing the waters of Soowee Creek from those of Mouse Creek; thence along the top of said ridge to the head of the creek that runs to the beginning; thence down said creek to the beginning.

**SECTION 2.** That the boundary lines of the County of Roane shall be as follows, to wit: beginning at a point on the south side of Tennessee river opposite the mouth of Whites Creek, then south forty-five degrees east ten miles; then a direct line, to a chain of ridges four miles south of Browders ferry on the Big Tennessee river; then with said chain of Ridges to the mouth of Holston river.

**SECTION 3.** That John W. Brazeal is hereby appointed a surveyor, to run and mark the said lines of Roane County in the manner pointed out in this act, and that the county court of Roane County, are directed to make him such allowance for running said line, as they may think proper, to be paid out of any monies in the hands of the trustee of said county of Roane, not otherwise appropriated.

**SECTION 4.** That the surveyor shall be appointed, by the county court of Rhea county, to run and plainly mark the lines of said county Rhea, where they are not bounded by natural boundaries, or the lines of other counties, and that said court, shall make the surveyor such allowance as they may think proper, to be paid by the trustee of said county of Rhea out of any monies in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

**SECTION 5.** That all laws and parts of laws, coming within the preview and meaning of this act, be, and the same are hereby repeated, and that this act shall be in force from and after the passing thereof.

Passed: November 19, 1819.

### Acts of 1821 Chapter 73

**SECTION 1.** That the line dividing Bledsoe and Rhea counties shall be as follows, (to wit); beginning in a point on the northern boundary line of Hamilton county, near where the road from Keedy's Gap to Washington crosses the head of Sale Creek; running thence up the general course of Walden's ridge of Cumberland mountain, so as to cross Richland Creek at the bridge on the Kincah turnpike road; thence to cross Loony's turnpike road so as to include the former residence of Richard Walker on said road in the county of Bledsoe; thence a direct line to the old Cumberland turnpike road, to T. Bound's turnpike gate, and that all persons residing near to, and south of Morgan, and west of said line shall belong to the county of Bledsoe.

**SECTION 2.** That said line shall be run and marked at the mutual expense of Bledsoe and

Rhea Counties.

Passed: September 28, 1821

## Acts of 1821 Chapter 169

**SECTION 1.** That the line running between the counties of Rhea and Hamilton, shall commence at a point one half mile below Blythe's ferry, and run across the Valley to the Mountain, so as to run between the lands of Benjamin Jones and John Russell, thence up the foot of the said mountain to the line of said counties as now run and marked.

**SECTION 2.** That the dividing line between the counties of Hamilton and Marion shall be as follows, (to wit:) Beginning on the South east corner of Bledsoe county, thence along the extreme height of the mountain to the head to Suck Creek, thence down said creek to the mouth thereof, thence due south to the southern boundary of the state.

Passed: November 19, 1821.

## Acts of 1833 Chapter 214

That the line dividing the counties of Rhea and M'Minn, shall continue from the south bank of Hiwassee river, crossing said river opposite to the foot of the first large ridge, above the mouth of Prive's creek, thence along the extreme height or top of said ridge, as it meanders until it strikes the south line of the top of said ridge, which runs from the eight mile tree or stake from the mouth of White's creek, as established by the act of 1819, fixing the lines between the counties of Rhea and Roane, leaving John Igon's plantation, William Moore's plantation, Matlock's Mills, and the whole of the back valley so called and its meanders on the north side in Rhea county: Provided, however, nothing herein contained shall prevent the county court of Rhea from levying a county tax on the persons and property of such citizens as reside within the territory hereby annexed to the county of M'Minn, for the year 1834, or the collecting officer of Rhea County from collecting the State and county tax in said territory for the year 1834, in such manner as he might or could have done if this act had not passed: And provided, further, the citizens residing in the territory aforesaid, shall not be subject to the payment of tax of any kind, in the county of M'Minn for the said year of 1834, nor shall the county court of M'Minn be authorized to levy any jail or court house tax, upon real property, actually settled at the passage of this act, lying within the territory aforesaid, for and during the term of ten years: And provided also, the dividing line as designated in this act, shall be run and marked by John Locke of Rhea county, at the proper expense of M'Minn County, should the county court of M'Minn require the same to be done by an order of court, and a copy thereof duly served upon the said John Locke.  
Passed: November 28, 1833.

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