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## **Change of Boundary Lines**

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# Change of Boundary Lines Acts of 1853-54 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 county, 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.

SECTION 2. This section referred to the boundary line between Campbell and Claiborne counties.

Passed: February 20, 1854

### Acts of 1853-54 Chapter 320

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Only Section 25 had reference to Scott County.

**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

## Acts of 1870-71 Chapter 91

**SECTION 1**. That the county line between the counties of Campbell and Scott be changed as follows: Beginning where the line between Campbell and Scott counties strikes the Kentucky line; thence west with said Kentucky line to the extreme top of Fork Ridge; thence southward along the top of said ridge to the Campbell County line, so as to include all the waters of the Capuchin Fork of Tellico Creek in Campbell County.

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

Passed: January 23, 1871

#### Acts of 1871 Chapter 118

WHEREAS, An Act was passed by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee on the 23rd day of January, 1871, entitled, "An Act to change the line between the counties of Campbell and Scott, and

WHEREAS, by said change several voters were detached from the county of Scott and attached to the county of Campbell, contrary to the wishes and interest of said voters, and WHEREAS, It has been clearly shown by petition and sworn testimony that it is the desire of all of said voters to be added to the county of Scott. Therefore,

**SECTION 1.** That the county line between the counties of Scott and Campbell be changed as follows, to-wit: Beginning on the top of Fork Ridge in the Scott and Campbell county line, where James Criscillis and Hiram Trammell's lands join; thence with their dividing line, crossing Capuchin Fork of Jellies to the top of the ridge dividing the waters of Capuchin and Trammell's Fork; thence with the top of said last named ridge westwardly to the Scott and Campbell county line, including all of James Blankenship's lands in Scott county: Provided,

however, that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as in any way to effect (sic) the farms of Danswell Trammell, James Smith, John Lay, David Baird, and Joseph Baird, who with their said farms are hereby declared to belong to the county of Campbell.

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

Passed: December 13, 1871

#### Acts of 1871 Chapter 14

**SECTION 1.** That the County Line between the Counties of Scott and Fentress be changed as follows: Beginning in the Scott and Fentress County line, on the north bank of the Clear Fork, at the mouth of "Caney Branch," and about two hundred poles above where J. M. Shoemaker formerly lived; thence north 45° west twenty-one miles to the extreme top of the mountain north of Rock Creek; thence along the top of said mountain north of the Scott and Fentress County line including John Draughn, Elswich Thompson, C. Blevins, Daniel Blevins, George Smith, Lewis Burk, Harmon Burk and Samuel Smith in Scott County.

**SECTION 2.** That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to include any liners in Scott County except those mentioned in the preceding Section.

**SECTION 3**. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: October 26, 1871

### Acts of 1897 Chapter 217

**SECTION 1.** That the boundary line between the counties of Scott and Fentress in the State aforesaid, be and the same are hereby defined and constituted as follows: Beginning at the mouth of Caney Branch on the north side of Clear Fork, and running thence north 35 degrees, 45 minutes; west 1,067 poles to the mouth of Potter's Branch, on Whiteoak creek; thence north 18 degrees, 30 minutes, west 1,450 poles to a set stone on latitude line 36 degrees, 30 minutes, known as the old Matthews line, near Katy Blevins' old place; thence north 27 degrees, west 1,600 poles to a stone north of the Louis Burke old place; thence north 32 degrees, west 1,000 poles to a planted rock in the present line between the States of Kentucky and Tennessee. **SECTION 2.** That from and after the passage of this Act this shall be the dividing line between the counties of Scott and Fentress as aforesaid, except as follows: That the whole farm of Franklin Sewell shall be included in Fentress County, and the whole of the farm now owned and occupied by Daniel Blevins and Jacob Blevins and the Louis Burke place shall be included in the county of Scott.

**SECTION 3**. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 9, 1897

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