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Change of Boundary Lines

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Change of Boundary Lines

Private Acts of 1804 Chapter 13

Sec. 1. That hereafter the lines which divide the counties of Montgomery and Stewart shall be as follows, to wit: Beginning on the Kentucky line, sixteen miles west of the meridian of Clarksville, then south fifteen degrees east, to intersect the line of Dickson county, about three miles east of the line run heretofore for Stewart county; thence with the ridge which divides the waters of yellow creek from the water of Guises and Wellses creek to the Indian boundary, and with said boundary westwardly to the line run for Stewart county.

Sec. 2. That the territory which lies west of the line established between the same and the former line shall be and the same is hereby declared to be part of Stewart County, Guises creek settlement included, and that territory which lies east of the line hereby established between the same and the former line, shall be, and is hereby declared a part of Montgomery County. July 31st 1804.

Acts of 1809 Chapter 31

1. That a new county be and is hereby established on the south of Stuart, and adjoining the counties of Dickson and Hickman on the west, to be known by the name of Humphreys; bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at the mouth of White Oak creek, on the bank of the Tennessee river, thence east to the dividing ridge between the waters of Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, thence with the said dividing ridge to Dickson county line, thence with said line to the line of Hickman, and thence with said line of Hickman to Duck river, thence south and west for compliment.

COMPILER'S NOTE: The remaining sections of this Act did not affect Stewart County and are not repeated here.

Passed: October 19, 1809.

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 to 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.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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 20th, 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.

SEC. 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 and forty square miles.

COMPILER'S NOTE: The remaining sections of this Act did not affect Stewart County and concerned Houston County only and are therefore omitted from this compilation.

Passed: January 21, 1871.

Acts of 1909 Chapter 126

WHEREAS for a number of years doubts have existed as to the true locality of portions of the line between the counties of Stewart and Houston running from the Tennessee River to the Montgomery County line; therefore, in remedy thereof,

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Stewart and Houston be, and the same is hereby, settled and fixed as follows-to wit:

Beginning on the Tennessee River at the Lagrange Metal Landing, the northwest corner of Houston County, as established by the Commissioners of said county; running thence east one and five-eighths miles 526 poles to Station 79 in an old field near a ridge road between Leatherwood and Hurricane Creeks, know as the "Cotton Patch;" thence with said road north 57' east 22 poles to Station 80; thence north 70' east 54 poles to Station 81; thence north 50' east 22 poles to Station 82, a point on said ridge road eleven miles from Dover; thence with the arc of a circle, keeping the distance of eleven miles from Dover, south 60' east 86 poles to Station 83; thence south 66' one mile to Station 84; thence south 72' east one mile to Station 85; thence south 78' east one mile to Station 86; thence south 84' east one mile to Station 87' thence south 87' east one mile to Station 88, a point due south of Dover, eleven miles from Dover; thence north 87' east one mile to Station 89; thence north 84' east one mile to Station 90; thence north 78' east one mile to Station 91; thence north 72' east, crossing Hurricane Creek about 200 yards south of Samuel French's, at 144 poles, in all one mile to Station 92; thence north 66' east one mile to Station 93; thence north 60' east one mile to Station 94; thence north 54' east one mile to Station 95; thence north 48' east one mile to Station 96; thence north 42' east 180 poles to Station 97, a small black oak and several black oak pointers on a high ridge in the Bryan Forge Coaling about onehalf mile north 4' east from George Hornberger's; thence north 86' east, crossing Wells' Creek at mouth of Dr. Carter's lane at three and one-half mile, crossing Grice Creek near Auther Powers at five and three-quarter miles, in all seven miles to Montgomery County line, to Station 98 in Montgomery County line, this being the line called for and established between the counties of Stewart and Houston by the Supreme Court of Tennessee in the case of W. L. Dunbar et. al. vs. N. McKinnon et. al. on the twenty-ninth day of March, 1896.

SEC. 2. That all territory lying south of said line shall be included in Houston County, and all territory lying north of said line shall be included in Stewart County.

SEC. 3. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and that this Act take effect from and after it passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 18, 1909

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