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Boundaries - Historical Notes

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The following is a summary of acts which authorized boundary changes for Bedford County.

1. Acts of 1807, Chapter 72, created Franklin County in an area south and east of Warren and Bedford counties but the act did not alter the boundaries of Bedford County.
2. Acts of 1809, First Session, Chapter 48, created Lincoln County south of Bedford County but did not change the lines of Bedford County although it was mentioned in some lines.
3. Private Acts of 1831, Chapter 153, appointed James Bright of Lincoln County and John T. Neal of Bedford county as commissioners to run and mark so much of the line between Lincoln and Bedford counties as they may find necessary to establish the true boundary between them. The trustees of each county will compensate them as the county court may direct.
4. Acts of 1843-44, Chapter 74, changed the boundary line between Bedford County and Rutherford County in the following fashion, "beginning at the southeast corner of Williamson County and running east so as to include Richard Nance, John Dunn, Theophilus Leathers, and Samuel G. Holden, and the lands on which they reside in Rutherford County.
5. Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 144, changed the boundary lines between Bedford and Rutherford counties so as to include S. H. Little and William Smotherman, and the lands upon which they live in Rutherford County.
6. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 173, Section 2, transferred the entire farm belonging to E. G. Hamilton out of Marshall County and into Bedford County.
7. Acts of 1859-60, Chapter 135, Section 5, moved the farm and the dwelling belonging to Ben Webb out of Bedford County and into Rutherford County.
8. Public Acts of 1866-67, Chapter 9, Section 3, altered the lines between Bedford and Marshall counties so as to place all the lands of Thomas W. Brints in Marshall County. This act was repealed by Public Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 20.
9. Public Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 13, Section 7, changed the boundaries between Bedford and Rutherford counties so as to include the lands of William Williams and C. H. Lamb in Rutherford County.
10. Public Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 20, stated that so much of Public Acts of 1866-67, Chapter 9, Section 4, which changed the lines between Bedford and Marshall counties is repealed effective immediately.
11. Public Acts of 1871, Chapter 34, transferred all the lands and improvements of S. H. Thomas and E. H. Hale from Bedford County into Rutherford County, a general description being given.
12. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 108, moved all the tract known as the Bayless Davis tract, owned by Samuel Bobo from Bedford County into Moore County, beginning at a point on the county line near the east boundary of Joseph Hastings, on or near the waters of Thompson Creek and running to a point in the public road near to and just above the residence of Samuel Faris on Thompson Creek, moving from the twenty-fourth civil district of Bedford into the tenth civil district of Moore County.
13. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 207, transferred the properties of W. B. Smith and Mrs. Sarah Syers out of Coffee County and into Bedford County.
14. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 112, moved the farm belonging to Racine England out of Marshall County and into Bedford County.
15. Public Acts of 1893, Chapter 28, changed the lines between Bedford and Rutherford counties so as to include all the properties of W. H. and J. L. Stephenson, and a lot on which stood a Baptist Church house, in Bedford County.
16. Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 8, transferred from Bedford into Coffee County all the lands belonging to Johnson Warren, which were bounded on the north by Mankin, and on the west, south, and east by Jacobs.
17. Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 216, detached the farms of Mike Crawell, W. A. Crawell, Jasper W. Dickens, W. H. Moon, J. W. Hopkins, and J. P. Crawell from Marshall County and attached them all to Bedford County. The description stated that the line began in the lane between the farms of J. P. Hopkins and Mrs. B. F. Wilson, thence west between the farms of J. P. Crawell and John W. Lite to the middle of Duck River, thence up the said river to the Bedford County line.

18. Private Acts of 1897, Chapter 256, transferred from Coffee County into Bedford County all the lands of J. C. Brixey as they are bounded on the north by E. Huffman on the south by Elkins' heirs, on the east by T. J. Gambell, and on the west by Duck River.
19. Public Acts of 1899, Chapter 413, moved all the lands belonging to J. N. Sullivan out of Moore County and into Bedford County.
20. Private Acts of 1901, Chapter 388, repealed Public Acts of 1899, Chapter 413, above, thus returning the land of J. N. Sullivan to Moore County.
21. Acts of 1907, Chapter 326, moved the lands and residence of J. L. Ervin from Bedford County into Moore County.
22. Acts of 1907, Chapter 490, provided that the lines between Bedford and Marshall counties shall be changed so as to include the lands now owned by J. E. Hopkins and Mrs. Sallie Brown, and situated in the eleventh civil district of Bedford in Marshall County and the properties belonging to Sandy Moon and Elgin Cooper, now situated in the first civil district of Marshall County are transferred into Bedford.
23. Acts of 1909, Chapter 481, so changed the boundaries between Bedford and Moore counties as to include the lands of E. H. Allen in Moore County.
24. Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 675, transferred the farm and residence belonging to J. F. Boyce from Bedford County into Rutherford County.
25. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 754, detached all the properties belonging to R. E. Epps from the twentieth civil district of Rutherford County and attached them to Bedford County.
26. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 168, transferred the farm and residence belonging to R. M. Gordon out of the third civil district of Coffee County into the first civil district of Bedford County.
27. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 344, moved that portion of the farm belonging to E. C. Shearin out of the eighth civil district of Rutherford County and placed it in the tenth civil district of Bedford County.
28. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 543, changed the line between Bedford and Rutherford counties that the lands belonging to J. L. Hoover were moved out of the first district of Bedford County and into the twenty-fourth district of Rutherford County. This act was repealed by Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 219.
29. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 575, changed the county line between Rutherford and Bedford counties by detaching the lands of B.G. Bingham, et al., which contained 170 acres, from Rutherford County and attached the same to Bedford County.
30. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 219, specifically repealed Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 543 in its entirety, restoring the Hoover properties to Bedford County.
31. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 740, detached that portion of the farm belonging to R. W. McMichael from the sixteenth civil district of Coffee County and attached the same to the first civil district of Bedford County.
32. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 141, changed the lines between Bedford and Coffee counties so as to place all the lands of H. H. Good, now in Coffee County, and containing about 20 acres, bounded on the north by Walker and McMichael, on the south by H. H. Good; on the east by Mattie Walker, and on the west by H. H. Good, into Bedford County.
33. Private Acts of 1935, Chapter 127, transferred the 103 acre farm belonging to the Davis Brothers which is now in Bedford County into Rutherford County.
34. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 556, moved the farm of W. O. McMillian, containing about 170 acres, and the farm of William Finn, about 146 acres, out of the sixteenth civil district of Coffee County into Bedford County, provided, however, that, if the lands transferred herein are not used for a lake, or lakes, then this act becomes inoperative and the same remain in Coffee County.
35. Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 109, detached the lands belonging to Mrs. Laylon Mullins from the twenty-second civil district of Bedford County and attached the same to the ninth civil district of Moore County, a general description of the land being set out in this act

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