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

1. Acts of 1811, Chapter 56, changed the boundary lines between Anderson County and Campbell County as follows: beginning at a gap in the Cross Mountain where the main road leading from Clinton to Jacksboro crosses the same on the now line between Anderson and Campbell counties, thence on a direct course to Michael Laws so as to include Laws farm in Campbell County from thence a direct course to Benjamin Potters where he formerly lived on Brimstone Creek so as to include that said farm in Campbell County, from thence north, 45 degrees west, to the Anderson County line, thence with the same 45 degrees east to the Campbell County line. William Hogshead will run the line and Campbell County shall pay all the charges. Burr v. White Oak Lumber Company, 149 Tenn. 203, 258 S.W. 802 (1924).
2. Acts of 1811, Chapter 116, stated that the line run by Joab Hill, Esq. from James Devers old place, to Powell's Valley, to Clinch River is hereby established to be the true line between Claiborne and Campbell counties, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.
3. Acts of 1813, Chapter 101, provided that all that part of Anderson County which was annexed to Campbell County by an act passed in 1811, on October 28th is hereby returned to Anderson County and the act is repealed. The militia for that area is likewise returned to Anderson County.
4. Acts of 1837-38, Chapter 90, stated that the county courts of Anderson and Campbell counties were authorized to employ surveyors to run and plainly mark the line between the two counties as may be right and proper, when said line is so run and work and marked, and a plat prepared and reported, the same shall be recognized as the true line between the two counties. The surveyors shall be paid such compensation as may seem reasonable to the courts.
5. Acts of 1845-46, Chapter 137, recited that some doubt had arisen as to the accuracy of the line between Claiborne and Campbell counties, especially where Powell's Valley Road crosses the line at or near Franklin Smith's. Each quarterly court would appoint one commissioner and one surveyor to establish the line and to run and mark the same. Each county would pay one-half of the cost and are authorized to appropriate the same. The work specified shall be completed before the first Monday in July next.
6. Acts of 1847-48, Chapter 66, stated that the county court of Campbell County shall direct the county surveyor to run and mark a line between Campbell County and Claiborne County on the top of Pine Mountain, running north to the Kentucky line so as to include James Cooper, and the premises he owns in Campbell County. The cost is to be determined and paid by the county court out of the regular funds in the treasury and the line, when established, shall be the true line between the counties.
7. Acts of 1847-48, Chapter 99, Section 3, amended Acts of 1837-38, Chapter 90, so as to make it the duty of said courts to carry into effect the provisions of the act.
8. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 156, transferred the residence and land of James Ball, James Walden, Jesse T. Lay, and Leander Herd from Scott County into Campbell County, and that of Ewel Smith from Campbell County into Scott County.
9. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 173, Section 6, declared that the line run by Samuel C. Young, according to an act dated February 20, 1854, commencing at a point near Powell Harmen's, thence running north eighty five degrees west, to the residence of Coakers, on the top of the mountain, and which was marked by James Wilson, was to be recognized as the true line between Anderson and Campbell counties.
10. Public Acts of 1857-58, Chapter 36, stated that the line run from Ewel Smith's to William

Massengills by Stanfield be considered as the line between Scott and Campbell counties so as to include all the citizens west of said line in Scott County and they shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of all other citizens of that county.

11. Private Acts of 1859-60, Chapter 196, Section 5, changed the line between Campbell and Union counties so that William Albright's present farm be included in Union County and the line, thus changed, be the line between the two counties. Section 8 of this same act, again changed the line between Union and Campbell counties so as to leave John Lay's bend of the Powell River in Campbell County, the line leaving Powell's River at the narrows of said bend below William Sweat's, and running across the said narrows to Powell's River at the lower end of John Lay's farm.
12. Private Acts of 1859-60, Chapter 211, Section 7, simply states that the lands of Larkin W. Cross would be in Campbell County and doesn't say anything else.
13. Private Acts of 1865, Chapter 29, moved the present residence and farm of Silas L. Arthur from Campbell County into Anderson County.
14. Public Acts of 1866-67, Chapter 9, Section 3, changed the boundaries between Campbell and Scott County so as to include the lands of John Patterson, Austin L. Keath, William Cross, William Keatherly, John McGee, Henry Goodman, James McGee, and William Thompson in Campbell County.
15. Public Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 60, Section 4, altered the lines between Campbell and Scott County so as to include the land and residence of Henry Thompson, and the lands and residence formerly owned by Ewel Smith, and Riley and Jack Queenor, but now owned by John E. Hudson and Isaac Nealy wholly within Scott County. Section 8, transferred all the property of Williab Webb out of Anderson County into Campbell County.
16. Public Acts of 1868-69, Chapter 36, Section 2, amends Section 3 of an act, passed December 6, 1866, so as to include Martin Kennedy in Campbell County and the citizens north of said line shall be citizens of Campbell County, and the citizens south of said line shall be citizens of Anderson County but any citizen who is now a resident of Campbell County but is changing to Anderson County does not have to pay the railroad tax.
17. Public Acts of 1870, Chapter 41, moved all the lands of the heirs of Peter Childers (place where Marble Childers now lives) and all the lands of F. P. McNew into Campbell County from Claiborne County.
18. Public Acts of 1870, Chapter 84, changed the lines between Campbell and Scott County so as to include all the lands of William A. Cross and Levi L. Adkins in Scott County.
19. Public Acts of 1870-71, Chapter 91, changed the lines between Campbell and Scott County so as to include all the waters of the Capuchin Fork of Tellico Creek in Campbell County.
20. Public Acts of 1871, Chapter 7, transferred all the lands of John S. Spangler and John K. Farris, from Campbell County into Union County.
21. Public Acts of 1873, Chapter 71, changed the boundary between Campbell and Scott County so as to include the farm of William Trammell in Scott County but this act shall not affect the rights of any other citizen than Trammell, nor reduce the size of the county below its constitutional limits, nor bring the county line nearer than eleven miles to the county seat.
22. Public Acts of 1873, Chapter 77, created a new county to be called Webster County, out of portions of Claiborne, Campbell, and Union counties, giving a metes and bounds description of the new county, granting to it all the power and authority given to others. The commissioners appointed were required to hold an election in the fragments of the counties from which it was formed which apparently was not approved.

23. Public Acts of 1873, Chapter 99, detached the land and farms of John Low, Jr. and William Keithlay from Campbell County and attached them to Scott County under the provision that no constitutional requirements be violated and no other people affected than the ones named herein.
24. Public Acts of 1879, Chapter 137, moved the residence and farm of J. Q. Cross from Campbell County into Scott County.
25. Public Acts of 1881, Chapter 42, changed the boundaries between Campbell County and Claiborne County to include John Buchanan's land in Campbell County; thence on a straight line to the Campbell County line on the Step Rock in Childress Gap.
26. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 51, transferred the portions of land belonging to Richmond Kennedy which were in Scott, Anderson, and Campbell County into Campbell County.
27. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 100, changed the boundary between Scott and Campbell counties so that the residence and lands of John Lay, and John Laudermilk would all be included in Campbell County.
28. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 195, moved all the property of Milton S. Cross from Campbell County to Scott County which was lying on the waters of Strait Fork Creek and on the line between the said counties consisting of about 200 acres known as the Larkin W. Cross farm.
29. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 35, changed the line between Campbell and Anderson County so as to include all the lands of Calaway Byrge and Loranzy Kennedy in Anderson county.
30. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 46, detached the residence and farm belonging to Bart Neal, W. C. Adkins, and Peter Adkins from Campbell County and attached them to Scott County.
31. Public Acts of 1893, Chapter 60, expressly repealed Acts of 1887, Chapter 35, Item 29, above, which transferred the lands of Calaway Byrge and Laranzy Kennedy into Anderson County, thus restoring the old boundary line.
32. Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 93, moved the farm and residence of J. L. McCarty from Claiborne County into Campbell County.
33. Private Acts of 1897, Chapter 278, changed the line between Campbell County and Scott County "beginning on a dogwood and rock in the present line between the counties, then running west 160 poles to a stake; thence south 40, west 250 poles to a stake in the present county line so as to include the lands of Calvin Allen and David Lay in Campbell County.
34. Public Acts of 1899, Chapter 144, altered the boundary between Claiborne and Campbell County so as to include all the lands of J. E. Smith, R. B. Rogers, and R. L. Childress, together with the county road leading from Well Spring, by way of Childress Gap to Jellico in Campbell County. There is a detailed description of the area changed in the act.
35. Acts of 1903, Chapter 386, took the land described as follows: on the north by the farm of Thomas, south and west by the farm of Craig, on the east by the farm of Lindamond, consisting of some 50 acres, out of Union County and placed it in the second civil district of Campbell County.
36. Acts of 1909, Chapter 257, detached the lands of W. M. Ellison from Claiborne County and attached the same to Campbell County.
37. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 95, changed the lines with Anderson County from top of Cumberland Mountain westward to New River as was described in the act. This act was repealed by Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 612.
38. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 378, transferred the residence and farm belonging to Marshall Ellison from Campbell County into Claiborne County.
39. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 398, took all those lands of Barbra M. Sharp out of the fifth civil district of Anderson County and placed them in the third civil district of Campbell County.

40. Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 612, specifically repealed Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 95, which changed the boundary lines between Anderson and Campbell counties.
41. Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 319, changed the line between Campbell and Claiborne counties so that the land of the M. J. Monday farm, which adjoins the lands of S. A. Mars and Silas Cupp in Campbell County, and is now on both sides of the county line, would all be included in Campbell County.

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