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Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Public Acts of 1875, Chapter 68, provided for the creation of Wisdom County out of fractions of land taken from Madison, Henderson, McNairy and Hardeman Counties. This act was repealed by Public Acts of 1879, Chapter 42, which created Chester County.
2. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 41, changed the line between Chester and Hardeman Counties to place the lands of Jesse Scoggins and W. A. Naylor in Hardeman County.
3. Public Acts of 1885, Chapter 109, changed the line between the counties of Hardeman and Chester to place the lands of Jeremiah Hooper, William Howell, R. C. Howell and Jasper Shelton in Hardeman County.
4. Public Acts of 1885, Chapter 131, changed the line between McNairy and Chester Counties to place the lands of S. D. Anderson in Chester County.
5. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 54, changed the line between Chester and Hardeman Counties to place the lands of Vincent King, S. B. White, J. N. Wilson, Solomon Wilson, Eliza Glidewell and James Glidewell in Hardeman County.
6. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 59, changed the line between McNairy and Chester Counties to place the lands of C. C. Jones and J. S. Ball in Chester County.
7. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 142, changed the line between McNairy and Chester Counties to place the farms of J. Short and Ben Smith in Chester County.
8. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 143, changed the line between Hardin and Chester Counties to place the lands of Neil Shelton in Chester County.
9. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 252, is almost identical to Private Acts 1889, Chapter 142, changing the line between McNairy and Chester Counties to place the lands of J. Short and Ben Smith in Chester County.
10. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 255, is almost identical to Private Acts of 1889, Chapter 143, changing the line between Hardin and Chester County to place the lands of Neil Shelton in Chester County.
11. Public Acts of 1891, Chapter 151, changed the boundary between Hardin and Chester Counties to place all the lands of J. P. Bradley in Chester County.
12. Public Acts of 1893, Chapter 30, changed the line between Chester and Hardeman Counties to place the lands of Albert T. McNeil in Hardeman County.
13. Acts of 1903, Chapter 266, changed the line between Chester and McNairy Counties to place the lands and residences of Tom Sipes, Charles Tull, James Tull and James Jeans in Chester County.
14. Acts of 1903, Chapter 369, appears to have been intended to repeal Acts of 1903, Chapter 266, leaving the properties of Tom Sipes, Charles Tull, James Tull and James Jean in McNairy County. However, this act made reference to the earlier act only by its caption and the date it was passed, and there appears to have been no such act passed on the date referenced.
15. Acts of 1905, Chapter 161, changed the line between Henderson and Chester Counties to place the lands of W. M. Jones and C. P. Jones in Chester County.
16. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 311, changed the line between Chester and Hardin Counties to include all the lands of Mrs. Pearl Anderson in Chester County.
17. Private Acts of 1939, Chapter 364, changed the line between Chester and McNairy Counties to place the lands of J. C. Kent in Chester County.
18. Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 611, changed the line between Chester and McNairy Counties to place the farm of Mrs. J. A. Parker and Mrs. H. B. O'Neal in Chester County.

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