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Change of County Lines

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Acts of 1799 Chapter 13

SECTION 1. That from and after the passing of this act, the line that divides the county of Greene from the county of Cocke, shall begin at the corner of Greene and Jefferson counties, on Nolichucky river, at the end of Bay's mountain, from thence up Nolichucky river to the mouth of Oven creek, from thence a direct line to Major Gragg's so as to leave his plantation in Greene county, from thence a direct line to the Painted Rock on French Broad river, below the Warm Springs; from thence south to the Cocke county line, and all that part lying south of the said line shall be part of Cocke county.

SECTION 2. That the sheriff of Greene county shall have the same power and lawful authority to collect and receive all his arrearages of taxes, and executions, in that part of Cocke county that was formerly part of Greene county in the same manner as if this act had never been passed.

Passed: January 2, 1799.

Acts of 1811 Chapter 41

That the line between the counties of Cocke and Jefferson, be altered in the following manner to wit: Beginning on the south side of Nolichucky river, at the narrow neck in Outlaw's Big Bent of said river; thence due west ninety poles to the river bank; thence with the present line between said counties; and all that is taken north of said line, shall be added to Jefferson county.

Passed: October 22nd, 1811.

Acts of 1811 Chapter 110

That from and after the passing of this act that the line of Cocke county, shall be so altered so as to include all the inhabitants on the waters of Cosby's creek, supposed to be in Jefferson county, if any and for the future the same shall be, and they are hereby annexed to the said county of Cocke.

Passed: November 19th, 1811.

Acts of 1817 Chapter 23

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Jefferson & Cocke, be and the same is hereby altered, so as to include an island in French Broad river, lately know, by the name of Kenney's Island now Carter's Island in the county of Cocke, then with the present line of said counties to the line of David Beck's land, on the south side of said river, then south to the lines of said counties, adding the land of David Beck to the county of Jefferson, *Provided*, nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the Sheriffs of said counties from collecting the tax now due in the said counties, and accounting for the same in the same manner as if this law had not been passed.

Passed: October 11th, 1817.

Acts of 1827 Chapter 177

SECTION 1. That the lines between the counties of Cocke, and Jefferson be so altered as to include within Cocke county, that part of Jefferson county which lies south of Nola-Chuckee river, or what is known by the name of Robert Hill's bend, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed: December 11, 1827.

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