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Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Private Acts of 1835-36, Chapter 42, Section 3, gave the commissioners appointed to locate the seat of justice for the new county of Coffee until March 10, 1836, to find a suitable location.
2. Private Acts of 1835-36, Chapter 47, Section 6, provided that the seat of justice in Coffee County, the town of Manchester, would be laid off by the commissioners between the two forks of Duck river, above the Stone Fort, on the 100 acres of land obtained from Andrew Hynes for that purpose. This Act was repealed by Acts of 1837-38, Chapter 30.
3. Acts of 1837-38, Chapter 67, Section 2, placed certain portions of Franklin County in Coffee County but these lands were returned to Franklin County by Private Acts of 1845-46, Chapter 134.
4. Private Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 62, Section 30, authorized the county surveyor of Coffee County to survey and mark the dividing line between Coffee and Cannon Counties, with payment therefor to be made by Coffee County.
5. Private Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 79, Section 2, altered the boundary line between Coffee and Grundy Counties so as to include the lands of William C. Williamson in Coffee County.
6. Private Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 262, Section 3, changed the line between Coffee and Grundy Counties so as to include the lands of William H. Coulson in Coffee County.
7. Private Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 262, Section 8, altered the line between Coffee and Grundy Counties so as to include within Coffee County the lands of William H. Willis, Mary E. Nevell, Pollyana Nevell, and A. E. Patton.
8. Private Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 248, Section 5, altered the boundary line to remove the lands of Mary E. Nevill and Poleyney Nevill from Grundy County and place them in Coffee County.
9. Private Acts of 1859-60, Chapter 211, Section 8, placed the lands of John Brown and S. H. Ford in Coffee County, thus changing the boundary between Coffee County and Cannon County.
10. Public Acts of 1873, Chapter 73, changed the boundary line between Coffee County and Grundy County to detach from Grundy the lands of Henry Meadows, J. C. Garritson, T. J. Garritson, William Garritson, James Parks, E. Rives, T. E. Rives, T. E. Mabery, G. Brawley, T. G. England, James Rhea, John Rhea, James Hoover, Andrew Stalls, A. Anthony, William H. Garritson, W. H. H. Meadows, E. H. Rives, James Parks, J. W. Walker, J. B. Thaxton, Jos. Brawley, and M. Hoover's Martin tract of land, and place them in Coffee County.
11. Public Acts of 1877, Chapter 131, changed the line between Coffee and Grundy Counties so as to include the lands of Ewell Smith in Coffee County.
12. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 207, removed the land of Mrs. Sarah Syers and that of W. B. Smith from Coffee County and placed it in Bedford County.
13. Public Acts of 1893, Chapter 58, changed the line between Coffee and Cannon Counties so as to include the "Hill Farm" belonging to A. J. Hill and the lands of John Whittamore within the boundaries of Coffee County.
14. Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 8, placed the lands of Johnson Warren in Coffee County, out of Bedford County.
15. Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 16, changed the boundary between Coffee and Rutherford Counties so as to include all the lands of Doc. Tribbell in Coffee County.
16. Private Acts of 1897, Chapter 256, removed the land of J. C. Brixey from Coffee County and placed it in Bedford County.
17. Private Acts of 1905, Chapter 374, altered the boundary line between Coffee County and Grundy County so as to include in Coffee the farms of Thomas E. Mabry and Mrs. Mary Pointer.
18. Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 146, changed the boundary between Coffee and Franklin Counties to include the farms of Burch Hutson and J. P. Parker, the lands of Dr. J. A. Mitchell and J. M. Travis and the "Johnstown Settlement" in the 13th Civil District of Coffee County.
19. Private acts of 1915, Chapter 478, removed the lands of J. R. Hinton and Brothers from the 10th Civil District of Coffee County and placed them in the 10th Civil District of Warren County.
20. Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 660, altered the boundary between Cannon and Coffee Counties to include all of the land of C. F. Holt in Cannon County.

21. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 804, removed the land of Lem Motlow known as the Dowdall lands from Coffee County and placed it in the 10th Civil District of Moore County.
22. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 168, detached the land of R. M. Gordon from the 3rd Civil District of Coffee County and placed it in the 1st District of Bedford County.
23. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 762, changed the boundary between Coffee and Franklin Counties to place certain lands in the 13th Civil District of Coffee County. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 55, which returned those lands to Franklin County with the provision that the land belonging to the Vocational School owned by the State of Tennessee remain in Coffee County.
24. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 337, included in Warren County all of the land of H. L. Elam, part of which had been in the 10th Civil District of Coffee County.
25. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 579, changed the boundary line between Coffee County and Warren County to include the lands of J. R. Hinton and brothers, C. C. Snipes and Horace Rogers in the 10th Civil District of Warren County.
26. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 750, changed the north boundary line of Coffee County to include the farm of H. E. Ramsey in Coffee.
27. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 740, altered the boundary line between Coffee and Bedford Counties so as to include all of the farm of R. W. McMichael in the 1st Civil District of Bedford County.
28. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 141, altered the boundary between Coffee and Bedford Counties so as to include in Bedford County certain lands of H. H. Good.
29. Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 271, placed the farm of T. J. Banks, known as the "Brewer farm," in Cannon County, removing it from Coffee County.
30. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 456, removed from the 2nd Civil District of Coffee County the land of J. W. Shelton and placed it in Rutherford County.
31. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 556, transferred from Coffee County to Bedford County the farms belonging to W. O. McMilliam and Wilbur Finn, with the provision that such land be used for a lake or it would return to Coffee County.
32. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 694, detached the land of James A. Bryant from the 2nd Civil District of Coffee County and attached it to Rutherford County.
33. Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 562, transferred lands owned by F. E. Bradshaw and J. P. Whitlock from Coffee County to the 10th Civil District of Warren County.
34. Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 180, changed the boundary line between Coffee and Warren Counties by detaching the lands of L. D. Burks and wife and the lands of Coy Dennis from Coffee County and attaching them to Warren County.

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