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Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Acts of 1824, Chapter 167, appointed Race Williams as the Surveyor to run and mark the line between Weakley County and Obion County and Williams would be allowed and paid a reasonable compensation for his services which would be paid equally by the two counties.
2. Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 83, declared that all the citizens in Carroll County adjacent to Weakley County bounded as follows: "Beginning at the north west corner of Carroll county, running with said county line east, to a distance of two miles, thence south to the Obion river, thence down said river as it meanders to the west boundary line of said county, thence with said line to the beginning", are permitted to vote on whether they would like to become a part of Weakley County, or not. The County Court of Carroll County was directed to hold an election for that purpose.
3. Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 13, changed the boundaries between Weakley County and Obion County beginning on the county line where it crosses the North Fork of the Obion River, running up the said River with its meanderings to Davis' Mills; thence north with the road leading from the mill with the line of the Civil District to the State line; thence west with the State line to the Obion County line; thence south to the beginning.
4. Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 20, amended Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 13, so that the line would run up the North Fork of the Obion River with its meanders to a point one mile above Davis' Mill; thence north to the Clinton Road; thence with the Clinton Road to the State line. This section was repealed by Acts of 1868-69, Chapter 5.
5. Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 82, changed the lines between Obion and Weakley Counties to start from the north bank of the North Fork of the Obion River, the east bank of Davis' Mill, running a north direction so as to leave the land of A. H. Walker in Obion County, thence in a north direction so as to strike the Clinton Road opposite G. W. Cannon's gate; thence with the Clinton Road to the State line. This section was repealed by Acts of 1868-69, Chapter 5.
6. Acts of 1889, Chapter 76, changed the boundaries between Weakley and Obion Counties so as to include the lands of J. W. Boyd and Company in Obion County, beginning at a point where the present county line road strikes the J. W. Boyd and Company's north boundary line; running thence north with the Boyd's north boundary line one-half mile to the State Line Road separating Tennessee and Kentucky; thence with the said State Line Road one-fourth of a mile to where the present County line now strikes the State line.
7. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 445, moved the lines between Weakley and Obion Counties which run between the 16th Civil District of Obion County and the Second and Third Civil Districts of Weakley County from the meanderings of the North Fork of the Obion River to the canal recently cut therein to straighten the said River, the said canal to be and constitute the north boundary of Weakley County and the south boundary of Obion County.

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