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Chapter IV - Boundaries

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Creation of the County

Acts of 1823 Chapter 126

SECTION 1. That a new county, to be called and known by the name of Tipton county, in memory of captain Jacob Tipton, who fell at St. Clair's defeat, be, and the same is hereby, established, to be bounded as follows, viz: beginning on the line separating the eleventh and thirteenth districts, at a point two miles west of the first range [sic] line in the eleventh district, running west on said dividing line, to the middle of the Mississippi river; thence down the main channel of the same, to [the] north-west corner of Shelby county; thence east with the northern boundary line of Shelby county, to the north-east corner thereof; thence north with the western boundary line of territorial country east of Shelby county, to the north-west corner of said territorial country; thence east with [the] northern boundary of the same, to a point three miles east of the second range line in the eleventh district; and thence north, parallel with the said line, to the beginning.

SECTION 2. That for the due administration of justice, said county shall be, and compose, a part of the fourteenth solicitorial district, and of the eighth judicial circuit; and the county and circuit courts shall be held at the house where Nathan Hartfield now lives, the county courts on the first Mondays of March, June, September, and December, of each and every year, and the circuit courts on the second Mondays of April, and October, in each and every year, until otherwise provided for by law.

SECTION 3. That the militia of said county shall compose the _____ regiment, and shall be attached to the _____ brigade; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of said county, to open and hold an election for field officers of said regiment, at the place appointed for holding courts, on the second Thursday, and Friday following, in the month of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, under the same rules and regulations as in similar cases.

SECTION 4. That the tax due and owing from said county for the present year, shall be collected by the sheriff of said county, in all cases where the same may remain due and unpaid; and so much of said tax as may be collected by the sheriff of Shelby county, shall be paid over by him to the sheriff of Tipton County, who shall be liable for the same to the state and county.

SECTION 5. That such justices of the peace as have been commissioned for Shelby county, as shall fall into Tipton county, as now established, shall continue to hold their commissions and exercise their authority in the same manner that they would be authorized to do, had they been originally commissioned for Tipton county; and any one of said justices of the peace, or any other justice of the peace, from any other county of this state, attending at the time and place appointed for the first county court in said county, shall be authorized to administer all oaths necessary for the organization of the same.

SECTION 6. That it shall be the duty of the clerk of Shelby county, to furnish to the sheriff of Tipton county, when appointed, a list of the taxable property in said county, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three; and it shall also be the duty of the principal surveyor of the eleventh district, to furnish to said sheriff, a list of all lands liable to taxation for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, from which said severally lists the said sheriff shall collect as soon after his election as practicable, and account for and pay over the same as other sheriffs in this state.

Passed: October 29, 1823.

Change of Boundary Lines

Acts of 1873 Chapter 52

SECTION 1. That in conformity with the petition of more than four-fifths of the citizens now residing on Island No. 34, or Miller's Island; and on upper Hatchie Island, in the Mississippi river, the line between Lauderdale and Tipton Counties, be extended down the Hatchie river to the lower or southern point of upper Hatchie Island; thence westwardly to the lower or southern point of No 34, or Miller's Island, in the Mississippi river, passing the same in a direct line to the western boundary of the State.

SECTION 2. That the Island No 34, or Miller's Island, and the upper Hatchie Island, be annexed to and form part of District No. 4, of Lauderdale County; and the County Court of said county have authority to appoint suitable officers to hold an election on a day of which notice shall be given in the "RIPLEY NEWS"

and "TIPTON RECORD", and if three-fourths of those citizens residing on said Island, or owning real estate on the same at the date of the passage of this Act, and voting at said election, shall cast their votes in favor of annexation to Lauderdale County, upon the return made by said officer, the County Court of Lauderdale County shall cause publication of the facts to be made in such newspapers of the State as they deem expedient, and proceed to exercise jurisdiction over the territory thus annexed; Provided, Said change shall not reduce Tipton County below the constitutional limits.

SECTION 3. That the said change of the line between said Counties of Lauderdale and Tipton shall in no event release the portion of Tipton County which may be cut off therefrom, and attached to Lauderdale County, from the payment of its portion of such indebtedness as may have been contracted by said County of Tipton prior to such change of the county line, and that said territory known as Island No. 34, or Miller's Island, and the upper Hatchie Island shall, notwithstanding such change of county lines, continue liable, and shall be assessed as heretofore for such portion of such previously incurred indebtedness, and which assessment shall be collected as heretofore.

Passed: March 19, 1873.

Acts of 1883 Chapter 81

SECTION 1. That the line between the county of Tipton and the counties of Fayette and Shelby, be and the same is hereby changed as follows: Beginning at a point on the line between Tipton and Fayette counties where the Memphis and Louisville railroad crosses East Beaver Creek; thence down said creek with its meanders to the point where the same empties into Middle Beaver Creek, on the line between Fayette and Shelby counties; thence up said Beaver Creek with its meanders to the south line of Tipton county, so as to include all territory of Shelby and Fayette counties lying north and east of said creeks, in Tipton county, and that all property real and personal within said territory be assessed for taxes after the year 1883, in said Tipton county: Provided, however, no tax shall be assessed on said property for the payment of bonds issued by the county of Tipton, under the general improvement laws of the State, to the Memphis and Paducah railroad.

SECTION 2. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 13, 1883.

Private Acts of 1925 Chapter 434

SECTION 1. That the line between Tipton County and Shelby County, Tennessee, is hereby changed as follows: The new line between Shelby County and Tipton County hereby established shall begin at the intersection of the southwest corner of a one hundred and seventy-five (175) acre tract of land belonging to the J. C. Walker estate, where the west line of said tract intersects with the old north line of Shelby County, and run thence north from the said point of beginning seventy-five (75) chains along the west boundary line of said 175 acre tract of the J. C. Walker estate and the west line of the Aleck McQuiston one hundred and seventy-eight (178) acre tract of land to the south boundary line of the right of way of the Tipton Road at the north-west corner of said Alex McQuiston 178 acre tract; thence east along the south boundary line of the right of way of said Tipton road two hundred and nine (209) chains to the west line of the R. A. Hewett one hundred and one and one-half (101½) acre tract of land; thence northwest along the west boundary line of said R. A. Hewett 101½ acre tract of land 24 chains to the northwest corner of same at the intersection of a branch; thence northeastwardly along the meanderings of said branch seventeen and fifty one-hundredths (17.50) chains to Beaver Creek; thence southeastwardly along the meanderings of said Beaver Creek four chains to the northwest corner of the tract of land belonging to the C. E. Calhoun estate; thence east eighty-three (83) chains along the north boundary line of said land belonging to the C. E. Calhoun estate and the north boundary line of the land belonging to the J. B. Trobaugh estate to the northeast corner of said Trobaugh lands where the north boundary of same intersects with the west boundary of Mrs. Kate McQuiston' eighty-five and one fourth (85¼) acre tract; thence north along the west boundary of said McQuiston tract twelve (12) chains to the northwest corner of said McQuiston eighty-five and one-fourth acre tract; thence east along the north boundary of said McQuiston land thirty-five chains to the northeast corner of said McQuiston land; thence south twenty-six (26) chains along the east boundary line of said McQuiston land to the north boundary line of the W. J. and L. M. Shaw 50 acre tract at the southeast corner of said McQuiston lands; thence east along the north boundary line of said Shaw tract, three (3) chains to the northeast corner of said Shaw tract thence south along the east boundary line of the said Shaw fifty acre tract of land and the lands belonging to R. T. Thomas estate and the Mary Pierce fifteen (15) acre tract 26.75 chains to a point where the east boundary line of said Mary Pierce fifteen acre tract intersects with the old north boundary line of Shelby County; and all of the lands formerly in Tipton county contained within the area surrounded by the new line between Shelby and Tipton county as hereby established, and the old north line of Shelby County, are hereby taken from Tipton County and annexed to the First Civil District of Shelby County, Tennessee. The line

between Shelby County and Tipton County, except as changed by this Act, shall remain as heretofore.

SECTION 2. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed: March 31, 1925.

Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Public Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 60, changed the county line between Tipton and Shelby counties so as to place the residence and lands of C. Angle in Tipton County.
2. Acts of 1905, Chapter 53, specifically repealed the above act.

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