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# Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Private Acts of 1823, Chapter 137, Page 137, Section 3, provided that the south boundary line between Henderson and Hardin Counties would run as follows: beginning at the southwest corner of Perry County and running thence west to a point due north of the northeast corner of McNairy County; thence south to the south line of Henderson County. The surveyor appointed to run the line between Henderson and Hardin Counties would also run the line between Henderson and McNairy Counties and the respective counties would pay the surveyor a reasonable compensation.
2. Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 367, Page 680, changed the line between Hardin County and Decatur County so that a parcel of land near the Tennessee River was annexed to Decatur County, provided the County Court of Decatur County or the persons living within the parcel of land furnished sufficient funds to the Hardin County Court to hire a surveyor and plot done of Hardin County. The act was later repealed.
3. Private Acts of 1857-58, Chapter 129, Page 324, changed the line between Hardin and Wayne Counties to include in Wayne County the lands of Soloman H. Baker.
4. Public Acts of 1866-67, Chapter 28, Page 49, changed the line between Wayne and Hardin Counties so as to include in Wayne County the house and lands of William H. Brown.
5. Public Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 13, Page 10, changed the line between Wayne and Hardin Counties to include in Hardin County the land of W. H. Brown.
6. Public Acts of 1871, Chapter 33, Page 31, changed the county line between Hardin and Decatur Counties to the extent that all the territory known as "Eagle Nest Island" in the Tennessee River was detached from Hardin County and attached to Decatur County, and the low water mark on the east side of Eagle Nest Island was declared to be the boundary between the two Counties. So much of the land in Decatur County adjoining Hardin County that belonged to William White was detached from Decatur County and attached to Hardin County.
7. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 61, Page 91, transferred the lands of J. H. Mitchell from McNairy County into Hardin County.
8. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 143, Page 280, changed the boundary between Hardin and Chester Counties to include within Chester County all the lands of Neil Shelton.
9. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 253, Page 478, transferred all the lands belonging to W. S. White from McNairy County into Hardin County.
10. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 255, Page 481, was a House bill identical to Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 143, above, which involved the property of Neil Shelton.
11. Public Acts of 1891, Chapter 151, Page 325, changed the County line between Hardin County and Chester County to include in Chester County all the lands of J. P. Bradley.
12. Public Acts of 1893, Chapter 19, Page 29, repealed Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 61, above.
13. Public Acts of 1893, Chapter 53, Page 71, changed the line between the Counties of Hardin and McNairy to include the residence and premises of W. W. Scott in McNairy County.
14. Public Acts of 1899, Chapter 112, Page 190, repealed Public Acts of 1893, Chapter 53, above.
15. Acts of 1903, Chapter 528, Page 1405, detached all the lands and premises belonging to J. L. McBride from Hardin County and placed them in Henderson County.
16. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 311, Page 958, changed the line between the Counties of Hardin and Chester to include in Chester County all the farm and lands belonging to Mrs. Pearl Anderson.

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