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County Line

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Acts of 1845-46 Chapter 175

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Morgan and Fentress shall be changed, so as to leave the line as heretofore run at the forks of the Clear fork; thence up the left hand fork to the mouth of Shoal creek; thence up Shoal creek to its head, making the meanders of said creek the line; thence with the dividing ridge between the Clear fork and Cook's creek, keeping on its extreme height to the head of Bise's creek; thence down Bise's creek to Clear creek; thence up Clear creek to the old county line; as heretofore established between said counties.

SECTION 2. That the field officers of the 17th and 18th regiments of militia, which regiments compose the militia of Claiborne county, be and the said field officers are hereby required to meet at the courthouse in Tazewell, on the first Monday in July next, for the purpose of making a more equal division of the said regiments without regard to the civil districts.

SECTION 3. That the county courts of Morgan and Fentress, or either of them, be and they are hereby authorized to employ the county surveyors of said counties, or either of them, or any other competent person or persons to run and mark said line, and make such surveyors such compensation as the said court or courts may think reasonable, payable out of the county treasury.

SECTION 4. That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to require said county courts, or either of them, to have said line run and marked, or to make an appropriation for the payment thereof, unless at the discretion of the court, a majority of the justices being present and voting in the affirmative.

Passed: February 2, 1846.

Acts of 1855-56 Chapter 166

COMPILER'S NOTE: This act provided for boundary changes in eight counties, but only Section 3 is applicable to Fentress County.

Although this act is incorrectly numbered as Chapter 156 in the text, the Act is placed between number 165 and 167 in the text. Furthermore, there is already an Act numbered 156 in the Private Acts of 1855-56. Therefore, the numbering appears to be a misprint.

SECTION 3. That the dividing line between the Counties of Morgan, Scott, and Fentress run by Riley Long, is hereby permanently established.

Passed: February 29, 1856.

Private Acts of 1859-60 Chapter 135

COMPILER'S NOTE: Only Section 2 of this act affected Fentress County, the remaining sections provided for boundary changes for several other counties.

SECTION 2. That the county line between the counties of Fentress and Scott, be so changed that commencing at the north of Scull Creek on the Clear Fork, it shall run thence down said river to the South Fork, to the mouth of Honey Creek at the old county line.

Passed: March 19, 1860.

Public Acts of 1871 Chapter 14

SECTION 1. That the County Line between the Counties of Scott and Fentress be changed as follows: Beginning in the Scott and Fentress County line, on the north bank of the Clear Fork, at the mouth of "Caney Branch," and about two hundred poles above where J. M. Shoemaker formerly lived; thence north 45E west twenty-one miles to the extreme top of the mountain north of Rock Creek; thence along the top of said mountain north of the Scott and Fentress County line including John Draughn, Elswich Thompson, C. Blevins, Daniel Blevins, George Smith, Lewis Burk, Harmon Burk and Samuel Smith in Scott County.

SECTION 2. That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to include any liners in Scott County except those mentioned in the preceding Section.

SECTION 3. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: October 26, 1871.

Private Acts of 1897 Chapter 217

SECTION 1. That the boundary line between the counties of Scott and Fentress in the State aforesaid, be and the same are hereby defined and constituted as follows: Beginning at the mouth of Caney Branch on the north said of Clear Fork, and running thence north 35 degrees, 45 minutes; west 1,067 poles to the mouth of Potter's Branch, on Whiteoak creek; thence north 18 degrees, 30 minutes, west 1,450 poles to a set stone on latitude line 36 degrees, 30 minutes, known as the old Matthews line, near Katy Blevins' old place; thence north 27 degrees, west 1,600 poles to a stone north of the Louis Burke old place; thence north 32 degrees, west 1,000 poles to a planted rock in the present line between the States of Kentucky and Tennessee.

SECTION 2. That from and after the passage of this Act this shall be the dividing line between the counties of Scott and Fentress as aforesaid, except as follows: That the whole farm of Franklin Sewell shall be included in Fentress County, and the whole of the farm now owned and occupied by Daniel Blevins and Jacob Blevins and the Louis Burke place shall be included in the county of Scott.

SECTION 3. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 9, 1897.

Private Acts of 1897 Chapter 257

SECTION 1. That the boundary line between the counties of Scott and Fentress in the counties aforesaid be and the same are hereby defined and constituted as follows: Beginning at the mouth of Caney Branch on the north side of the Clear Fork, and running thence north 35 degrees, 45 minutes, west 1,067 poles to the mouth of Potter's Branch, on White Oak creek; thence north 18 degrees, 30 minutes, west 1,450 poles to a set stone, on latitude line 36 degrees, 30 minutes, known as the old Matthews' line, near Katy Blevins' old place; thence north 27 degrees, west 1,600 poles to a stone north of the Louis Burke old place; thence north 32 degrees, west 1,000 poles to a planted rock in the present line, between the States of Kentucky and Tennessee.

SECTION 2. That from and after the passage of this Act, this shall be the dividing line between the counties of Scott and Fentress as aforesaid, except as follows: That the whole farm of Franklin Sewell shall be included in Fentress County, and the whole of the farm now owned and occupied by Daniel Blevins and Jacob Blevins, and the Louis Burke place shall be included in the county of Scott.

SECTION 3. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 11, 1897.

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