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Creation of the County

Acts of 1807 Chapter 94

SECTION 1. That Williamson county shall be reduced to its constitutional limits (to wit:) Beginning three hundred and fifty nine chain (sic) south of the old Indian boundary line upon Duck river ridge, where Dickson county formerly cornered with the said county of Williamson; thence running south seventy six degrees east to Rutherford county line, and all that part lying north of said line shall be, and remain Williamson county.

SECTION 2. That all that section of country lying within the following described bounds, shall be, and is hereby made and constituted a new and distinct county by the name of MAURY. (viz.) Beginning at the above described point, it being the south west corner of Williamson county; thence south to the columbian road; thence with said road as it meanders, to a point where the Indian boundary line leaves the same; thence with said line to the dividing ridge that divides the waters of Duck river from those of Elk; thence with said ridge to a point three miles and fifty six chains and a half, east of the line of the congressional reservation as heretofore run and marked; thence north to Williamson county line; thence with said line to the beginning.

SECTION 3. That Joshua Williams, William Fryerson, Issac Roberts, John Lindsey, and Joseph Brown, are hereby appointed commissioners, who, or a majority of them, shall as soon as may be, fix on a place the most convenient on, or as near Duck river as the nature of the cause will admit of, for a court house, prison and stocks, for the use of said county of Maury; which place shall not exceed three miles from the centre east or west; and after agreeing on the place, they shall proceed to purchase or otherwise procure not less than one hundred acres of land for which they shall cause a deed or deeds to be made to themselves and their successors in office by general warranty, on which they shall cause a town to be laid off, with necessary streets and allies; neither of which streets shall be less than one hundred feet wide, reserving two acres as near the centre as may be, on which the court house, prison and stocks shall be erected, which town shall be none (sic) by the name of COLUMBIA.

SECTION 4. That where the town shall be thus laid off, the aforesaid commissioners are further required, to advertise (sic) for sale in the Nashville Gazette, or Impartial Review, to the highest bidder, at a credit of twelve months, one half of the lots so laid off, which shall be the nearest to the public square, giving sixty days previous notice, and shall take bonds with sufficient security to themselves and successors in office, and shall make titles to the purchasers in fee simple.

SECTION 5. That it shall be the further duty of the said commissioners, to contract with suitable workmen to build a court house, prison and stocks, and the monies arising from the sale of said lots, after paying for the land so purchased, shall be applied to pay for said court house, prison and stocks.

SECTION 6. That should the money arising from the sale of said lots, prove insufficient to pay for such public buildings, then in that case, a majority of the acting justices of the said county of Maury, shall in term time, have power, and are hereby authorized and required to lay an additional county tax, not exceeding twelve and one half cents on each hundred acres of land liable to taxation; twelve and one half cents on each white poll; twenty cents on each black poll; one dollar on each stud horse kept for covering mares; twenty five cents on each town lot, and five dollars on each merchant, peddler or hawker: The said tax shall be laid from year to year until a sufficient sum shall be collected to pay for said public buildings; and shall be collected by the collector of the public taxes, on the same per cent. as other county taxes, and shall pay the same to the aforesaid commissioners, and be by them applied towards paying for the said public buildings, whose receipts shall be allowed in the settlement of his accounts.

SECTION 7. That before the said commissioners enter on the duties of their appointment, they shall enter into bond with sufficient security, payable to the governor for the time being, in the sum of six thousand dollars, for the faithful discharge of their duty as herein expressed; which bond shall be lodged in the office of the clerk of the said county of Maury.

SECTION 8. That so soon as the public buildings shall be completed, the aforesaid commissioners shall lay before the court of Maury county, a just and fair statement of all monies by them received, as well as those by them expended, with sufficient vouchers for the same, by virtue of their appointment, and the court shall make them reasonable compensation for their services: Provided, there shall be a majority of the acting justices of said county present when such allowance is made.

SECTION 9. That for the due administration of justice, that the court of pleas and quarter sessions shall

be held in, and for the county of Maury, on the third Mondays in December, March, June, and September; and the justices for said county, shall hold the first court at the house where Joseph Brown now lives, near Lytle's creek, on the third Monday of December next; and all subsequent courts for said county, on the days above mentioned for holding courts therein, at the same place, until a court house be built in, and for said county; and then all causes, matters and things depending in said court, and all manner of process returnable to the same, shall be adjourned to such courthouse; and all courts held in, and for said county, shall be held by commission to said justices in the same manner and under the same rules and restrictions, and shall have and exercise the same powers and jurisdictions, as are, or shall be prescribed by, and for the courts of the several counties in this state.

SECTION 10. The said county of Maury be, and the same is hereby declared a part of Metro district, in the same manner, and for the purposes whatsoever, in as full and ample manner, as any county in this state, and shall send three jurors to the superior court of said district.

SECTION 11. That nothing herein contained, shall be so construed, as to prevent the sheriff or collector of the taxes of Williamson county, from collecting the same, within the limits of the said county of Maury, which are at this time due, in the same manner, as if this act had not been passed.

SECTION 12. That the said county of Maury be a part of the district for electing an elector to elect a president and vice president of the United States, for electing a governor, representative or representatives to congress, senator or senators and representatives in the general assembly, and field officers, to which it has heretofore belonged; and that the elections be held at the place for holding courts in said county, and shall be conducted under the same rules and regulations as established by law; and that the sheriff or deputy sheriff of the county of Maury, shall on the first Thursday and the succeeding day in March next, hold an election at the place above stated, for the purpose of electing the field officers of the militia for the said county of Maury; which election shall be conducted pursuant to the laws now in force and use for the election of field officers; and that the sheriff or returning officer, make a return in all cases of elections, agreeably to the laws now in force and use in this state, and shall observe the same rules and regulations in making returns and comparing votes, as are now observed in the electoral district composed of the counties of Williamson and Rutherford.

SECTION 13. That all section of country, lying immediately between the south boundary of the above described county, and the southern boundary of the state, be and remain a part of the said county, until otherwise provided for by law, except as herein expressed; that no tax shall be laid or collected, for the purpose of erecting a court house, prison and stocks for said county.

SECTION 14. The militia of the said county of Maury, shall constitute the twentyseventh regiment of the militia of the state.

SECTION 15. That James Gideon be, and he is hereby appointed to run and mark the dividing line between said counties of Williamson and Maury; for which service, he shall be entitled to the sum of two dollars per day; and it shall be the duty of said James Gideon to employ two chain-carriers and one marker, who shall be entitled to receive one dollar per day each, while engaged in said service; said surveyor, chain-carrier, and marker, to be paid in equal proportions by said counties of Williamson and Maury.

SECTION 16. That this act shall be in force from and after the fifteenth day of December next.

Passed: November 16, 1807.

Change of Boundary Lines

Acts of 1855-56 Chapter 162

SECTION 1. That the line between the Counties of Maury and Lewis be so changed as to run as follows to wit: - Beginning at a black ash corner near Mrs. Maxwell's spring, in Maury County; running thence east, three hundred and eight poles to the north-east corner of McDonald's one hundred and forty-nine acre tract; thence south, two hundred and twelve poles to Martin's corner; thence east, five hundred and eighty-nine poles along R. M. Cooper's north boundary line to the said Cooper's north-east corner; thence south, one hundred and seventeen poles to the present County line, near the head of Hunter's mill-pond; thence west, and with the present County line to the beginning.

SECTION 2. That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

COMPILER'S NOTE: Sections 3 and 4 do not apply to Maury County and have been omitted.

Passed: February 25, 1856.

Public Acts of 1887 Chapter 205

SECTION 1. That the county line between the counties of Giles and Maury be so changed, as follows: Beginning at an oak tree, the corner of the said counties, about four hundred (400) yards south of W. J. Henson's house, running thence south 6° 5' west 380 poles to black oak, thence north 45° west 260 poles to old line, containing in all about eight hundred and forty-two (842) acres of land.

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

Passed: March 26th, 1887.

Acts of 1909 Chapter 263

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this Act the boundary line between the county of Maury and the county of Lewis shall be as follows:

Beginning on the Lawrence County line where it crosses the east boundary line of Entry No. 888 for 195 acres in the name of John Stockard, 19 miles from Columbia and 19 7/8 miles from Hohenwald, and runs north with the east boundary said entry about 73 poles to northeast corner, same course with a new line dividing C. R. Craig, Entry No. 875 for 198 acres, in all 243 poles, a small stone with hickory pointer in south boundary line of Entry No..., in the name of Samuel Stewart, for ... acres; then east with his south boundary 66 poles, his corner and southwest corner of Entry No. 374, in the name of R. O. Smith, for 394 acres; then north with Smith's west boundary line 186 poles to his and Stewart's corner in Smith's boundary line of Entry No. 34, in the name of A. H. Buckner, for 175 acres; then east [with] Buckner's and Smith's line 150 poles to a stone in the north boundary line of Entry No. 808, in the name of Johnston Craig, for 200 acres; then north with Buckner's and Craig's line 60 poles, Craig's corner; thence south (with) Craig's and Buckner's line 20 poles to a small hickory; then north with Buckner's east boundary crossing the Nashville, Florence and Sheffield Railroad at 150 poles, 16 poles east of the 18 milepost on said railroad, in all 188 poles to Buckner's corner; then east (with) Buckner's line 44 poles to stake (17 miles from Columbia); then north (with) Buckner's line 154 poles to a rock, the southeast corner of Entry 823, in the name of John Williams, for 200 acres, and southwest corner of Entry 735, in the name of Jesse M. Gordon, for 164 acres, continuing same course with Williams' east boundary line 150 poles to corner of Entry No. 850, in the name of Johnathan Janes for 200 acres; then west with Williams' and Janes' line 89 poles to corner of Entry No. 928, in the name of Stepord Gordon; then north (with) Janes' and Gordon's line 104 poles to corner of Entry No. 857, in the name of Ezra Durham, for 200 acres; then north 38 east with Janes' and Durham's line 57 poles to the southwest corner of Entry 300, in the name of W. H. Barr, for 177 acres (put into Maury County by Act of 1893, Chapter 7, February 9); then north with Durham and Barr entries 176 poles to northeast corner of Durham's entry, a point 16 miles from Columbia; then west with the south boundary line of Entry No. 298 for 68 acres, in the name of Young Ball, and Durham's line 67 poles to the southeast corner of Entry No. 910, in the name of David Ray, for 200 acres; the north with Ray's and Ball's line 112 poles to their corner in Stephen Beckum's south boundary line (put into Maury County by Act of 1869, Chapter 30, December 7); then west with Beckum's and Ray's line 26 poles; then north with same 97 poles to their corner; then west with same 80 poles to Ray's corner in the east boundary line of Entry No. 909, (in the name of Elijah Ray, for 145 acres; then north with Beckum and Ray 66 poles to northeast corner of Entry 909 (in a line run by Frierson in 1852), C. S. Williams' most southern southeast corner; then west with Williams' and Ray's line 94 poles to southwest corner of Entry No. 339, in the name of C. S. Williams, for 285 acres, and the southeast corner of Entry 882, in the name of A. Beckum, for 146 acres, and runs north [with] Williams' and Beckum's line 186 poles as per Act of 1869; then with Williams' and Beckum's line 20 poles; then north, passing Beckum's corner at 44 poles, the southeast corner of Entry No. 842, in the name of Richard Jennings, for 200 acres, and Jennings' east boundary line, passing Williams' at 56 poles in all 186 poles; then west with Jennings' entry (Math. McClain) 34 poles to a point on bluff; then north crossing West Fork of Bigby 8 poles and mouth of Holmes' land at 13 poles (18½ miles from Hohenwald), same course on the line between A. W. Goodman and Mort Cooper, in all 102 poles to their corner in Southworth's south boundary; then west [with] Goodman's and Southworth's line 30 poles to a set stone; then north, their line passing Goodman's corner at 33 poles, a stone, Cooper's corner, and passing his corner at 130 poles, M.E. Wheeler's southeast corner, same course in all 168 poles to Wheeler's and Southworth's corner; then west [with] their line 13 poles to a set stone, their corner; then north [with] their line 78 poles to a stone, Wheeler's corner, in Southworth's west boundary line, George Hogue's corner; then west [with] Wheeler's and Hogue's line 82 poles to a small hickory, their corner; then north [with] their line crossing road at 82 poles, in all 122 poles to a large chestnut stump 1 pole south of a road leading hill blackgum pointer (15½ miles from Columbia); then west with Wheeler's line, crossing road at 22 poles, and crossing main ridge road at 102½ poles, and the railroad from Mount Pleasant to Gordonsburg at 122 [poles] in all 126 poles to a white oak, Wheeler's corner, the northeast corner of Entry 881, in the name of Samuel Irvine, for 195

acres, and with the north boundary line of the same 294 poles, in all 420 poles to large black oak in Pogue's and Akin's line; then south 14 poles to their corner, Akin's and Brown's corner, a stake; then west [with] their line 84 poles to their corner; then north [with] their line, passing Akin's and Brown's corner at 67 poles, a black gum same course with the west boundary line of Martin, Entry No. ..., passing his corner at 155 poles, the southwest corner of Entry No. 127, in the name of J. D. Rains, for 200 acres, same course, passing southeast corner of Entry No. 177, in the name of T. Grimes, for 200 acres, at 253 poles, in all 403 poles to the northeast corner (10 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles to Columbia) of Entry No. 177; then west [with] the same 80 poles to the right of way of railroad; thence westwardly with railroad right of way 202 poles to the west boundary line of Entry 190 in the east boundary line of Entry No. 12, in the name of West and Akin, for 3,985 acres; then north [with] West's and Akin's, line 83 poles to the southeast corner of Entry No. 837, in the name of A. H. Buckner, for 200 acres, West's and Akin's corner in Flowers' west boundary line; then west with Buckner's line 197 poles to his corner, his and West's and Akin's corner; then north [with] their line, passing Buckner's corner at 191 poles, Hugh Farris' southwest corner, in all 218 $\frac{1}{2}$ poles to West's and Akin's corner and Farris' corner in the south boundary of Entry No. 835 for 175 acres; then west with West's and Akin's line 100 poles to corner of Entry No. 835; then north 34 poles to corner of West's and Akin's most northern northeast corner and the southeast corner of Entry No. ... for 200 acres, in the name of A. J. Pugh; then west [with] their line 137 poles to his southwest corner in West's and Akin's north boundary (a point 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles from Hohenwald); then north [with] Pugh's west boundary line 110 poles to his corner, south boundary line of Entry No. 134, in the name of Porter, for 196 acres; then west [with] Porter's line 20 poles to corner of same; then north 105 to Porter's corner; then north 18 degrees west 64 poles; then north, passing the southwest corner of Entry No. 898, in the name of P. A. Kirk, for 200 acres, at 35 poles, in all 290 poles, northwest corner of Entry 898; then east with the same 20 poles to southwest corner of Entry No. 879, in the name of Samuel Whiteside, for 96 acres; then north [with] his line 160 poles, his corner; then east [with] his line 20 poles to a stone; then north [with] his line 36 poles to his corner in south boundary line of Entry No. 858, in the name of A. Brown, for 64 acres; then east with the same, passing Brown's corner at 40 poles, and passing southwest corner of Entry No. 821 and with same 76 poles to southwest corner of Entry No. 820, in the name of S. J. Strayhorn, for 65 acres, and with same 40 poles to the southeast corner in west boundary line of Andrew Kennedy Entry for 640 acres; then north with Strayhorn's east boundary line, passing his northeast corner at 190 poles to and passing William Scott's southeast corner, and with his west boundary line to his corner, in all 545 poles to Brown's corner; then west with William Scott's line 15 poles to his corner; then north [with] his line and Z. W. Scott's east boundary line 200 poles to Z. W. Scott's northeast corner; then west [with] his line 134 poles to his corner in Whitesides' east boundary line; then north [with] Whitesides' line 49 poles to a white oak on south side of Natchez Road in Hickman County line. All lands added to either County by this Act shall be added to the civil district adjoining said lands.

SECTION 2. That all Acts of the Legislature heretofore passed establishing the boundary line between said Counties of Maury and Lewis are hereby repealed.

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

Passed: April 23, 1909.

Public Acts of 1973 Chapter 156

COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The boundary line between Maury and Giles Counties is changed by detaching from Giles County and attaching to Maury County the following described tract of land:

Beginning at a point where the southern boundary of the W. A. Richardson property intersects the eastern right-of-way of U.S. Highway 31, south of the present county boundary line; thence easterly along the southern boundary of the Richardson property and the northern boundary of the Underwood property to its intersection with the Armstrong property; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of the Richardson property and the western boundary of the Armstrong property to the intersection of the present county boundary with the Richardson- Armstrong property line, the land so described lying south of the present Maury-Giles County line and being part of lands owned by W. A. Richardson.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 30, 1987.

Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Acts of 1837-38, Chapter 211, Section 3, changed the boundary line between the counties of Maury and Hickman to include in Hickman County the following described property: "beginning at the ford at Gordon's ferry, where the Natchez road crosses Duck river, on the south bank of said river, running thence up said river with its meanders to the mouth of Fall branch; thence up said branch with its main channel to where the same strikes the Natchez road, thence northerly with said road to the beginning." All residents therein were given the same rights and privileges as all other citizens of Hickman County.
2. Acts of 1845-46, Chapter 31, changed the boundary line between Maury and Marshall Counties to include in Marshall County the property of William D. Baldrige.
3. Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 367, authorized the commissioners appointed to run and mark the prescribed boundary line for Lewis County to hire competent surveyors to insure that the Lewis County line was placed no closer to the county seat of Maury County than twelve miles, leaving Maury County her constitutional area of territory.
4. Acts of 1853-54, Chapter 92, altered the line between Maury and Hickman Counties to include in Hickman County the farm and residence of Phillip Hoover.
5. Acts of 1853-54, Chapter 181, Section 7, altered the line between Maury County and Marshall County to transfer the dwelling house of James W. Baird into Marshall County and declared James W. Baird to be a resident of Marshall County.
6. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 161, altered the boundary line between the Counties of Maury and Marshall to place in Marshall County the lands of James Old and George Whitson, and to place in Maury County the lands of James M. Reynolds and George W. Willis.
7. Private Acts of 1857-58, Chapter 129, transferred the land of Phillip Hoover from Maury County to Hickman County.
8. Private Acts of 1859-60, Chapter 210, transferred the lands belonging to A. S. Strong, William Scott, and A. J. Pugh, from Lewis County into Maury County and transferred Nathan Landen's residence and out houses from Maury County into Marshall County.
9. Private Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 20, transferred the lands of C. J. Dugger from Giles County to Maury County.
10. Public Acts of 1868-69, Chapter 31, repealed the act which created Lewis County and returned the land composing Lewis County to the Counties of Maury, Hickman, Lawrence, Wayne, and Perry.
11. Public Acts of 1869-70, Chapter 30, repealed Public Acts of 1868-69, Chapter 31, above, and re-established Lewis County.
12. Public Acts of 1870-71, Chapter 121, altered the boundary line between Maury and Marshall Counties to include in Maury County the lands of John B. Wilkes and John Coffey and directed that their property taxes for the year 1871 be paid to Maury County.
13. Public Acts of 1875, Chapter 120, provided that the boundary line between Maury and Marshall Counties would be changed to run with the Franklin and Lewisburg turnpike road from Hardinson's old storehouse to the south bank of Duck River.
14. Public Acts of 1881, Chapter 107, changed the boundary line between Maury County and Williamson County to include in Maury County the lands of M. C. Campbell and Campbell Brown.
15. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 59, transferred the lands of R. C. Gordon, as described in the act, from Hickman County to Maury County.
16. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 42, transferred the lands of George W. Hellums from Williamson County to Maury County.
17. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 48, changed the boundary line between the Counties of Maury, Marshall, and Williamson by including in Williamson County the lands of J. S. Flemming, W. P. Flemming, and S. C. Smithson.
18. Public Acts of 1893, Chapter 7, moved a tract of land known as the Barr tract and owned by John Hildreth from Lewis County into Maury County.
19. Public Acts of 1893, Chapter 27, changed the lines between Maury and Williamson Counties to include in Williamson County the lands of Mrs. J. H. Wallace and J. T. Waddy in Williamson County.
20. Private Acts of 1897, Chapter 259, transferred the lands of Mrs. J. H. Wallace and G. W. Ware into Williamson County from Maury County.
21. Public Acts of 1899, Chapter 421, transferred the farms of Erwin Purdom, S. R. Purdom, and

- Mariah Hardison from Maury County to Marshall County.
22. Acts of 1903, Chapter 320, removed the farms of E. W. Fareman from Lawrence County to Maury County. This Act was specifically repealed by Acts of 1907, Chapter 484, Page 1639.
 23. Acts of 1905, Chapter 205, transferred all the lands of J. A. Trimble and G. C. Hawkins from the Second Civil District of Williamson County into the Second Civil District of Maury County.
 24. Acts of 1907, Chapter 484, repealed Acts of 1903, Chapter 320, above, which had transferred the land of E. C. Fareman from Lawrence County into Maury County.
 25. Private Acts of 1911, Chapter 109, detached the land of T. M. Fox from the First Civil District of Maury County and attached it to the Second Civil District of Williamson County.
 26. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 452, changed the boundary line between Maury County and Williamson County to transfer the land of Mrs. Mary Ann Hawkins, widow of G. C. Hawkins, into the Second Civil District of Williamson County from the Second Civil District of Maury County.
 27. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 453, transferred the lands of D. H. Griggs from the Twenty-Fifth Civil District of Maury County to the Second Civil District of Williamson County.
 28. Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 342, transferred the farm of Mora B. Fariss, containing 76.14 acres more or less, into the Tenth Civil District of Maury County from the Fifth Civil District of Lewis County.
 29. Private Acts of 1935, Chapter 691, changed the boundaries between Maury and Williamson Counties to transfer the lands of G. C. Stanley and H. A. Stanley from the Second Civil District of Maury County to the Fourth Civil District of Williamson County.

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