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Chapter IV - Boundaries

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Creation of the County

Acts of 1823 Chapter 145

SECTION 1. That the territory west of Madison shall be, and is hereby, created into a county, to be called Haywood, which shall be bounded by the same lines as are pointed out in the act of one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, establishing the boundaries of said territory.

COMPILER'S NOTE: The description referred to in Section One, above, is contained in the Acts of 1821, Chapter 32, Section 6, which is published on the following page.

SECTION 2. That for the due administration of justice in said county, the courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, and circuit courts, shall be holden at the house of Richard Nixon, until otherwise provided for by law, and shall possess and exercise all the powers and privileges of other county and circuit courts in this state.

SECTION 3. That the sheriff of said county shall, on the first Thursday and Friday of April next, open and hold an election for the purpose of choosing field officers for the regiment composed of the militia of said county; which shall compose the _____ regiment, and shall be attached to the _____ brigade.

SECTION 4. That this act shall take effect, and be in force, from and after the first day of January next.

Passed: November 3, 1823.

Acts of 1821 Chapter 32

COMPILER'S NOTE: This Act must be read in conjunction with Private Acts of 1823, Chapter 145.

SECTION 6. That the following described lines shall be the bounds of two other counties which may hereafter be established west and south of Madison County; the first one beginning on the south west corner of Madison County; running thence north with the west boundary of the same, twenty-five miles to the north west corner; thence west to the south west corner of the first county west of Carroll County; thence north to the line dividing the 10th and 13th districts; thence west to a point two miles west of the first range line in the 11th district; thence south parallel with said range line to the 5th sectional line in said district; thence east to a point four miles east of the 5th range line in the 10th district; thence north two and a half miles; thence east to the beginning. The second, beginning on the south west corner of Madison County, running thence west six miles to a point one mile west of the fourth range line in the 10th district; thence south parallel with said line to the south boundary of the state; thence east on said boundary to a point two miles east of the meridian separating the 9th and 10th districts; thence north to Madison County line; thence west with the same to the beginning. Which two last described bounds shall be and remain a part of Madison County until otherwise provided for by law, and shall enjoy all the privileges, and be subject to all the duties as citizens of Madison County, with this exception, that no tax shall be laid or collected in the said bounds for the purpose of erecting public buildings in the county of Madison.

Passed: November 7, 1821.

Change of Boundary Lines

Acts of 1870 Chapter 12

SECTION 1. That the county line between the Counties of Haywood and Lauderdale, be changed so as to run as follows: Beginning at a point on the county line where Thos. A. Walker's line crosses the same, running thence east with his line to his south-east corner; thence north-east to Louis S. Mcllin's south-east corner; thence with his east boundary line in a direct course to A. L. Oldham's south-east corner; thence with the boundaries of said Oldham's land to a point where the Wandville and Chestnut Bluff road crosses said Oldham's east boundary line; thence with said Wandville and Chestnut Bluff road, in a north- eastern direction, to a point where the Haywood and Lauderdale County line crosses said road, and that portion of Haywood lying west of said line as designated, be stricken off from Haywood and attached to Lauderdale County, also that portion of Thos. Lea's land lying in Haywood County, being about ten acres, be attached

to Lauderdale County.

SECTION 2. The public welfare requiring it; that this Act take effect from and after its passage.

Passed: June 6, 1870.

Private Acts of 1931 Chapter 549

SECTION 1. That the line between Haywood and Lauderdale Counties shall be changed as follows:

So as to detach certain lands from the First Civil District of Lauderdale County and attach them to the Ninth Civil District of Haywood County, Tennessee, which lands so detached are described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake in the mouth of Lagoon Creek where the same enters into Big Hatchie River, runs thence northward and eastward with the meanderings of Lagoon Creek and in the center thereof to a stake in the center of said creek where said creek crosses the present line between Haywood and Lauderdale Counties; thence south with said county line to a stake in Big Hatchie River; thence down said river in a northwesterly direction with the meanderings of said river and the present county line of Lauderdale County to the point of beginning, containing approximately 1,400 acres. That said above described tract of land shall be detached from said First Civil District of Lauderdale County, Tennessee, and become a part of the said Ninth Civil District of Haywood County, Tennessee.

SECTION 2. That taxes for the year 1931 due upon said land so detached from Lauderdale County and attached to Haywood County, Tennessee, shall be payable to said County of Lauderdale and collected by its officers.

SECTION 3. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: June 23, 1931.

Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Acts of 1837-38, Chapter 256, Section 1, appointed Abel H. Pope to run and mark the line between Haywood and Lauderdale Counties, and thereby reduce Haywood County to the constitutional limit of 625 square miles. The Surveyor may employ chain carriers to assist him who shall be paid a reasonable amount for their services by Lauderdale County.
2. Acts of 1857-58, Chapter 47, Section 8, changed the lines between Haywood and Madison Counties so that the residence and outhouses of John W. McKissack shall be wholly in Madison County.
3. Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 60, provided that the lines between Lauderdale and Haywood Counties be changed to move the lands and improvements of Dr. Samuel Oldham into Lauderdale County.
4. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 320, altered the lines between Lauderdale and Haywood Counties so that all the lands of B. J. Pickard, the Thomas Lee estate, the Hay or Greene Bradford tract of land, Mrs. J. T. W. Milam, M. L. Wood, M. D. Coffman, K. F. Fennel, D. H. Cherry, and J. B. Lucas, and a small portion of the Baker and Sugg tract of land north of Gates Levee, be included in Lauderdale County.

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