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Chapter IV - Boundaries

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Creation of the County

Acts of 1843 Chapter 38

SECTION 1. That a new county be, and the same is hereby established to be composed of fractions taken from the counties of Maury, Lawrence, Wayne and Hickman, and to be known and designated by the name of Lewis County, in honor of Captain Merriwether Lewis, who has rendered distinguished services to his country, and whose remains lie buried and neglected within its limits, and shall be bounded as follows:

SECTION 2. Beginning on the South bank of Duck River, at a point twelve miles on a straight line West from Columbia, and running in a South direction, leaving Columbia twelve miles to the East, to the Turnpike leading from Mount Pleasant to Tennessee river, thence with said turnpike road to the Wayne County line, running thence in a Northerly direction, leaving Waynesboro to the West twelve miles, thence in a North-East direction through Hickman county, leaving Centerville twelve miles to the West to Duck River, thence up said river to the beginning.

SECTION 3. That John Aiken and Albert G. Cooper of the county of Maury, Shadrick Morris and James Voss of the county of Lawrence, James Gullett and David Voorhies of the county of Wayne, Hugh B. Venable and John Clayton of the county of Hickman, shall be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with authority to employ a competent surveyor to run out and designate the boundaries of said county, and also to employ a competent surveyor to ascertain by actual survey of the several counties, from which the county of Lewis is to be composed, and if upon such survey there shall be territory and population sufficient to meet the requirements of the constitution, without infringing upon the constitutional territory or population of either of the counties, from which said county of Lewis is to be composed, then said county of Lewis is hereby established upon the following conditions.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of said commissioners, as soon as they ascertain that there is territory and population sufficient to constitute a new county under the requirements of the third section of this act, after first giving twenty days notice in two or more public places, of the time and place in each of the fractions proposed to be stricken off from the counties of Maury, Lawrence, Wayne, and Hickman, that they will open and hold an election in each of the fractions proposed to be taken off from the counties aforesaid, for the purpose of ascertaining whether a majority of the voters, residing in the several fractions, are in favor of, or opposed to the establishment of said county of Lewis; and all persons qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly, who have resided in the fractions aforesaid six months immediately preceding the day of election, shall be entitled to vote, and each voter who desires to vote for the establishment of the new county, shall have on his ticket the words New County, and those desirous to vote against the new county, shall have on their tickets the words Old County; and if upon counting the ballots, the judges of the several elections in said fractions, shall return that a majority of each of the fractions have voted for the new county, then the county of Lewis shall be, and the same is hereby established, with all the powers, privileges and advantages, and subject to all the liabilities of other counties in this State.

SECTION 5. All officers, civil and military in said county, shall continue to hold their offices, and exercise all the powers and functions thereof, until others are elected according to law, and the said county of Lewis, shall elect her officers on the same day, and under the same rules and regulations as provided by law for the election of officers in other counties in this State.

SECTION 6. The commissioners appointed by the third section of this Act, shall appoint such persons as they may deem suitable to open and hold the elections for county officers for the said county of Lewis, and such persons so appointed shall be, and are hereby invested with full power and authority to appoint deputies, clerks, and judges, and by himself and deputies to administer all necessary oaths, and to do and perform all other duties as by law are required of Sheriffs or other officers holding similar elections.

SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of the commissioners aforesaid, as soon after the county of Lewis shall have been established as practicable, to select and procure by purchase or otherwise, a suitable site for the seat of justice in said county; and the said commissioners, having first caused a deed to be made to themselves, and their assigns with general warranty, to a sufficient quantity of land, including the site so selected, shall cause a town to be laid off thereon, with as many streets and alleys as they may deem sufficient, with a suitable square for the erection of public buildings; said commissioners may reserve such lots as they may deem advisable for the purpose of erecting a jail and such other

purposes as they may think advisable; and said town so laid off shall be known by such name as a majority of said commissioners may give it.

SECTION 8. BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners of said county shall sell the lots in said town on a credit of at least twelve months, first giving due notice thereof in some newspaper published in this state, and shall take bond with security from the purchasers of said lots, payable to themselves and their successors in office, and shall make title in fee simple as commissioners to the respective purchasers of said lots.

SECTION 9. The proceeds of the sales of the lots aforesaid, shall be a fund in the hands of said commissioners, for the defraying the expense incurred in the purchase of said tract of land on which the said county seat shall be located, and also for defraying the expenses of erecting the public buildings for said county of Lewis.

SECTION 10. The commissioners shall superintend the building of such public buildings as the county court of said county shall order and direct to be built, and shall let the same out, and take bonds from the undertakers with ample penalties and sufficient securities, payable to themselves and their successors, conditioned for the faithful performance of his or their contracts.

SECTION 11. The said commissioners shall also appoint five commissioners, whose duty it shall be to divide and lay off said county of Lewis into civil districts, designate the place for holding elections, therein, and do and perform all the duties relative thereto, which by the laws of this state such commissioners are authorized and required to do.

SECTION 12. The county of Lewis shall be attached to the 8th Judicial Circuit, and the circuit courts in said county shall be held on the 4th Mondays in March, July, and November, in each year.

SECTION 13. The militia of the county of Lewis shall form one regiment which shall be known and designated as the 158th Regiment, and shall be attached to the 24th Brigade of Tennessee Militia.

SECTION 14. That the county court of Lewis County, when organized, shall be authorized to make such appropriations as they may think proper to the commissioners appointed under the provisions of this act, to compensate them for their necessary expenses and services.

SECTION 15. That for the convenience of the citizens and for the administration of Justice, the county and circuit courts of said county of Lewis, shall be held at the house of John Blackburn, until the public buildings for said county shall be completed, due notice of which shall be given to the clerks of the several courts in said county by the commissioners herein appointed, after which time they shall be held at the court house in the county aforesaid.

Passed: December 21, 1843.

Change of Boundary Lines

Acts of 1852 Chapter 367

COMPILER'S NOTE: Section One did not apply to Lewis County, but rather concerned a boundary change between Hardin and Decatur counties.

SECTION 2. That the boundaries of Lewis County, be, and they are hereby established, as follows: Beginning at the north-west corner of Lawrence County, as run by Frierson and afterwards by Ross, and run with the line, dividing the second and third sections, north 842 east, 12 miles and 34 poles to a large post mark, on the old Lawrence county line, marked L.C.C. & E.C.F.; then north 78 poles; then east 160 poles; then to north 60 degrees east, leaving David Lindsey to the north, 400 poles to Patterson's line; then north 21 degrees west, with said line, 460 poles; then east 460 poles to the range line east of William B. Smith's; then north 115 poles to the north-west corner of entry no. 909, in the name of Elijah Ray; then east 320 poles; then north 12 degrees west, leaving James Beekman, Caleb S. Williams and William Ephland to the west 370 poles to the north-east corner of a 34 acre tract of land, entered in the name of Mark Grimes; then north, 54 degrees west, 395 poles to the north-east corner of entry No. 295, in the name of Wm. Williams; then west, crossing Patterson's line at two miles and 50 poles, in all 1445 poles to the line between George Vincent, sen., and Jesse Sims; then north 490 poles to a stake in Henry Mayfield's entry; then east 350 poles to George Vincent's, jr., southeast corner; then north 195 poles to his north-east corner; then west 250 poles; then north 345 poles to the north boundary line of West and Akin's large entry; then east 590 poles to John A. Johnston's east boundary line, 30 poles east of Patterson's line; then north, 35 east, 240 poles to the south-east corner of William Rickett's 15 acre tract; then north 50 poles to his north-east corner; then north, 32 west, 265 poles to Joseph Peyton's, sen., north-east corner; then west 60 poles to the Patterson line; then with said line north, 52 west, two miles and 50 poles to Thomas S. Patton's south boundary line; then east 100 poles to his south-east corner;

then north 190 poles to his corner; then west 118 poles to Patterson's line; then north westwardly to the Hickman County line; then with the present boundaries of Lewis County to the beginning.

SECTION 3. That Albert G. Cooper, Robert O. Smith, W. H. Flannegan, John S. Hunter and George Nixon, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to run the unascertained boundary from the Patterson line, northwestwardly to the Hickman County line, and to designate and mark the line as set forth in the preceding section, wherever it may be necessary; and for this purpose, they are authorized to employ competent surveyors: they will see that the Lewis County line does not approach the county seat of Maury County nearer than twelve miles, and they are empowered to make any change in the boundaries above given, that may be necessary to ensure this object, and they will run the unascertained line, so as to leave to Maury County her constitutional area of territory.

SECTION 4. That it shall be the duty of the commissioners, as soon as the said line has been run according to the provisions of the foregoing section, after giving ten days notice, at two or more public places in said fraction, of the time and place to open and hold an election in the fraction of Maury County proposed to be taken from said county, for the purpose of ascertaining whether a majority of the voters residing in said fraction are in favor or opposed to said change, and all persons qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly, who have resided in the fraction aforesaid six months immediately preceding the day of voting, shall be entitled to vote, and each voter who desires to vote for the change, shall have on his ticket the words Lewis County, and those opposed to the change shall have on their tickets the words Maury County; and if upon counting the ballots the judges of the polls shall return that a majority have voted for the change, then the said fraction cut off by said line from Maury County, shall become a part of the county of Lewis, and the jurisdiction of said county is extended over said fraction.

SECTION 5. That all the provisions of the act, passed on the 21st of December, 1843, Chapter 38, entitled "an act to establish the county of Lewis," remain in full force and effect, except so far as its provisions may be altered or interfered with by this act, and that the commissioners hereby appointed, have all the power and authority conferred upon the commissioners appointed by said act, and that they proceed to do all other acts necessary and proper for the complete organization of said county of Lewis, in accordance this act shall be in force from and after its passage.

SECTION 6. That should the jurisdiction of Lewis County be lawfully extended over any portion of the territory embraced within the lines run by the commissioners under the act of 1843, no transfer, as herein before provided, of the official acts and judicial proceedings of said county of Lewis need be made to the counties whence such territory was taken, but such official acts and judicial proceedings shall be made to the counties whence such territory was taken, but such official acts and judicial proceedings shall be held valid to all intents and purposes, and the books, papers and proceedings of the several courts and officers of said territory so again embraced in Lewis County, shall be handed over to the corresponding duly elected officers of Lewis County, in said territory, to be proceeded with as if the original organization of said county had been good and valid.

SECTION 7. That so soon as the line between the counties of Maury and Lewis shall be established, agreeable to the provisions of this Act, the county seat of Lewis shall be, and is hereby established permanently at Newburg.

SECTION 8. That until the county seat is established as provided for in this Act, the county and circuit courts shall be held at the place known as Jo. Smith's old place.

SECTION 9. That the sheriff of Maury County, is hereby authorized to appoint one additional deputy.

Passed: February 4, 1852.

Acts of 1853-54 Chapter 89

COMPILER'S NOTE: The Sections prior to Section 10 and subsequent to Section 15 did not concern Lewis County.

SECTION 10. That the dividing line between Lawrence and Lewis counties be so changed, that all of that part of the north-western portion of the county of Lawrence, lying immediately south of and adjoining the county of Lewis, which may be left after surveying out and setting apart to said county of Lawrence its constitutional territory, as hereinafter mentioned, shall be included in and attached to the county of Lewis. Provided, it shall not appear that the county of Lewis, as enlarged, is not a constitutional county.

SECTION 11. That before any such change shall take place, the county court of Lewis County, a majority of the acting justices of the peace being present and voting in the affirmative, shall pass on an order notifying the county court of Lawrence County, that they desire to have said county of Lawrence surveyed out, and its constitutional territory set apart to it, as hereinafter mentioned.

SECTION 12. That it shall be the duty of the county court of Lawrence County, on receiving the

abovementioned notice to appoint some competent and suitable person to make said survey, who shall have power to employ at the expense of said county of Lewis, chain carriers, a marker, flag bearer, a pack horse man, and such other persons as may be necessary to assist him in making said survey, and who shall together with said chainers and marker before commencing said survey take and subscribe an oath before some justice of the peace in the county of Lawrence, faithfully, honestly, and correctly to perform the duties imposed upon them by this act, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

SECTION 13. That said survey shall begin at the south-east corner of the county of Lewis, on the north boundary of Lawrence, and run thence east-wardly with the north boundary of said county of Lawrence to the northeast corner of the same; thence southwardly with the west boundary of Giles County, to the Alabama State line; thence westwardly, with the same to the south-east corner of Wayne County; thence northwardly with the same so far, that by running east and north to the beginning, will include in the county of Lawrence six hundred and twenty-five square miles, its constitutional territory.

SECTION 14. That said survey when made shall be returned to the next quarterly term of the county court of Lawrence County, and the change in the dividing line between Lawrence and Lewis Counties as herein mentioned, shall take effect from and after the time said survey is received and approved by said county court of Lawrence County.

SECTION 15. That the county of Lewis shall pay all of the cost of making said survey.

Passed: March 2, 1854.

Acts of 1856 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 northeast corner of McDonald's one hundred and forty-nine acre tract; hence 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 east Cooper's northeast 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. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed: February 25, 1856.

Acts of 1857-58 Chapter 136

COMPILER'S NOTE: The Sections preceding Section 4 did not concern Lewis County.

SECTION 4. That the county line between the counties of Lawrence and Lewis, be so changed as to make the Lewis County line, beginning on the south boundary of Lewis, at the northwest corner of Lawrence, run thence southwestwardly with the west boundary of the same far enough to include old man Brewer's premises, on the head of the west prong of Brush creek; thence in a northeasterly direction, running east and north so as to include all of the Brush creek settlers in the county of Lewis, to a point where the old Natchez trace road crosses Little Buffalo, just above Wm. Pollock's; thence with said Natchez Trace road to the south boundary of Lewis.

Passed: March 17, 1858.

Acts of 1868-69 Chapter 31

SECTION 1. That so much of the territory of the counties of Maury, Hickman, Lawrence, Wayne and Perry Counties as was taken from said counties respectively in the formation of Lewis County, be and the same are hereby attached to the respective counties from which the same was taken.

COMPILER'S NOTE: Section 2 does not pertain to Lewis County. Therefore, it has been omitted.

SECTION 3. That the County Court records of said Lewis County shall be deposited by the Clerk of said Lewis County with the County Court Clerk of Maury County. That the Register's Books of said Lewis County shall be deposited with the Register of Maury County for safekeeping, and for copying of any of said records. The Register of Maury County shall be entitled to charge similar fees as per copies from his own books.

SECTION 4. That all suits that may have been commenced in said county of Lewis in the Circuit Court, and undetermined, shall be transferred to the Circuit Court of the county from which the fraction was taken, and in which the defendants may reside, and the records of the Circuit Court of said Lewis County shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Maury County.

SECTION 5. That John Hale and Samuel Whitesides be hereby authorized to settle with the

Sheriff or Sheriffs of Lewis County, with the County Trustees, Circuit and County Court Clerks and all other persons owing said county of Lewis, and to pay off and discharge any debt or debts due from the county of Lewis, and they are further authorized to sell and dispose of any county property belonging to said county and apply the proceeds to the debts of said county, and they are further authorized to bring any suit or suits that may be necessary to enable said Hale and Whitesides to carry out the provisions of this bill.

SECTION 6. That the Act creating the County of Lewis, and all Acts conflicting with this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed, and this Act take effect from and after its passage.

Passed: February 19, 1869.

Acts of 1897 Chapter 164

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Wayne and Lewis be and the same is hereby so changed as to detach all of that part of Wayne County with all its property and citizens embraced in the calls below, being a portion of the sixth civil district of Wayne County, and attach the same to Lewis County.

SECTION 2. That the following shall be the line between the counties of Wayne and Lewis by which said land above referred to shall be detached from Wayne County and attached to Lewis County, to-wit: Begins at a stake where Thos. Voorhies' line crosses the Wayne and Lewis County line; thence with his line north 87E, west 50 poles to his southern southwest corner; thence north 3E, east his line 90 poles to a white oak with chestnut and oak pointer his corner; thence north 87E, west his line 62 poles to a chestnut oak his corner; thence north his line 172 poles to a hickory, the Buffalo Iron Company's corner; thence north 87E, west their line passing corner in all 995 poles to a stake in Robinett creek, Jones Reeves' corner; thence north 3E, east his line 60 poles to a large poplar his corner; thence north 87E, west his line 160 poles to a gum stump his corner, thence north 70E, west 92 poles to a set stone; thence north 3E, east 480 poles to the county line between Wayne and Lewis Counties.

SECTION 3. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.
Passed: April 8, 1897.

Acts of 1897 Chapter 270

SECTION 1. That the line now dividing the counties of Hickman and Lewis be so changed as to include within the county of Lewis, all of the lands, farms and homes embraced within the following metes and bounds, to-wit: Begins at the crossing of the Coon creek and Linden roads, the common corner of Perry and Hickman and Lewis Counties, running thence north 12 degrees, west five hundred (500) poles to a pile of stones; thence north 65 degrees, east four hundred and twenty-four (424) poles to a white oak; thence north 19 degrees, east one hundred and eighteen (118) poles to a spotted oak; thence north 74 degrees east forty-two (42) poles to a stake; thence north 312 degrees, east one hundred and six (106) poles to a chestnut tree; thence south 63 degrees, east fifty-six (56) poles to a stake on steep point; thence north 4 degrees, east one hundred and four (104) poles to the center of Cane creek; thence with the meanderings of said creek about north 60 degrees, west about one hundred and sixty (160) poles to a point opposite the cross fence between John E. Sisco and A. J. Pace; thence north 15 degrees east, with Sisco's line, one hundred and thirty (130) poles to a hickory; thence north 83 degrees, east thirty-seven (37) poles to a hickory; thence south 45 degrees, east twenty-two (22) poles to a white oak; thence north 64 degrees, east thirty-eight (38) poles to a spotted oak; thence south 79 degrees, east fifty (50) poles to the pathway on top of ridge that divides the Deprust branch from Pace Branch; thence with the meanderings of said pathway, a course varying from north 45 degrees, east north four hundred and eighty (480) poles to a large stone on south side of road running from Kimmins to Pleasantville; thence with said road and the Beaverdam road, a course varying from north 85 degrees, east to south 50 degrees, east fifteen hundred and sixty (1,560) poles to the Lewis County line, westerly of Kimmins; surveyed January 21, 22, and 23, 1897. All bearings read from magnetic meridian with instrument that reads 3 degrees, 18 minutes easterly of true meridian.

Including in the said county of Lewis the lands, farms, and homes of the following, to-wit: G. W. Skelton, Sr., R. A. Mitchell, G. W. Hinson, G. W. Skelton, Jr., Thos. James, E. C. Bastian, L. W. Hinson, J. R. Duncan, P.K.J. Hensley, W. H. Crowe, Bryant Mathis, D. C. Anderson, S. J. Downing,

Elisha Talley, S. H. Hinson, A. H. Whyllie, Budd Mathis, J. E. Sisco, E. M. Hinson, Richard Willis, W. W. Brown, D. D. Humphreys, C. W. Moody, A. T. Wylie, J. P. Talley, Ruben Mathis, W. H. Bastian, J. H. Brown, W. W. Quillin, J. A. Sisco, R. Lee Hinsley, William James, John Harper, D. L. Hinson, W. A. Pace, F. J. Cheatham, J. A. Goodman, C. A. Lancaster, "land" by Union Bank and Tr. Co., Executor; J. H. Sisco, W. A. James, J. M. Carson, Solomon Hinson, J. D. Brown, J. E. McCullom, W. T. Duncan, W. J. Garrette, Jonathan Duncan; and also all other farms and lands and homes embraced within said metes and

bounds, as hereinbefore expressly set forth.

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

Passed: March 12, 1897.

Acts of 1899 Chapter 175

Acts of 1899 Chapter 264

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That the line between the counties of Hickman and Lewis, be and the same is hereby, changed as follows: Beginning at a stake in the line as now established on the south side of Cane creek, at what is known as Jenkins' ford,

and on the south side of DePriest's branch and the public road, runs thence N. 82 degrees east 140 poles to

a stake; thence N. 75 degrees east 36 poles to A. J. DePriest's line; thence with his south boundary line to a black walnut stump near the south side of the road; thence with the south boundary of A. J. Brown's land to A. J. DePriest's other tract of land; thence with his south boundary line to his corner; thence with J. D. Brown's south boundary line to a black walnut on the south side of the Centerville road; thence N. 65 degrees east 32 poles, to a stooping black oak pointers; thence N. 41 degrees east 80 poles to a stake with hickory pointers; thence N. 31 degrees east 134 poles to a small black gum in the Hickman and Lewis County line, near Joseph Horner's house.

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted, that this act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 15, 1899.

Private 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 715 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 a 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 D. 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 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; then 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 (182 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 (15 1-2 miles from Columbia); then west with Wheeler's line, crossing road at 22 poles, and crossing main ridge road at 102 1-2 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 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 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' 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 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 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) Whiteside's 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. Be it further enacted, 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.

Private Acts of 1925 Chapter 385

SECTION 1. That the county line between Lewis County and Wayne County, State of Tennessee, be and the same is hereby changed as lows; to wit:

"Beginning at pile of stones in Lewis and Wayne Counties' line, one hundred (180) poles west where said line crosses Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway; running thence south crossing the road from Ruppertown to Ashland, at one hundred ninety and two-thirds (190 2-3) poles in all two hundred and nine and two-thirds (209 2-3) poles to two chestnut oaks, fifty (50) feet east of said road; thence south twenty-four (24) degrees thirty minutes (30') east one hundred forty-four poles to chestnut oak stump in Rocky Branch; thence south seventy-three (73) degrees east seventy-three (73) poles to a pile of stones at the Waynesboro and Ruppertown road; thence south twenty-eight (28) degrees east one hundred sixty-nine (169) poles to stake two white oak pointers on side of hill; thence south eighty-seven degrees (87) east crossing Allen's Creek at thirty-six (36) poles and the road at fifty-four (54) poles, in all one hundred thirteen (113) poles to two (2) white oaks at the edge of an old field; thence north seventy-two (72) degrees east two hundred thirty-six (236) poles to small hickory, C. H. Brewer's corner; thence east with the south boundary line of same forty-six (46) poles to chestnut stump in Lewis County and Wayne County line; thence north with Lewis County and Wayne County line four hundred forty-four (444) poles; and thence west with Lewis County and Wayne County line four hundred twenty-five (425) poles to the beginning, "so as to detach the lands between said new line and the former line from Wayne County and to attach them to Lewis County, and to annex them to the Tenth Civil District of Lewis County.

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

Passed: April 3, 1925.

Acts of 1843-44 Chapter 38

SECTION 1. That a new county be, and the same is hereby established to be composed of fractions taken from the counties of Maury, Lawrence, Wayne and Hickman, and to be known and designated by the name of Lewis County, in honor of Captain Merriwether Lewis, who has rendered distinguished services to his country, and whose remains lie buried and neglected within its limits, and shall be bounded as follows:

SECTION 2. Beginning on the South bank of Duck River, at a point twelve miles on a straight line West from Columbia, and running in a South direction, leaving Columbia twelve miles to the East, to the Turnpike leading from Mount Pleasant to Tennessee river, thence with said turnpike road to the Wayne County line, running thence in a Northerly direction, leaving Waynesboro to the West twelve miles, thence in a North-East direction through Hickman county, leaving Centerville twelve miles to the West to Duck River, thence up said river to the beginning.

SECTION 3. That John Aiken and Albert G. Cooper of the county of Maury, Shadrick Morris and James Voss of the county of Lawrence, James Gullett and David Voorhies of the county of Wayne, Hugh B. Venable and John Clayton of the county of Hickman, shall be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with authority to employ a competent surveyor to run out and designate the boundaries of said county, and also to employ a competent surveyor to ascertain by actual survey of the several counties, from which the county of Lewis is to be composed, and if upon such survey there shall be territory and population sufficient to meet the requirements of the constitution, without infringing upon the constitutional territory or population of either of the counties, from which said county of Lewis is to be composed, then said county of Lewis is hereby established upon the following conditions.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of said commissioners, as soon as they ascertain that there is territory and population sufficient to constitute a new county under the requirements of the third section of this act, after first giving twenty days notice in two or more public places, of the time and place in each of the fractions proposed to be stricken off from the counties of Maury, Lawrence, Wayne, and Hickman, that they will open and hold an election in each of the fractions proposed to be taken off from the counties aforesaid, for the purpose of ascertaining whether a majority of the voters, residing in the several fractions, are in favor of, or opposed to the establishment of said county of Lewis; and all persons qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly, who have resided in the fractions aforesaid six months immediately preceding the day of election, shall be entitled to vote, and each voter who desires to vote for the establishment of the new county, shall have on his ticket the words New County, and those desirous to vote against the new county, shall have on their tickets the words Old County; and if upon counting the ballots, the judges of the several elections in said fractions, shall return that a majority of each of the fractions have voted for the new county, then the county of Lewis shall be, and the same is hereby established, with all the powers, privileges and advantages, and subject to all the liabilities of other counties in this State.

SECTION 5. All officers, civil and military in said county, shall continue to hold their offices, and exercise all the powers and functions thereof, until others are elected according to law, and the said county of Lewis, shall elect her officers on the same day, and under the same rules and regulations as provided by law for the election of officers in other counties in this State.

SECTION 6. The commissioners appointed by the third section of this Act, shall appoint such persons as they may deem suitable to open and hold the elections for county officers for the said county of Lewis, and such persons so appointed shall be, and are hereby invested with full power and authority to appoint deputies, clerks, and judges, and by himself and deputies to administer all necessary oaths, and to do and perform all other duties as by law are required of Sheriffs or other officers holding similar elections.

SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of the commissioners aforesaid, as soon after the county of Lewis shall have been established as practicable, to select and procure by purchase or otherwise, a suitable site for the seat of justice in said county; and the said commissioners, having first caused a deed to be made to themselves, and their assigns with general warranty, to a sufficient quantity of land, including the site so selected, shall cause a town to be laid off thereon, with as many streets and alleys as they may deem sufficient, with a suitable square for the erection of public buildings; said commissioners may reserve such lots as they may deem advisable for the purpose of erecting a jail and such other purposes as they may think advisable; and said town so laid off shall be known by such name as a majority of said commissioners may give it.

SECTION 8. BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners of said county shall sell the lots in said town on a credit of at least twelve months, first giving due notice thereof in some newspaper published in this state, and shall take bond with security from the purchasers of said lots, payable to themselves and their successors in office, and shall make title in fee simple as commissioners to the respective purchasers of said lots.

SECTION 9. The proceeds of the sales of the lots aforesaid, shall be a fund in the hands of said commissioners, for the defraying the expense incurred in the purchase of said tract of land on which the said county seat shall be located, and also for defraying the expenses of erecting the public buildings for said county of Lewis.

SECTION 10. The commissioners shall superintend the building of such public buildings as the county court of said county shall order and direct to be built, and shall let the same out, and take bonds from the undertakers with ample penalties and sufficient securities, payable to themselves and their successors, conditioned for the faithful performance of his or their contracts.

SECTION 11. The said commissioners shall also appoint five commissioners, whose duty it shall be to divide and lay off said county of Lewis into civil districts, designate the place for holding elections, therein, and do and perform all the duties relative thereto, which by the laws of this state such commissioners are authorized and required to do.

SECTION 12. The county of Lewis shall be attached to the 8th Judicial Circuit, and the circuit courts in said county shall be held on the 4th Mondays in March, July, and November, in each year.

SECTION 13. The militia of the county of Lewis shall form one regiment which shall be known and designated as the 158th Regiment, and shall be attached to the 24th Brigade of Tennessee Militia.

SECTION 14. That the county court of Lewis County, when organized, shall be authorized to make such appropriations as they may think proper to the commissioners appointed under the provisions of this act, to compensate them for their necessary expenses and services.

SECTION 15. That for the convenience of the citizens and for the administration of Justice, the county and circuit courts of said county of Lewis, shall be held at the house of John Blackburn, until the public buildings for said county shall be completed, due notice of which shall be given to the clerks of the several courts in said county by the commissioners herein appointed, after which time they shall be held at the court house in the county aforesaid.

Passed: December 21, 1843.

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 northeast corner of McDonald's one hundred and forty-nine acre tract; hence 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 east Cooper's northeast 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. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed: February 25, 1856.

Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 55, changed the lines between Lewis County and Hickman County so as to include the dwelling and lands belonging to Jesse G. Thompson wholly within Lewis County.
2. Acts of 1859-60, Chapter 100, moved the residence and lands belonging to A. J. Pugh out of Lewis County and into Maury County.
3. Acts of 1859-60, Chapter 210, detached the lands and homes of A. S. Strong, William Scott, and A. J. Pugh from Lewis County and attached them all to Maury County.
4. Acts of 1871, Chapter 103, transferred all the lands belonging to Jesse M. Grinnell, located near the mouth of Indian Creek out of Hickman County and into Lewis County, provided such action did not reduce Hickman County below its Constitutional limits.
5. Acts of 1889, Chapter 37, changed the lines between Lewis and Hickman County so that the lands of A. W. Weatherly were included wholly within Lewis County.
6. Acts of 1889, Chapter 217, detached the lands and facilities of the Laurel Hill Manufacturing Company and the Napier Iron and Mining Company from Lawrence County and attached them to Lewis County.
7. Acts of 1893, Chapter 7, rearranged the boundaries between Lewis County and Maury County so as to embrace in Maury County a tract of land known as the Barr Tract, owned by John Hildreth, containing 125 acres, more or less. The land was bounded on the north by George King, on the west by James F. Walker, on the south by J. G. Ingram, and on the east by the county line between the two counties.
8. Private Acts of 1911, Chapter 21, moved all the lands belonging to R. G. Oglesby and C. B. Oglesby out of Perry County and into Lewis County.
9. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 763, amended the boundary lines heretofore established by Private Acts of 1885, Chapter 127, and by Private Acts of 1889, Chapter 217, between Lawrence County and Lewis County so as to more definitely locate the 146 acre tract known as the W. C. Napier lands. The description change began in the original south boundary line of Lewis County, thence ran south according to the degrees quoted in the Deed 128 poles east 17.5 poles south 34.5 poles west 237.5 poles north, 237.5 poles and east 120 poles to the beginning.
10. Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 342, transferred certain real estate in the 5th Civil District of Lewis County belonging to Mora B. Fariss, containing 76.14 acres more or less, and generally described in the Act, out of Lewis County and into Maury County.

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