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## Chapter IV - Boundaries

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### Creation of the County

#### Public Acts of 1821 Chapter 32

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** The first eight (8) sections of this Act are not relevant to Henderson County and are therefore omitted from this compilation.

**SECTION 9.** That the following described lines shall be the bounds of one other county, which shall be called and known by the name of Henderson county, in honor of, and to perpetuate the memory of Col. James Henderson: Beginning at the south east corner of Madison county; running thence east to the west boundary of Hardin County; thence north with Hardin county line to the north west corner of Hardin on the 6th sectional line of the 9th district; thence east on said sectional line to the west boundary of Perry county; thence north with said boundary to the line separating the 9th and 12th districts; thence west with said line to the north east corner of Madison county; thence south with the east boundary line of said county, on the 2nd range line in the 9th Surveyors district to the beginning.

**SECTION 10.** That for the due administration of justice, the Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in said counties shall be held at the following places & times: For the county of Henry, at the house of Henry Wall, on the first Monday in December, March, June and September; for the county of Carroll, on the second Monday in December, March, June and September, at the house of R.E.C. Doherty; for the county of Madison, at the house of Adam R. Alexander, on the third Monday in December, March, June and September; for the county of Henderson, at the house of Samuel Wilson, on the fourth Monday in December, March, June and September; at which places the said courts shall be holden until otherwise provided for by law, under the same rules, regulations and restrictions, and shall exercise the same power and jurisdiction that is possessed by said courts in other counties of this state.

**SECTION 11.** That the sheriffs of the counties of Henry, Carroll, Madison and Henderson shall each hold an election at the places appointed for holding courts in said counties on the first Friday and Saturday in March next, for the purpose of electing field officers of the militia for said counties, under the same rules, regulations and restrictions as are pointed out by law in similar cases; and the militia of the county of Henry shall compose the \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment, and shall be attached to the \_\_\_\_\_ Brigade; and the militia of the county of Carroll shall compose the \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment and be attached as aforesaid; and the militia of the county of Madison shall compose the \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment, and be attached as aforesaid; and the militia of the county of Henderson shall compose the \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment, and be attached as aforesaid.

**SECTION 12.** That it shall be duty of the commandants of said \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Regiments, having first been commissioned and sworn according to law, to divide their regiments into such number of companies as they shall think best for the convenience of said companies and it shall be the duty of each of said commandants to issue writs of election for company officers according to law.

**SECTION 13.** That all persons who were appointed and are now acting justices of the peace for Stewart county, that live in the bounds of Henry county, be, and they are hereby continued in office with as full power and authority as though they had been appointed for Henry County.

Passed: November 7, 1821.

### County Seat

#### Private Acts of 1821 Chapter 201

**SECTION 1.** That Sterling Brewer, James Fentress and Abram Murry, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, who or a majority of them shall on or before the first Monday in May next, proceed to fix on a place, as near the center of the respective counties as an eligible site can be procured, at least within three miles of the center of each of said counties, at which site the commissioners shall procure by purchase or otherwise, at least fifty acres of land, for which they shall cause a deed or deeds to be made to themselves and their successors in office, by a general warranty, and the said commissioners shall report and return all their proceedings relative to and concerning the county of Henry to the county court thereof, and all their proceedings relative to and concerning the county of Carroll, to the county court thereof, and all their proceedings relative to and concerning the county of Henderson to the county court thereof, and all their proceedings relative to and concerning the county of Madison, to the county court thereof, and it shall be the duty of the clerk of each of the several counties to record the

same.

**SECTION 2.** That it shall be the duty of the respective county courts aforesaid to appoint five commissioners, to whom the commissioners appointed by this act, shall convey the lands acquired for county purposes, on which it shall be the duty of the commissioners appointed by the county court to cause a town to be laid off in their respective counties with their necessary streets, at least ninety feet wide, reserving at least four acres for a public square, on which shall be built a court house and stocks, also reserving a public lot sufficient to contain a jail.

**SECTION 3.** That the commissioners of each of the respective counties shall sell the lots of the town of their county at public sale, on a credit of twelve months, giving due notice thereof, in one or more of the public newspapers printed in Nashville, and shall take bond with sufficient securities from the purchasers of said lots, payable to themselves and successors in office, and shall make titles in fee simple as commissioners to the respective purchasers of said lots.

**SECTION 4.** That the proceeds of the sales of the lots aforesaid, shall be a fund in the hands of the respective commissioners, for defraying the expenses incurred in the purchase of the tract of land in their county, on which the town is directed to be laid off, also for defraying the expenses of building thereon a court house, prison and stocks.

**SECTION 5.** That the said commissioners shall superintend the building of the court house, prison and stocks, in their respective counties and shall let all of the said public buildings to the lowest bidder, advertising the same sixty days in one or more of the newspapers printed in Nashville, setting forth their dimensions and the materials of which they are to be built, and shall take bond with sufficient securities from the person or persons to whom the court house, prison or stocks, is let, payable to themselves and successors in office, in the sum of at least ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his or their contract or contracts, and if the proceeds of the sale of said lots is not sufficient for the purposes above mentioned, it shall be the duty of the county court of the county or counties where such deficiencies may happen, to lay a tax, not exceeding the amount of the state tax levied in the said county, to be applied to the objects aforesaid and to be continued until all arrearages are paid off.

**SECTION 6.** That the commissioners appointed by the county courts, before they enter on the duties of their appointments shall give bonds and approved securities, in the sum of five thousand dollars each, payable to the chairman of the county court of their county, and his successors in office, for the use of the county, conditioned for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in them, and the said bond shall be filed in the clerk's office of the county, and shall not be so construed as to make any one of the commissioners securities for another.

**SECTION 7.** That a majority of the commissioners shall in all cases be competent to perform the duties by this act assigned them, and if any one of the commissioners appointed by the county court neglects or refuses to act, a majority of the justices of the county, where such vacancies may happen, shall appoint another in his place, and when the said commissioners shall have performed the duties above enjoined upon them, they shall lay before their respective county courts a full statement of all their proceedings, and the county court shall make them a reasonable compensation for their services.

**SECTION 8.** That the first mentioned three commissioners shall be entitled to and receive as compensation for their services --- dollars for each day they may be absent from home, and necessarily employed in performing the duties required of them by this act, to be paid by the counties aforesaid, in such proportion as the said commissioners may deem just and equitable.

**SECTION 9.** That when either of the towns above mentioned is laid off, the courts of the county shall be adjourned to, and held therein, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; and that this act shall not be so construed as to make either of the aforesaid counties liable for any part of the expenses which the other may incur or take from either of the counties any of the monies which may accrue to it from the sale of town lots or otherwise.

And whereas a manifest mistake appears in the second call or line establishing Carroll county, by an act of the present General Assembly, for remedy whereof,

**SECTION 10.** That the lines of said county shall run as follows, to wit: Beginning at the south east corner of Henry county, running thence west with the south boundary to the south west corner thereof, thence south two miles and a half to the fourth sectional line in the 12th district, thence west on said sectional line to a point four miles west of the first range line in said district, thence south parallel with said range line to a point two miles and a half south of the line separating the 9th and 12 districts, thence east as mentioned in the above recited act.

Passed: November 16, 1821.

## Private Acts of 1822 Chapter 210

**SECTION 1.** That it shall and may be lawful for Molton Dixon to charge the county of Hickman at the rate of three dollars for each day necessarily engaged in running the lines and centering the same, and employed in making out maps for said county, under the direction of the commissioners appointed by an act of the last General Assembly.

**SECTION 2.** That the said Molton Dixon may prove his account before any justice of the peace in the county of Hickman, and file the same with the county trustee of said county, whose duty it shall be to discharge the same out of the first money coming into his hands, and the said account shall be a good voucher in his settlement with the county court of Hickman, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

**SECTION 3.** That the county court of Hickman County make an appropriation, and direct the trustee to pay over to the umpires appointed by the legislature in 1821, to fix on a site for the seat of justice for said county, the sum of four dollars per day for each day they were necessarily employed in going to, and returning from, and fixing on a site in said county.

**SECTION 4.** That the county court of Henderson county, Madison county, Carroll county and Henry county make a similar appropriation to the commissioners appointed by the Legislature of 1821, to fix on sites for the seats of justice in the counties aforesaid.

Passed: August 23, 1822.

## Change County Lines

## Private Acts of 1823 Chapter 137

**SECTION 1.** That the west boundary line of Perry county shall be altered as follows: beginning at the north-west corner of said county; and running thence south parallel with the range line, to a point two miles south of the line that divides the sixth and seventh sections in the ninth surveyor's district; thence east to Turnshaw's creek; thence down said creek to the Tennessee river; thence down with the west bank of said river, to a point due west of the point that the west boundary line of Wayne county leaves said river; thence with the said boundary line, down said river, to the north-west corner of Wayne county; which shall be the permanent lines dividing said counties.

**SECTION 2.** That the court of Perry county shall appoint a suitable persons [sic] to run the aforesaid lines, and allow them such pay as to them may seem reasonable and right.

**SECTION 3.** That the south boundary line dividing Henderson and Hardin counties, shall be run as follows: beginning at the south-west corner of Perry county, and running thence west to a point due north of the north-east corner of M'Nairy county; thence south to the south boundary line of Henderson county; which shall be the permanent lines dividing said counties.

**SECTION 4.** That the court of Henderson county shall appoint some suitable persons to run said lines, and allow them such pay as to them may seem reasonable and right.

**SECTION 5.** That the surveyor appointed to run the dividing line between Hardin and Henderson county, shall run the dividing line between Henderson and M'Nairy county, and shall be paid as provided for in this act.

Passed: October 31, 1823.

## Acts of 1845-46 Chapter 62

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** The first six (6) sections of this act have no application to Henderson County and are omitted from this compilation.

**SECTION 7.** That the within described territory of the county of Henderson be attached to the county of Decatur as established by this Legislature, [viz.] Beginning at the north east corner of Henderson County, thence west 2½ miles with the line between Carroll and Henderson counties, thence south to the Hardin County line, thence east with the line between Hardin and Henderson counties to Decatur county, thence north with the line between Decatur and Henderson counties to the beginning.

**SECTION 8.** That Abraham Dereberry, Uzzell Hawkins and Samuel Moreland, or any of them, after giving at least 20 days notice in at least six places in the territory proposed to be attached, shall open and hold elections, or appoint some persons to hold the same at the house of Abraham Dereberry, and at the house of Samuel Moreland, and all legal voters within said territory, may vote for or against being attached to Decatur county, those in favor of being attached shall have on their tickets "Decatur County;" and those

opposed shall have on their tickets "Henderson County;" and if a majority of the qualified voters vote in favor of being attached, then and in that case it shall be and constitute a part of Decatur county. And it shall be the duty of said surveyor to certify the result, and make return the Chairman of the county court of Henderson County, and also to the Chairman of Decatur County, which shall be entered upon the records of each county; and said territory shall be entered upon the records of each county; and said territory shall be organized into two civil districts, under the regulations of the county court of Decatur, or attached to the several civil districts, in Decatur county adjoining. And said citizens shall have all the rights and privileges of citizens of Decatur county.

**SECTION 9.** That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to reduce the county of Henderson to less than her constitutional limits. And provided further, That the counties of Decatur and Perry, be organized, otherwise this amendment shall be null and void, so far as relates to the county of Henderson.

**SECTION 10.** That the commissioners herein appointed, shall have power to employ some competent surveyor (if necessary) to run out and mark the lines, to be paid by the citizens attached to Decatur County.

Passed: January 15, 1846.

## Acts of 1847-48 Chapter 15

**SECTION 1.** That the eastern boundary of Decatur county be extended to the low water mark on the east bank of Tennessee river, and that revenue accruing from trading boats, &c., trading on said eastern side of the river shall be due to the proper officers in Perry County, and collected as other revenue.

**SECTION 2.** That the Surveyors of Henderson and Decatur counties, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, be and they are hereby required to commence at the point where the county line crossed the road leading from Lexington to Perryville, previous to the act passed at the last General Assembly, attaching the portion of Henderson to Decatur, and run in a south-westerly direction so as to strike the southern boundary of Henderson County, at a point that will leave Henderson county her constitutional limits; and all east of the line shall be and is hereby attached to the county of Decatur; and the citizens thereof shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges and subject to all the liabilities of other citizens of Decatur county; and said Surveyors shall be allowed such compensation as the County Court of Decatur county may think their services reasonably worth.

**SECTION 3.** That all that portion of territory, lying north of the road leading from Lexington to Perryville, attached by the last General Assembly to Decatur county, be and the same is hereby declared a portion of Henderson County, and that the Sheriff of Henderson County, be and he is hereby authorized and required to collect the taxes due for the year 1847, in that portion of territory attached by the last General Assembly to Decatur County; and that he pay over all sums collected north of said road to the Trustee of Henderson County; and all such sums as may be collected south of said road, and east of the line described in the second section of this act, shall be paid over to the Trustee of Decatur county, and their receipts shall be good vouchers in the hands of the Sheriffs or Tax Collectors in the final settlement of their accounts; and all monies collected by the revenue collector of Decatur county from citizens in that portion of territory made by this act a part of Henderson County, shall be paid over to the Trustee of Henderson County, and his receipt shall be a good voucher in the hands of said revenue collector upon final settlement.

**SECTION 4.** That the county seat of the county Perry shall after the passage of this act, be known and distinguished by the name of London.

**SECTION 5.** That the said Surveyors, after running the line described in the second section of this act, shall designate two suitable places to open and hold an election of the qualified voters in said portion of territory by this act attached to Decatur county, and also two suitable persons to open and hold the same at each place; which election shall be held in thirty days after running of said line, notice first having been given in at least four public places within the said territory for at least fifteen days; and those in favor of being attached to Decatur county, shall have on their tickets "Decatur county," and those opposed shall have on their tickets "Henderson county;" and if a majority vote in favor of being attached to Decatur, then those holding the elections shall make a report of the same to the County Court Clerks of each county, which shall be filed in their respective offices; and the portion thus attached to Decatur, shall be deemed and taken as a part of Decatur, and shall be under jurisdiction of the same, in all things, as other portions of said Decatur county.

**SECTION 6.** That the Surveyor of Perry county, and the Surveyor of Wayne county be required to examine the line between Wayne and Perry as defined by the last General Assembly, and if it approached nearer at any point to Waynesborough, than twelve miles, then said Surveyors shall so alter the line as to prevent it approaching nearer than twelve miles, and such line as defined by them shall be the line

between Perry and Wayne; said Surveyors shall have such compensation as their respective County Courts may deem their services reasonably worth.

Passed: December 1, 1847.

## Acts of 1849-50 Chapter 92

That the line between Henderson and Decatur counties be so altered so as to commence at the point designated in the act passed 19th January, 1848, and run in a south-westwardly direction, (so as not to approach Lexington nearer than twelve miles,) to the line known as the Brown line; thence south with that line to the Hardin county line; and the citizens east of that line to be entitled to all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the liabilities of other citizens of Decatur county.

Passed: November 8, 1849.

## Public Acts of 1868-69 Chapter 39

**SECTION 2.** That the county line of Henderson be so changed as to attach the portions of said county Southwest of the Forked Deer River to Madison County, beginning at the Southwest corner of Henderson County, running east with the McNairy County line to the Forked Deer River; thence with said river to the county line between Henderson and Madison counties. The taxes in the portions of said county due shall be paid to the Tax Collector of Henderson County.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Section 1 of this act changes the line between Lawrence and Giles Counties, Section 3 alters the line between Benton and Carroll Counties, Section 4 deals with the Emery Manufacturing and Transportation Company, and Sections 5-14 of this act authorized the formation of Grant County which would have included a portion of Henderson County, but the county was never formed.

Passed: February 25, 1869.

## Public Acts of 1893 Chapter 3

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Carroll and Henderson be changed to run as follows: Beginning in the center of Giffin's Creek with W. A. Holder's east boundary line; thence up, and following the meanderings of Giffin's Creek to C. F. McHany's west boundary line; with C. F. McHany's west boundary line back to the said creek; thence up center said creek to Sim Barkham's east boundary line to York's Creek; thence up center of York's Creek to the county line, containing about seven hundred and fifty (750) acres, and including the lands of C. A. Gates, E. E. Williamson, W. A. Holder, G. W. Lovell, M. C. Lanier, and M. E. Jones, L. R. Burroughs, Sim Barkham, Ranking and Williamson, W. N. Holmes in Carroll County.

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

Passed: February 9, 1893.

## Public Acts of 1893 Chapter 81

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Henderson and Chester be so changed so as to detach from Henderson and attach to the county of Chester the territory in the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning where the Chester County line now strikes the Forked Deer River, being the northeast corner of said county, running east with said stream to its fork with what is known as the Middle Fork of the Forked Deer; thence with said stream south of east to C. Beaver's old mill place; thence south-east with mill stream to the Mifflin and Saltillo Road, at Mount Gilead; thence south to the county line.

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

Passed: April 3, 1893.

## Acts of 1903 Chapter 186

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Henderson and Madison be and the same is hereby changed so as to run as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the Jackson and Beech Bluff public road with the Madison and Henderson County line, running thence east 136 poles to a stake; thence north 409 poles to a stake; thence west 136 poles to a junction with the present county line so as to include 340 acres of land, the farm of C. N. Matlock, within the boundaries of Madison County.

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

Passed: March 19, 1903.

## Civil Districts

### Acts of 1903 Chapter 243

**SECTION 1.** That the Fourth Civil District, Fifth Civil District, Seventh Civil District, Eighth Civil District, Ninth Civil District, Tenth Civil District, Eleventh Civil District, Thirteenth Civil District, Fourteenth Civil District, Sixteenth Civil District, Seventeenth Civil District, Eighteenth Civil District, Nineteenth Civil District and Twentieth Civil District of Henderson County, as the same have heretofore and up to this time been constituted and existed, be and same are hereby abolished.

**SECTION 2.** That the territory heretofore and up to this time embraced in the Eighth, Ninth and Seventeenth Civil Districts of Henderson County be and the same is hereby attached to what has heretofore and up to this time been the First Civil District of Henderson County; and that the said combined territory be hereafter known and nominated the First Civil District of Henderson County; that the territory heretofore and up to this time embraced in the Seventh and Nineteenth Civil Districts of Henderson County be and the same is hereby attached to what has heretofore and up to this time been the Second Civil District of Henderson County; and that the said combined territory be hereafter known and nominated the Second Civil District of Henderson County; that the territory heretofore and up to this time embraced in the Fourth, Eleventh and Twentieth Civil Districts of Henderson County be and the same is hereby attached to what has heretofore and up to this time been the Third Civil District of Henderson County, and that the said combined territory be hereafter known and nominated the Third Civil District of Henderson County; that the territory which has heretofore and up to this time embraced the Thirteenth Civil District of Henderson County be and the same is hereby attached to what has heretofore and up to this time been the Twelfth Civil District of Henderson County, and that the said combined territory be hereafter known and nominated the Fourth Civil District of Henderson County; that the territory which has heretofore and up to this time embraced the Fifth and Tenth Civil Districts of Henderson County be and the same is hereby attached to what has heretofore and up to this time been the Sixth Civil District of Henderson County, and that said combined territory be hereafter known and nominated the Fifth Civil District of Henderson County; that the territory which has heretofore and up to this time embraced the Fourteenth, Sixteenth and Eighteenth Civil Districts of Henderson County be and the same is hereby attached to what has heretofore and up to this time been the Fifteenth Civil District of Henderson County; and that said combined territory be hereafter known and nominated the Sixth Civil District of Henderson County.

**SECTION 3.** That no civil district in excess of the number of six hereby created and established shall be created out of any of the territory of said county, nor shall the lines of the said six districts of said county herein created be altered or changed unless authorized by Act of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

**SECTION 4.** That from and after the first day of May, 1903, the offices of Justice of the Peace and all other civil district officers in the districts hereby abolished shall cease to exist, and the Justices and other civil officers of the districts abolished by this Act shall turn over to the Justices and other officers not affected by this Act, the books, papers and documents pertaining to their respective offices.

**SECTION 5.** That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Act take effect from and after the 31st day of December, 1903, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 11, 1903.

### Acts of 1905 Chapter 399

**SECTION 1.** That the lines of the Fourth Civil District of Henderson County be, and the same are hereby, changed, and that there is detached from the Third and Sixth Civil Districts of said county and attached to the Fourth Civil District that part of said Third and Sixth Civil Districts within the following boundaries: Beginning at the corner of the Fourth Civil District on the Decatur and Henderson County lines, near Scott's Hill, runs north with the Decatur County line to James Jackson's farm and including the same; thence with Beacon and Scott's Hill Road to the Shady Hill and Decaturville Road, near Flat Creek; thence west with Shady Hill and Decaturville, Road to the Long and Scott's Hill Road, including the lands of J. O. Mitchell; thence south with said road, including the entire farm of Newton Holmes; thence west through the land between J. M. Bartholemew and W.W. Buck's lands, including the lands of W.W. Buck, to Cane Creek; thence southwest with the lines of the lands and including the lands of Dick Rushing, Will Cresser, Leonard White, Weed White, W.L. Laster, and Tom McCollum; thence in a northwest direction with a



country road to a point on the Shady Hill and Reagan Road, near the home of I. B. Buck and including the lands of the said I. M. Buck; thence west, including the lands of Milton Buck, dec'd, to the Lexington and Saltillo Road; thence with lines of and including the lands of J. F. M. Neisler, D. F. Neisler; thence south with the lines of and including the lands of J. R. Dickey, W. C. Crissom, Mrs. Stinson, Frank Wilkinson, and Jim Wilkinson, to the Center Point and Lexington Road; thence with said road to the line of the Fourth District.

**SECTION 2.** That there be, and there is hereby, detached from the Second Civil District and attached to the First Civil District of Henderson County all that part of the Second Civil District lying north of a line running with the Lexington and Jackson Stage Road from the point where said road crosses the boundary line of the Second and Fifth Civil Districts; runs thence west with said Lexington and Jackson Road to a point where the Spring Creek Road intersects the same; thence with said Spring Creek Road through Juno-----, to the line of the First Civil District.

**SECTION 3.** That all laws and parts of laws which are in conflict with this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 12, 1905.

## Acts of 1905 Chapter 462

**SECTION 1.** That there is hereby created an additional Civil District in Henderson County, Tennessee, to be known as Civil District No. 7, and the said district is made to include the territory within the boundaries as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Decatur County Line, north of and on the line of James Jackson's lands, runs thence in a southwest direction with the Beacon and Scott's Hill Road to the Shady Hill Road at Flat Creek; runs thence west with the Shady Hill and Decaturville Road to the Middleburg and Scott's Hill Road to Middleburg and Scott's Hill Road to and including the farm of J. P. Mitchell; thence south with said road to and so as to include the farm of Newt Holmes; thence west through the lane between the lands of J. M. Barthelemew and W. W. Buck so as include the lands of N. W. Buck and with the line of same on to Cane Creek; thence southwest with and including the lands of Dick Rushing, Will Crosser, Leonard White, Wood White, W. L. Laster, and thence south to the old (Thirteenth) Civil District line at or near the home of Asa Jones; thence in a southwest direction with said old district line to the Saltillo and Lexington Road, at the Benson old mill place; thence (in) a south direction with what is known as the Stickey Ridge Road, passing the lands of J. T. Johnson, E. Frazier, Mrs. Story, and Polk Bridges, and on (in) a southern direction to the Hardin County line; thence in an eastern direction with said Hardin County line to the Decatur County line to the beginning at James Jackson's lands.

**SECTION 2.** That at the next regular county election for said county there shall be elected in and for said district two Justices of the Peace, a Constable, a Tax Assessor, and other officers, such as are allowed by law to Civil Districts, and until said officers are elected and qualified the officials of the several districts having jurisdiction of the territory shall continue to exercise such jurisdiction.

**SECTION 3.** That in all other respects than as is especially otherwise provided herein, this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 15, 1905.

## Private Acts of 1911 Chapter 568

**SECTION 1.** That the boundary line between the Third and Fourth Civil Districts of Henderson County, Tennessee, be, and the same hereby are, changed so as to exclude from the Third District the parties hereinafter named, together with their lands, and that the said parties, together with their lands, be included in the Fourth Civil District of Henderson County, Tennessee. Said boundary line between said districts shall hereafter run with the following line instead of line as at present: Beginning at the line of I. M. Buck, it being the line of the Fourth District, and running with J. W. Neisler's east boundary line to W. H. Neisler, then with W. H. Neisler's east line to J. M. Neisler, with J. M. Neisler's east line to J. W. Fanning's Morton place; then with his east line to the corner; then west with J. W. Fanning's line to J. M. Neisler; then west to J. W. Fanning's home place; thence west to J. D. Horton's; then west to R. J. McPeak; thence to H. J. Petty; thence with his line to the corner; thence south with his line to the land of Tom Christopher, it being the line of the Fourth District. The names below want to go from the Third District to the Fourth District: J. W. Neisler, W. H. Neisler, J. M. Neisler, J. W. Fanning, J. D. Horton, R. J. McPeak.

**SECTION 2.** That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act be, and the same are, hereby repealed, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: July 1, 1911.

## Private Acts of 1925 Chapter 777

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the Seventh Civil District and the Fourth Civil District of Henderson County, Tennessee, be and is hereby so changed as to detach the farm of John Martin and J. A. Hart and Mitch Standfield from the said seventh [sic] Civil District and include the same in the Fourth Civil District of said county.

**SECTION 2.** That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act, are hereby repealed and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 4, 1925.

## Private Acts of 1927 Chapter 487

**SECTION 1.** That the District Line between the Sixth and Seventh Districts of Henderson County be, and the same is so changed as to detach all the farms of J. M. Bartholomew and Alfred Rogers from the Sixth Civil District and attach the same to that of the Seventh Civil District.

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

Passed: April 18, 1927.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 252, was a duplication of Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 487, except that the earlier act contained a typographical error.

## Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 173, moved approximately 80 acres of the 180-acre plantation of E. Lee out of Henderson County and into Decatur County where the rest of the land was located.
2. Public Acts of 1869-70 (2nd Sess.), Chapter 3, provided for the establishment of Etheridge County out of portions of Henderson, Gibson, Carroll, Madison and Weakley Counties, subject to the outcome of an election those areas on whether the new county should be formed. This act was amended by Public Acts of 1869-70 (2nd Sess.), Chapter 117, to authorize the Commissioners appointed under that act to make such changes in the boundary line of the new county adjacent to Henderson and Madison Counties, by either extending or contracting the boundary as they determined to be in the best interests of the people. This act was further amended by Public Acts of 1870-71, Chapter 93, to authorize boundary changes and to condition any boundary changes, and the formation of the county itself, upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters.
3. Public Acts of 1873, Chapter 100, transferred all the lands belonging to J. Henry Thomas and J. H. Dodd out of Henderson County and into Decatur County, provided such action did not reduce the area of Henderson County below its constitutional limits.
4. Public Acts of 1877, Chapter 14, established a new county to be known as Hanes County out of parts of Henderson, Benton, Carroll and Decatur Counties, conditioned upon the approval by the people in the area affected.
5. Public Acts of 1881, Chapter 130, changed the boundaries between Henderson and Decatur Counties beginning at the county line at the lands formerly owned by G. M. Morgan and subsequently owned by Noah Williams, running east with the line of John F. Chumley and continuing to the county line at or near T. Lemon's line.
6. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 56, transferred all the lands belonging to W. T. Vaden and W. A. Thompson out of Henderson County and into Carroll County.
7. Public Acts of 1885, Chapter 13, changed the boundary lines between Henderson and Decatur Counties to include all of J. C. P. Myracle's home tract of land, known as the Cox land, within Decatur County.
8. Acts of 1905, Chapter 161, detached all the lands belonging to W. M. Jones and C. P. Jones, as they were generally described in the Act, from Henderson County and attached the same to the 11th Civil District of Chester County.
9. Public Acts of 1972, Chapter 738, removed from Henderson County the 20-acre farm of Howard Bailey and wife, Fran Bailey, and placed it in the 2nd Civil District of Chester County.

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