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Change of Boundary Lines

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Acts of 1798 Chapter 21

SECTION 1. That the bounds of Grainger county shall be ascertained and known by the following lines, viz. Beginning on the main road leading from Bulls Gap to Haine's Iron Works on Mossey Creek, at the house of Phelps Reed, leaving said house in Grainger county, thence to a marked tree near the dwelling-house of James Blair, senior, on the line from Phelps Reed's to Thomas Henderson's, thence to the said Henderson's and Dyer's south west corner, thence a north course with said Henderson's and Dyer's line, so as to leave the house of Robert Patterson ten poles in Grainger county, thence a direct line to Clinch river a quarter of a mile below the mouth of Big War Creek, thence to the Black Lick, leaving the house of William Hord in Hawkins county, thence with the last mentioned course to the top of Powel's mountain, thence the same course to the Virginia line, thence with said line to the Indian boundary line at Cumberland mountain, thence with said boundary line to where the present Knox line intersects the same, thence with Knox line to the top of the Cross Mountain, thence with said Mountain to Clinch river, thence up said river to a point, that a south east line will strike the end of Clinch mountain, thence with the ridge that divides the waters of Richland creek from those of Flat creek, to the first Bluff below Boyles's old place on Holston river, thence up Holston river to the mouth of Panther creek, thence up said creek to the road leading from Bulls Gap to Haines's Iron works, thence up said road to the beginning.

SECTION 2. That the county of Jefferson shall send five jurors to the superior courts, and the county of Grainger seven jurors to each superior court for the district of Hamilton.

SECTION 3. That this act shall be in force and use from and after the passing the same.

Passed: January 5, 1799.

Acts of 1801 Chapter 45

SECTION 1. That from and after the passing of this act, Knox county shall be bounded by the following lines, (viz) Beginning on the south bank of Holston, at the mouth of Little river, and running with the lines as described by an act, entitled, "an act describing and extending the bounds of Knox county," passed at Knoxville, January the fifth, one thousand seven hundred & ninety nine, to the upper end of the first bluff above Boyle's old place, thence along the lines as described by "An act to annex part of Grainger county to the county of Knox," thence along the former line of Knox county, to a ridge between Clinch mountain and Clinch river, known by the named of the Chestnut ridge, thence along said ridge to the lower line of Henderson and company's survey; thence along said line to the top of the Copper ridge, thence along the extreme height of said ridge opposite the first bluff below the mouth of Bull Run, thence to the north bank of Clinch river opposite said bluff, thence along the said north bank to a point, from which south, forty five degrees east, will strike the south bank of Holston river, so as to leave Knox a constitutional county, thence up the several meanders of said river on the south side to the beginning.

SECTION 2. That all that tract of country lying within the following described bounds, shall be, and is hereby made and constituted a new and distinct county by the names of Anderson, (viz) Beginning on the Chestnut ridge where the Knox and Grainger line crosses it, thence north, forty five degrees west, to the northern boundary of this state, thence south forty five degrees west, to a point from whence, south, forty five degrees east, will strike Wallen's ridge one quarter of a mile above the gap of the Indian fork of Poplar creek, thence to the double springs on the east fork of said creek, thence a direct course to Clinch river opposite the mouth of Hickory creek, thence up the lines of Knox county to the beginning.

SECTION 3. That all that tract of country lying within the following described bounds, shall be, and is hereby made and constituted a new and distinct county by the name of Roane, (viz) Beginning at the corner of Knox county on the south bank of Holston river, running along said line to Clinch river on the north bank, thence up or down said north bank, as the case may be, to the corner of Anderson county, thence along said line, north forty five degrees west, to the north west corner thereof, thence south, forty five degrees west, to the southern boundary of this state; thence east, along said southern boundary to the river Tennessee, on the south side, thence up the several meanders of said river on the south side, to a point opposite the south bank of Holston river, thence to the said south bank, thence up the several meanders on the south side to the beginning.

SECTION 4. That Knox County shall not extend further down, than to a direct line from the salt petre cave, below the Chota ford on Holston, to the mouth of Hickory creek, on Clinch river, until the constitutional limits of Knox county shall be ascertained by actual survey, which shall be done by disinterested commissioners appointed by the county court of Knox: Provided also, That if on accurate

survey it shall be found, that there are not constitutional bounds for Knox county above the line described in this section, that then and in that case, the deficiency shall be made up, by taking one half thereof from the county of Anderson on the south side, between the Grainger line, and the lower line of Henderson and company's survey; the other half thereof from Roane county, between the rivers Clinch and Holston, which lines when run, shall be the bounds of Knox county, anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

COMPILER'S NOTE: Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 did not apply to Grainger County, therefore, they have not been included herein.

SECTION 13. That nothing herein contained, shall be so construed as to prevent the collector of public taxes of Knox and Grainger counties to collect the tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and one, and all arrearages of taxes.

COMPILER'S NOTE: The remainder of this act did not apply to Grainger County and therefore, is not included herein.

Passed: October 29, 1801.

Acts of 1801 Chapter 46

SECTION 1. That Hawkins and Grainger counties be divided by the following lines, (to wit.) Beginning on the north bank of Clinch river where the Hawkins and Grainger line crosses the same, thence down the north bank of said river Clinch, to a point opposite where the Knox and Grainger line strikes the said river, thence north, forty five degrees west, to the line which divides this state from the state of Kentucky, thence east with said line, to where it intersects with the line which divides this state from the state of Virginia, thence due east with said line to a point from which a direct line to the beginning, will leave six hundred and twenty five square miles in the county of Hawkins, and all that part of the aforesaid counties of Hawkins and Grainger contained within the lines before described, shall be a separate and distinct county by the name of Claiborne.

COMPILER'S NOTE: Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 did not apply to Grainger County and therefore, is not included herein.

SECTION 11. That all proceedings now pending in the county courts of Hawkins and Grainger, shall be proceeded on and determined in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

COMPILER'S NOTE: The remainder of this act did not apply to Grainger County, and therefore, is not included herein.

Passed: October 29, 1801.

Acts of 1801 Chapter 47

SECTION 1. That all that part of Grainger county herein described, shall be annexed to, and be a part of Knox county: Beginning at the first bluff above Boyles's old place, running up the several meanders of Holston river to the upper corner of a survey of land claimed by William Cobb, next, below James Vance, thence a direct line to the Richland road, where the Knox and Grainger line crosses it.

SECTION 2. That Nathan B. Markland, is hereby appointed to run the aforesaid line, and shall receive the sum of three dollars for the same, to be paid by the county of Knox.

SECTION 3. That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the sheriff of Grainger county from collecting the taxes for the year of one thousand eight hundred and one, and all arrearages.

Passed: October 29, 1801.

Acts of 1801 Chapter 55

SECTION 1. That Jospeh Cobb, esquire, is hereby appointed a commissioner to run the line between the aforesaid counties of Grainger and Hawkins, from the south west corner of Joel Dyer's and Thomas Henderson's land, to Clinch river, agreeably to an act of assembly, passed at Knoxville, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, entitled, "An act describing and extending the bounds of Grainger county."

SECTION 2. That the said commissioner is hereby authorized to employ a marker to mark said line.

SECTION 3. That the said commissioner shall be allowed the sum of two dollars per day, and the marker one dollar per day, for each day they may necessarily be employed running said line, which expense is to be paid by the county of Grainger, and their receipts shall be sufficient vouchers with the treasurer in the

settlement of his accounts.

Passed: November 13, 1801.

Acts of 1809 (1st Session) Chapter 20

SECTION 1. That the middle of Clinch river shall hereafter be the dividing line between the counties of Grainger and Claiborne, so far as the north bank of said river is at present the line between said counties, any law, custom or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 2. That this act shall be in force, from and after the passage thereof.

Passed: October 19, 1809.

Acts of 1809 (1st Session) Chapter 29

That the lines hereafter described, shall be the dividing lines between the counties of Hawkins and Grainger, to wit: Beginning at or near the house of John Mossatt, esquire, where the original line between said counties began running, thence with the road leading from Haynes's Iron Works to Cheeks Cross Roads to where John Mossatt's line crosses said road; then with said line to the road leading from Cheeks Cross Roads to Marshall's ferry on Holston River, then with said road to where it crosses the present line between said counties, and all that part lying westwardly of said line, shall be added to and made a part of Grainger county, any law to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided, That nothing herein contained, shall be so construed as to prevent any collector or other officer of Hawkins county from collecting any arrearages of taxes or other demands which may be due.

Passed: Nov. 22, 1809.

Acts of 1817 Chapter 158

WHEREAS the road leading from the Panther Springs to the house formerly occupied by Felps Reed, is the line between the county of Grainger and Jefferson, and whereas, there have been frequent changes made in said road, which renders it difficult to ascertain where the true line now is, for remedy whereof:

SECTION 1. That hereafter, that part of the main stage road, as it now runs from the Panther Springs, to the house formerly occupied by Felps Reed, afterwards by John Mosset now deceased, and is now occupied by Joseph Shannon; shall be the true dividing line between the county of Grainger and the county of Jefferson, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed: November 1817.

Public Acts of 1883 Chapter 129

COMPILER'S NOTE: Public Acts of 1890 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Chapter 5, repealed the above act with the purported exception that the farm of V. W. Capps was left in Union County, but note that the Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 104, purports to, also, place the farm of V. W. Capps in Union County.

SECTION 1. That the county line between the counties of Grainger and Union counties be so as to run as follows, to wit: Beginning on the county line between the counties on the top of Log Mountain, running eastward with the top of said mountain to the corner of William Hollingsworth's farm; thence northwardly with said Hollingsworth's line to Hogskin Creek; thence with said creek to Clinch River; thence from said river to the Union county line.

SECTION 2. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act be and the same is hereby repealed.

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

Passed: March 21, 1883.

Private Acts of 1919 Chapter 674

SECTION 1. That the boundary line between Grainger and Hancock Counties is hereby changed so as to read as follows: "Beginning on the south bank of Clinch River on a sweet gum known as Nancy Jackson and Irvin Green's corner; thence with said Irvin Green's line to the top of War Ridge, thence with the top of said ridge eastwardly to the Hancock County line, thence northwestwardly to Clinch River, thence to the beginning," and all of the tract of land hereinbefore described is hereby detached from Grainger County

and attached to Hancock County, Tennessee, and the farm of Winfield Searce is detached from Hancock County and attached to Grainger County.

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

Passed: April 14, 1919.

Acts of 1809 (1st Sess.) Chapter 29

That the lines hereafter described, shall be the dividing lines between the counties of Hawkins and Grainger, to wit: Beginning at or near the house of John Mossatt, esquire, where the original line between said counties began running, thence with the road leading from Haynes's Iron Works to Cheeks Cross Roads to where John Mossatt's line crosses said road; then with said line to the road leading from Cheeks Cross Roads to Marshall's ferry on Holston River, then with said road to where it crosses the present line between said counties, and all that part lying westwardly of said line, shall be added to and made a part of Grainger county, any law to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided, That nothing herein contained, shall be so construed as to prevent any collector or other officer of Hawkins county from collecting any arrearages of taxes or other demands which may be due.

Passed: Nov. 22, 1809.

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