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## Chapter IV - Boundaries

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# Chapter IV - Boundaries

## Creation of County

### Acts of 1807 Chapter 37

**SECTION. 1.** That a new county be, and the same is hereby established south and southwest of, and adjoining the said county of Rutherford, by the name of *Bedford*, in memory of Thomas Bedford deceased; which said county shall begin at the south west corner of Rutherford, and south east corner of Williamson county on the Duck-river ridge, and run thence with said Williamson county line, to the line of the county of Maury; thence along the same southwardly to the south boundary of the state; thence eastwardly to the east boundary of Rutherford county; thence along the same to the ridge that divides the waters of Duck river from those of Cumberland; thence along the same westwardly, to the south east corner of Williamson county, leaving Rutherford county its constitutional limits; and all that tract of territory included in the above described lines, shall be included within the said county of Bedford; and all the lands north of the first described line on Duck river ridge where the said line intersects White county line, then north with said line until it strikes the corner of Rutherford and Wilson county line at a place known by the name of Rush spring, then to follow the old line of Rutherford county, as by law established, shall be and remain the county of Rutherford.

**SEC. 2.** That for the due administration of justice, the first court, and all subsequent courts shall be held in said county of Bedford, until the end of the next General Assembly, at the improvement lately made and occupied by Mrs. Payne, near the head of Mulberry creek, and all courts held in and for said county of Bedford, shall be held by commission to the said justices, in the same manner, and under the same rules and restrictions, and shall have and exercise the same powers and jurisdiction as are or shall be prescribed for the courts of the several counties in this state.

**SEC. 3.** That the courts of Bedford shall be held regularly by the justices of said county, on the fourth Mondays of December, March, June and September, annually.

**SEC. 4.** That it shall be the duty of the sheriff of said county of Bedford, to hold an election at the place of holding courts in said county of Bedford, on the first Thursday and succeeding day in March next, for the purpose of electing one colonel and two majors for the said county of Bedford, under the same rules and regulations as are prescribed by law in similar cases; and the militia of said county of Bedford shall constitute the twenty eight regiment, and be attached to the fifth brigade.

**SEC. 5.** That the elections for company officers for the county of Bedford, shall be held at such places as the commandant of said county may think proper to appoint; which said elections shall be held on the fourth Monday in June next, under the same rules, regulations, and restrictions as are prescribed in like cases.

**SEC. 6.** That said county of Bedford, be a part of the district for electing a governor, representative or representatives to congress, electors to elect a president and vice-president of the United States, and members of the general assembly, to which it hath heretofore belonged, and that the elections be held at the place of holding courts in said county; at the time and in the manner by law directed, and that the sheriff or returning officer, make a return of polls at the court-house in the town of Jefferson, on the day next succeeding each election, to the sheriff or returning officer for the county of Rutherford, and upon comparing the votes, they shall declare the candidate for the representation of said counties of Rutherford and Bedford, who may have the highest member of votes duly elected, and give a certificate accordingly; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of Rutherford county, to make the return for senator of said district, as heretofore directed by law.

**SEC. 7.** That the sheriff or collector of public taxes for the county of Rutherford, shall have full power, and authority to collect any taxes that are yet unpaid, from any person or persons in said county of Bedford, and to collect any money that may be due on writ of Fieri Facias, that is at this time in the hands of said sheriff of Rutherford County, in as full and ample a manner as if the said county had remained a part of Rutherford county.

**SEC. 8.** That said county of Bedford shall in all cases, be considered and remain part of Mero district and send two jurors to Mero superior court; and Rutherford county shall send two jurors less than formerly compelled by law to do.

December 3, 1807.

# Change of Boundary Lines

## Acts of 1809 (First Session) Chapter 37

**Sec. 1st.** That the southern boundary line of Williamson county, from the point where the north east corner of Maury county corners on the said line, shall be altered so as to run due east from the said point to the eastern boundary line of Williamson county, and the inhabitants south of said line shall become a part of Bedford county, *Provided*, That the sheriff of Williamson county may still collect the taxes which are due from said inhabitants, in the same manner as if they had not been attached to Bedford county.

**Sec. 2nd.** That Newton Cannon be appointed a surveyor to run and mark the said line as directed to be altered, and shall be allowed two dollars per day for the said service, to be paid by the citizens living in that part of Williamson county which is struck off by this act, and added to Bedford.

**Sec. 3.** That this act shall be in force from the first day of December, in the year 1809.

8th Nov. 1809.

## Acts of 1809 (First Session) Chapter 51

**1st.** That the lines and boundaries of Bedford county shall be as follows, (to wit:) Beginning on the north east corner of Maury county, and running south with the eastern boundary line thereof to the extreme height of the ridge; dividing the waters of Duck river from the waters of Elk river; thence eastwardly on the extreme height of said ridge, to the present eastern boundary line of the said county of Bedford; thence north to the southern boundary line of Rutherford county; thence westwardly with the said line to the southern boundary line of Williamson county; and thence with the said line of Williamson to the beginning.

**Sect. 2nd.** That John Atkinson, William Woods, Bartlett Martin, Howel Dawdy, Daniel McKissick, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to fix on a place on Duck river, within two miles of the centre of said county on a line east and west at the farthest, and as much nearer the actual centre east and west, as a suitable situation can be procured; and the said commissioners shall purchase one hundred acres of land at the place which they may fix upon as aforesaid, and shall receive a title to the same in *fee simple*, to themselves and their successors in office, and shall lay off the said hundred acres of land into a town, to be known by the name of *Shelbyville*, reserving near the centre thereof a public square of two acres, on which the court-house and stocks shall be built, likewise reserving any other lot they may think proper, for the purpose of having a Jail built thereon, for the use of the said county of Bedford.

**Sect. 3rd.** That the said commissioners shall sell the lots of said town at public sale, on a credit of twelve months, giving due notice thereof in one of the public news-papers 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, to the respective purchasers of said lots.

**Sect. 4th.** That the proceeds of the sales of the lots aforesaid, shall be a fund in the hands of the said commissioners, for defraying the expenses incurred in the purchase of the tract of land on which the town above mentioned is directed to be laid off, also for defraying the expenses of building a court-house, prison and stocks.

**Sect. 5th.** That the said commissioners shall superintend the building of the said court-house, prison and stocks, and shall let the court-house to the lowest bidder, advertising the same sixty days in one of the news-papers printed in Nashville, setting forth the dimensions of which it is to consist, and the materials of which it is to be built, and shall take a bond with sufficient securities from the person to whom the said court-house is let, payable to themselves and successors in office, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his contract, and if the proceeds of the sales of said lots is not sufficient for the purposes above mentioned, it shall be the duty of the county court of Bedford to lay a tax not exceeding the amount of state tax levied in said county, to be applied to the objects aforesaid, and to be continued until all arrearages are paid off.

**Sect. 6th.** That the said commissioners, before they enter on the duties of their appointment, shall give a bond in the sum of five thousand dollars each, payable to the chairman of the county court of Bedford, and his successors in office, for the use of said county, conditioned for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in them, and shall likewise take the following oath: I, A.B. do solemnly swear (or affirm) that as a commissioner to act for the county of Bedford, I will do equal and impartial justice to the citizens of said county, to the best of my skill and ability, *So help me God*---and the said bond shall be filed in the clerks office for the county of Bedford, and shall not be so construed as to make any one of the commissioners security for another.

**Sec. 7th.** That until the town above mentioned is laid off, the court of Bedford county shall be held at the dwelling house of Amos Balch, and all matters, causes and things, now depending in the county court of Bedford, shall be tried and determined at the house of the said Amos Balch, in the same manner as if they had been originally returnable to that place.

**Sec. 8th.** That a majority of the commissioners by this act appointed, shall in all cases be competent to perform the duties by this act assigned them, and if any one neglects or refuses to act, a majority of the justices of said county of Bedford, may appoint another in his place, and when the said commissioners shall have performed the duties above enjoined upon them, they shall lay before the county court of Bedford a full statement of all their proceedings, and the said county court shall make them a reasonable compensation for their services.

**Sec. 9th.** That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ten.

## Private Acts of 1822 (Second Session) Chapter 109

**Sec. 1.** That all that part of the county of Lincoln be, and the same is hereby attached to the county of Bedford, (to wit:) Beginning at the eastern height of the main ridge, west of Samuel McCulloch's, the present county line; thence running eastwardly along a road on the extreme height of a ridge dividing two small branches of the east for of Mulberry creek, which line to continue until it will include the plantation of Jonathan Floyd; then running east of north until it will strike the present county line between the plantation of John Adkins and Lewis Martin.

**Sec. 2.** That the persons who are stricken off from Lincoln county and attached to Bedford county, shall be at an equal expense of running of said line.

**Sec. 3.** That the county courts of Bedford and Lincoln shall, at their first courts after the first of January next, or some other term thereafter appoint some competent person as a commissioner and surveyor to run and mark said line between said counties; and that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the sheriff or any officer of Lincoln county from collecting any arrearages of tax or other dues which may be necessary for them to collect and now in suit.

Passed: August 20, 1822.

## Private Acts of 1835-36 Chapter 35

**SECTION 1.** That a County is hereby established on the west of Bedford, the east of Maury, the northeast of Giles, and the northwest of Lincoln, to be known and distinguished by the name of Marshall in honor of and to perpetuate the memory of John Marshall, late Chief Justice of the United States, to include the territory contained in the following described lines, running the courses and distances hereinafter described, to wit: Commencing at a point eleven and a half miles due west of Shelbyville, running northwardly and southwardly to the Williamson and Lincoln county lines, leaving to Bedford county four hundred and seventy-five square miles and no more; thence west with the Williamson county line between Williamson and Bedford counties to the Maury county line; thence to a point five miles north of Duck river, in a line due north from the point twelve miles east of Columbia; thence south to said twelve miles point, east of Columbia, to a stake in Carthel's field; thence three hundred and four poles south to two ironwoods; thence south nine and a half degrees west two miles to a sugar tree and ironwood; thence south twenty-eight and a half degrees west two miles to a point in Dr. Anderson's field; thence south thirty-eight degrees west two miles to a point in John Vincent's lot; thence south forty-seven and a half degrees west two miles to a sugar tree and ash, near Holt's mill; thence south fifty-seven degrees west two miles to a point in Thomas Cheatham's lot; thence south two miles and one hundred and twenty-eight poles to Giles county line on the ridge; thence eastwardly along the line between the counties of Maury and Giles, eight miles one hundred and thirty-two poles, on a straight line to the Buckeye, corner of Bedford, Lincoln, Maury and Giles counties; thence south along the line between Lincoln and Giles seven miles; thence south eighty-eight and a half degrees east four miles and two hundred and twenty-four poles to two sugar trees; thence north thirty-two and a half degrees east two miles to a stake in a field; thence north forty-two degrees east two miles to a beech; thence north fifty-one and a half degrees east two miles to a chinquapin oak, in Baty's field; thence north sixty-one degrees east two miles to a cherry tree, in Petersburg; thence north seventy and a half degrees east 2 miles to two sugar trees, near Wm. J. Davidson's; thence north five and a half degrees west two miles and one hundred and seventy-six poles to a chinquapin oak, on the Elk ridge, being the line run and marked by Hugh B. Bigham, including within the above described boundaries all the territory contained within the several lines, amounting to about three hundred and fifty-one square miles.

**SEC. 3.** That all officers, civil and military, in said county, shall continue to hold their offices and exercise all the functions thereof, until their successors are elected according to the provisions of the amended constitution and the laws made in pursuance thereof. And said county of Marshall shall elect her officers, civil and military, under the amended constitution, under the same rules and regulations, and in the same manner, as other counties in this State; and the said county of Marshall shall possess equal powers and privileges, in all respects, as other counties: *Provided*, nothing in this act shall be so construed (as) to deprive the counties of Bedford, Maury, Lincoln and Giles from having and exercising jurisdiction over the territory composing said county and the citizens thereof, in as ample manner as is now possessed, until the election and qualification of county officers for said county, as provided for by law: *Provided*, also, that nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the courts in the counties of Bedford, Maury, Giles and Lincoln from rendering judgments, or the sheriffs of said counties from selling under such judgments, any lands or other property within the bounds of said county of Marshall, for taxes, cost and charges, for any preceding year; nor to prevent said sheriffs from collecting any taxes already due for any preceding year; nor to levy and sell under any execution issued from any judgment already rendered, or to be rendered on any suit commenced anterior to the organization of said county, in as ample manner as if this act had not been passed.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Sections 2 and 4 through 21 did not apply to Bedford County and therefore, are not included in this act.

Passed: February 20, 1836.

## Private Acts of 1835-36 Chapter 36

**SECTION 1.** That a new county be and the same is hereby established, by the name of Coffee, in honor of the late General John Coffee, east of Bedford, west of Warren and north of Franklin, adjoining said counties, and composed of parts of the same: -beginning at the store house of William Norton, in Hoover's gap, in the line between Rutherford and Bedford; thence south, eight degrees east, ten and a half miles, to a point twelve miles east of Shelbyville; thence south six and a half miles, to a corner in Franklin county; thence east eight and a half miles, to a point twelve miles north of Winchester; thence south, eighty degrees east, four miles; thence north, forty-five degrees east, thirteen miles sixty-four poles; thence north three hundred and four poles; thence north, thirty degrees west, two miles and one hundred and fifty poles; thence north, sixty degrees west, one mile and one hundred and sixty poles; thence north, thirty degrees west, two miles; thence north, eighty-five degrees west, three miles and two hundred poles; thence north, twenty degrees west, six and a half miles; thence south, seventy-one degrees west, six miles and seventy poles; thence north, eleven degrees west, one thousand and thirty poles, to the Bedford corner; thence south, forty-four degrees west, along the line between Rutherford and Bedford, one hundred and ninety-two poles; thence south, along said line, one hundred and twenty-eight poles; thence a continuation with said line and ridge, with its meanders, to the beginning.

**SEC. 2. COMPILER'S NOTE:** This section did not apply to Bedford County and therefore, is not included in this act.

**SEC. 3.** That all officers, civil and military in said county, shall continue to hold their offices, and exercise all the powers and functions thereof, until other be elected under the provisions of the amended constitution and the laws made in pursuance thereof. And the said county of Coffee, shall elect her officers, civil and military, under the amended constitution, at the same time and under the same rules and regulations, and in the same manner that may be provided by law for the elections of officers in other counties in this State. And the said county of Coffee shall be placed upon an equal footing, possess equal powers and privileges, in all respects, as other counties in this State; *Provided*, nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to deprive the counties of Bedford, Warren and Franklin, from having, holding and exercising jurisdiction over the territory composing said county of Coffee and the citizens thereof, in as full and ample a manner as they now have, until the election of county officers under the amended constitution, *Provided*, also, nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to prevent the counties of Bedford, Warren and Franklin from entering up judgments, or the sheriffs of said counties from selling, under such judgments, any lands within the bounds of said county of Coffee, for taxes, costs and charges, for the past or any preceding year; nor to prevent the sheriffs of either of said counties of Bedford, Warren and Franklin from collecting from the citizens of said county of Coffee, any taxes due for the past or any preceding year.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Sections 4 through 14 did not apply to Bedford County and therefore, are not included in this act.

Passed, January 8th, 1836.

## Acts of 1837-38 Chapter 272

**SECTION 1.** That the line heretofore run and marked, and now known as Cotner's line commencing at a point eleven and one half miles due west from Shelbyville, and running thence due north to the Williamson county line, and the line run and marked, and known as Bigham's line, commencing at the same point, and running thence in a southwardly direction to the Lincoln county line, be, and the same is hereby established and made the dividing line between the said counties of Bedford and Marshall.

**SEC. 2.** That nothing in this act shall prevent the sheriff of Marshall county from collecting any taxes or money due on judgments and executions, which may be in his hands for collection at the time of the passage of this act, within the territory over which the county of Marshall at this time exercises jurisdiction, but in all cases he shall proceed to collect the same as though this act had not been passed.

Passed: January 17th, 1838.

## Public Acts of 1883 Chapter 166

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Bedford and Rutherford be changed as follows: Beginning in the Byles road west of the village of Middleton, at Carroll Lamb's southeast corner; thence east with said road to Beverly Harris' northeast corner; thence south to A. H. McCan's southwest corner; thence east to A. H. McCan's southeast corner; thence south to C.G. McLean's southwest corner; thence east with the road between C.G. McLean and C.L. Cooper to C. L. Cooper's northeast corner; thence south to J. M. Worth's southwest corner; thence east with the road running to the Murfreesboro and Shelbyville turnpike, just north of T. S. McFerrins, to where the county line now crosses said road, east of B. A. McLean's; thence with the county line as it now is.

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

Passed March 23, 1883.

## Public Acts of 1899 Chapter 380

**SECTION 1.** That the county line between Bedford and Rutherford counties be changed as follows: About 1 1-2 miles west of the village of Midland, in Rutherford county, at a point in the Byles road, where the county line going east reaches the northwest corner of J. M. Williams' farm, let it be turned southeast and north around said Williams farm until it comes to where the line now leaves said farm, going east between the farms of A. H. McLain and B. N. Davis, both deceased; thence east with the line, and as it now runs till it reaches the northwest corner of that part of B.A. McLain's farm, which lies south of the dirt road running east from the Midland and Shelbyville dirt road to the Murfreesboro & Shelbyville turnpike; thence southeast and north around the above described part of B.A. McLain's farm to its northeast corner; thence with the meanderings of the ridge dividing the waters of Stone and Duck rivers as the line now runs, so as to include in Rutherford county all of J. M. Williams' farm, and that part of B. A. McLain's farm which now lies in Bedford county, and south of the road above mentioned.

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

Passed: April 20, 1899.

## Private Acts of 1917 Chapter 202

**SECTION 1.** That the county line between the Counties of Bedford and Coffee be so changed, that the lands lying east of the Garrison Creek be detached from Bedford County and added to Coffee County, by beginning in the county line of the southeast corner of Dr. Jim Mason's farm and running south with the center of Garrison Creek to the mouth of McBride's Branch.

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

Passed: March 13, 1917.

## Private Acts of 1923 Chapter 339

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Bedford and Coffee be and the same is hereby changed so as to include in Coffee County the following described strip or parcel of land: Beginning at a point in the line between the Counties of Bedford and Coffee forty feet west of the center of the public road leading from Beech Grove to Murfreesboro, and running thence in a northerly direction parallel with the center of said road a uniform distance of forty feet from the center thereof to the line between the Counties of Rutherford and Coffee.

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

Passed: March 21, 1923.

## Private Acts of 1959 Chapter 310

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Bedford and Moore be, and the same is, hereby changed by detaching from the County of Bedford and attaching to the County of Moore all of the hereinafter described territory: A tract or parcel of land now lying in the 24th civil district of Bedford County, adjacent to, and just north of the line between the counties of Bedford and Moore containing 481.5 acres, more or less, and composed of properties owned by the following: Beginning at a point in the line between the County of Bedford and Moore in the center of an old pike, the same being the southwest corner of the Lawson Norman land and the southeast corner of the land of Miss Grace Mullens, both of which lie in the Twenty-fourth Civil District of Bedford County. Thence with the center of an old road So. 87 deg. E. 770 Ft; thence No. 50 deg. E. 473 ft.; thence No. 58 deg. 45 min. E. 246 ft.; thence No. 41 deg. E. 185 ft.; thence N. 1 deg. E. 512 ft.; thence No. 7 deg. E. 571 ft. to the corner of a fence, the same being Lawson Norman's northeast corner; thence with Norman's north line and Farrar's south line S. 85 deg. 30 min. W. 319.5 ft. to a stone; thence N. 58 degs. W. 724 ft.; thence W. 63 deg. 30 min. W. 120 ft.; thence No. 86 deg. 30 min. W. 2109 ft. crossing Highway No. 82 to the northeast corner of the C.S. and Ruby Wiseman land; thence No. 75 deg. W. 224 ft.; thence N. 65 deg. W. 251 ft.; thence No. 27 deg. 13 min. W. 292 ft. to a stone; thence S. 52 deg. W. 317 ft. to a stone, the northwest corner of the Lenoard and Daisy Bennett land; thence S. 83 deg. 15 min. W. 136 ft.; thence S. 47 deg. 45 min. W. 399 ft.; thence N. 24 deg. 30 min. W. 34 ft.; thence with an old fence and with Cowan's south line north 86 deg. 15 min. W. 1946 ft. to the corner of an old fence; thence with Cowan's east line S. 6 deg. 30 min. W. 2053 ft. to the corner of a fence in the north margin of the Wiseman Road; thence with the north margin of said road and the south line of Cowan's land N. 35 deg. 30 min. W. 61 ft.; thence N. 40 deg. 30 min. W. 112 ft.; thence N. 44 deg. 35 min. W. 509 ft.; thence N. 46 deg. w. 920 ft.; thence N. 81 deg. 30 min. W. 334 ft.; thence No. 69 deg. 45 min. W. 165 ft.; thence N. 59 deg. 45 min. W. 162 ft.; thence N. 68 deg. 30 min. W. 436 ft.; thence crossing said Wiseman Road and running with the west margin of Bonner Road and the east boundary of Mullens land S. 5 deg. W. 988 ft. to the southeast corner of Mullens land; thence N. 86 deg. W. 913.5 ft.; thence S. 4 deg. W. 365.7 ft.; thence with the south boundary of Mullens land and the north boundary of the Earl Bonner land N. 85 deg. 30 min. W. 2505.4 ft.; thence with the west boundary of Earl Bonner land S. 4 deg. 30 min. W. 1576 ft.; thence with the boundary line between the counties of Bedford and Moore S. 52 deg. 15 min. E. 717.4 ft.; thence S. 86 deg. 30 min. E. 1666.5 ft.; thence S. 4 deg. 30 min. W. 89.8 ft.; thence S. 85 deg. 30 min. E. 1300 ft. to a stone; thence S. 85 deg. 30 min. E. 600 ft. to the corner of a fence; thence N. 1203 ft. to the corner of a fence; thence S. 85 deg. 45 min. E. 2323.5 ft. to the corner of a fence; thence N. 5 deg. 30 min. E. 153 ft. to the corner of a fence; thence S. 81 deg. 30 min. E. 2009 ft. to the corner of a fence; thence S. 5 deg. W. 759 ft. to the southwest corner of Bedford Wiseman's one-acre tract; thence S. 80 deg. 30 min. E. 829.8 ft. to the southeast corner of Bedford Wiseman's one-acre tract; thence N. 11 deg. 30 min. W. 192.7 ft.; thence N. 11 deg. 30 min. E. 191.4 ft.; thence N. 40 deg. 45 min. E. 462 ft.; thence continuing with the line between the counties of Bedford and Moore north 1 deg. W. 214.5 ft.; thence N. 73 deg. E. 94.4 ft.; thence N. 48 deg. 30 min. E. 888.4 ft.; thence S. 88 deg. E. 642.2 ft. to the point of beginning containing approximately 620 acres. The following property, now located in the Twenty-fourth Civil District of Bedford County, is included in the above described tract;

J. Earl Bonner and wife, Clara W. Bonner-----	137.6
James Hice and wife, Nuel Hice-----	132 (Approx.)
Leonard Bennett and Daisy Bennett-----	135 (Approx.)
C. S. Wiseman and wife, Ruby Wiseman-----	45.5
Miss Grace Mullens-----	29
Lawson Norman and wife, Clara Parks Norman-----	140 (Approx.)

A one-acre tract of Bedford Wiseman

**SECTION 2.** That this Act shall have no effect unless the same shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of both the Quarterly County Courts of Bedford and Moore Counties on or before the next regular meeting of such Quarterly County Court occurring more than thirty days after its approval by the Chief Executive of this state. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officers of each of the bodies having jurisdiction to approve or the reverse and shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State.

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

Passed: March 19, 1959.

## Private Acts of 1963 Chapter 170



**SECTION 1.** That the county line between Bedford and Rutherford County be and the same hereby is changed whereby and so as to detach from Bedford County and attach to Rutherford County the following described land: "A body of lands, title to which is in James Threet and wife by two certain deeds of conveyance, and Glen Lane and wife by one certain deed of conveyance (1) deed from A. E. Travis and wife to James Threet and wife recorded in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, December 17, 1957, in Deed Book 74, page 82; and (2) the easterly 200 feet of the tract deeded from Frank L. Farris and wife to James Threet and wife recorded in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, March 24, 1962, in Deed Book 85, page 283; and (3) deed from James Threet and wife to Glen Lane and wife recorded in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, January 3, 1963, in Deed Book 87, page 290, which body of lands as a whole is bounded on the North by the Rutherford-Bedford County line and the lands of Faulk; on the South partly by the lands of Estle Threet and Rutherford-Bedford County line and the lands of Bryant; on the East by the Rutherford County Line and the lands of Bryant, Zumbro and Faulk; and on the West by the lands of James Threet being approximately 4 acres.

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

Passed: March 18, 1963.

## Public Acts of 1975 Chapter 70

**SECTION 1.** A portion of a tract of land of Joe Farrar and wife, Frances Farrar, now situated in Bedford County, hereunder described, is removed from Bedford County into Moore County, and the county line between Bedford County and Moore County at this place shall hereafter run with the boundaries of said tract so as to exclude the said lands from Bedford County and include the same in Moore County. The tract of land is generally bounded and described as follows: Bounded on the North by Hilltop Road and Daniel Road; on the East by the Daniel Road and Riddle; on the South by Riddle and Farrar; and on the West by Farrar; containing 65.8 acres, be the same more or less, and being all that portion of an original tract lying on the south side of the Hilltop and Daniel Road, which original tract contained 108-1/2 acres, more or less, which original tract was conveyed to J. W. Womble by R. C. Gordon and wife by deed dated October 13, 1927 and recorded in Deed Book 33, page 7, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, the northern portion of this tract was that day conveyed to William Eugene Gant and wife.

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

Passed: April 21, 1975.

## Public Acts of 1975 Chapter 214

**SECTION 1.** John N. Steioff and wife, Marie S. Steioff own the hereinafter described tract of land located and situated mainly in the 25th Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee with a portion of said tract located and situated in the 5th Civil District of Coffee County, Tennessee and a portion of said tract located and situated in the 10th Civil District of Moore County, Tennessee and these portions of such tract of land are removed from Coffee County and Moore County into the 25th Civil District of Bedford County and the county line between Bedford County and Coffee County and Moore County at this place shall hereinafter run with the boundaries of said tract so as to exclude the said lands from Coffee and Moore Counties and include the same in the 25th Civil District of Bedford County such that the entire tract of land hereunder described shall be located and situated in the 25th Civil District of Bedford County. That tract of land is generally bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a pipe near an old railroad brake shoe protruding from the ground at a decayed dogwood stump near the west edge of an old road extending from the Tullahoma-Normandy Road near a gravel pit; thence North 04 Deg. East, 1,647 feet along the west boundary line of the Mitchell property to a pipe; thence North 75 Deg. 20 Min. West 2,000.6 feet along the south boundary line of the Mitchell property to a pipe; thence North 15 deg. West 950 feet more or less, along the west boundary line of the Mitchell property to a pipe; thence North 89 deg. West, 445 feet, more or less, along the south boundary of what is known as the Taylor property to a pipe; thence South 02 deg. 17 min. West, 700 feet, more or less, along the East boundary of the Carr property to a pipe; thence South 02 deg. 17 min. West, 3,077.7 feet, along the east boundaries of the Carr and Short properties to a pipe; thence south 85 deg. 30 min. East 657.3 feet along the north boundary of the Short property to a pipe; thence South 07 deg. 40 min. West, 990 feet, along the east boundary of said Short property to a pipe; thence North 51 deg. 58 min. East 2,816.4 feet along the northwest boundary of the Weaver place to the point of beginning, and containing 183 acres, more or less, being the same property conveyed to John. N. Steioff and wife, Marie S. Steioff, by deed of Guy W. Leming and wife, Martha Leming dated January 23, 1960.

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

PASSED: May 13, 1975.

## Acts of 1809 Chapter 51

**1st.** That the lines and boundaries of Bedford county shall be as follows, (to wit:) Beginning on the north east corner of Maury county, and running south with the eastern boundary line thereof to the extreme height of the ridge; dividing the waters of Duck river from the waters of Elk river; thence eastwardly on the extreme height of said ridge, to the present eastern boundary line of the said county of Bedford; thence north to the southern boundary line of Rutherford county; thence westwardly with the said line to the southern boundary line of Williamson county; and thence with the said line of Williamson to the beginning.

**Sect. 2nd.** That John Atkinson, William Woods, Bartlett Martin, Howel Dawdy, Daniel McKissick, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to fix on a place on Duck river, within two miles of the centre of said county on a line east and west at the farthest, and as much nearer the actual centre east and west, as a suitable situation can be procured; and the said commissioners shall purchase one hundred acres of land at the place which they may fix upon as aforesaid, and shall receive a title to the same in *fee simple*, to themselves and their successors in office, and shall lay off the said hundred acres of land into a town, to be known by the name of *Shelbyville*, reserving near the centre thereof a public square of two acres, on which the court-house and stocks shall be built, likewise reserving any other lot they may think proper, for the purpose of having a Jail built thereon, for the use of the said county of Bedford.

**Sect. 3rd.** That the said commissioners shall sell the lots of said town at public sale, on a credit of twelve months, giving due notice thereof in one of the public news-papers 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, to the respective purchasers of said lots.

**Sect. 4th.** That the proceeds of the sales of the lots aforesaid, shall be a fund in the hands of the said commissioners, for defraying the expenses incurred in the purchase of the tract of land on which the town above mentioned is directed to be laid off, also for defraying the expenses of building a court-house, prison and stocks.

**Sect. 5th.** That the said commissioners shall superintend the building of the said court-house, prison and stocks, and shall let the court-house to the lowest bidder, advertising the same sixty days in one of the news-papers printed in Nashville, setting forth the dimensions of which it is to consist, and the materials of which it is to be built, and shall take a bond with sufficient securities from the person to whom the said court-house is let, payable to themselves and successors in office, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his contract, and if the proceeds of the sales of said lots is not sufficient for the purposes above mentioned, it shall be the duty of the county court of Bedford to lay a tax not exceeding the amount of state tax levied in said county, to be applied to the objects aforesaid, and to be continued until all arrearages are paid off.

**Sect. 6th.** That the said commissioners, before they enter on the duties of their appointment, shall give a bond in the sum of five thousand dollars each, payable to the chairman of the county court of Bedford, and his successors in office, for the use of said county, conditioned for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in them, and shall likewise take the following oath: I, A.B. do solemnly swear (or affirm) that as a commissioner to act for the county of Bedford, I will do equal and impartial justice to the citizens of said county, to the best of my skill and ability, *So help me God*---and the said bond shall be filed in the clerks office for the county of Bedford, and shall not be so construed as to make any one of the commissioners security for another.

**Sect. 7th.** That until the town above mentioned is laid off, the court of Bedford county shall be held at the dwelling house of Amos Balch, and all matters, causes and things, now depending in the county court of Bedford, shall be tried and determined at the house of the said Amos Balch, in the same manner as if they had been originally returnable to that place.

**Sect. 8th.** That a majority of the commissioners by this act appointed, shall in all cases be competent to perform the duties by this act assigned them, and if any one neglects or refuses to act, a majority of the justices of said county of Bedford, may appoint another in his place, and when the said commissioners shall have performed the duties above enjoined upon them, they shall lay before the county court of Bedford a full statement of all their proceedings, and the said county court shall make them a reasonable compensation for their services.

**Sect. 9th.** That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ten.

# Boundaries - Historical Notes

## **Boundaries**

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

1. Acts of 1807, Chapter 72, created Franklin County in an area south and east of Warren and Bedford counties but the act did not alter the boundaries of Bedford County.
2. Acts of 1809, First Session, Chapter 48, created Lincoln County south of Bedford County but did not change the lines of Bedford County although it was mentioned in some lines.
3. Private Acts of 1831, Chapter 153, appointed James Bright of Lincoln County and John T. Neal of Bedford county as commissioners to run and mark so much of the line between Lincoln and Bedford counties as they may find necessary to establish the true boundary between them. The trustees of each county will compensate them as the county court may direct.
4. Acts of 1843-44, Chapter 74, changed the boundary line between Bedford County and Rutherford County in the following fashion, "beginning at the southeast corner of Williamson County and running east so as to include Richard Nance, John Dunn, Theophilus Leathers, and Samuel G. Holden, and the lands on which they reside in Rutherford County.
5. Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 144, changed the boundary lines between Bedford and Rutherford counties so as to include S. H. Little and William Smotherman, and the lands upon which they live in Rutherford County.
6. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 173, Section 2, transferred the entire farm belonging to E. G. Hamilton out of Marshall County and into Bedford County.
7. Acts of 1859-60, Chapter 135, Section 5, moved the farm and the dwelling belonging to Ben Webb out of Bedford County and into Rutherford County.
8. Public Acts of 1866-67, Chapter 9, Section 3, altered the lines between Bedford and Marshall counties so as to place all the lands of Thomas W. Brints in Marshall County. This act was repealed by Public Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 20.
9. Public Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 13, Section 7, changed the boundaries between Bedford and Rutherford counties so as to include the lands of William Williams and C. H. Lamb in Rutherford County.
10. Public Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 20, stated that so much of Public Acts of 1866-67, Chapter 9, Section 4, which changed the lines between Bedford and Marshall counties is repealed effective immediately.
11. Public Acts of 1871, Chapter 34, transferred all the lands and improvements of S. H. Thomas and E. H. Hale from Bedford County into Rutherford County, a general description being given.
12. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 108, moved all the tract known as the Bayless Davis tract, owned by Samuel Bobo from Bedford County into Moore County, beginning at a point on the county line near the east boundary of Joseph Hastings, on or near the waters of Thompson Creek and running to a point in the public road near to and just above the residence of Samuel Faris on Thompson Creek, moving from the twenty-fourth civil district of Bedford into the tenth civil district of Moore County.
13. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 207, transferred the properties of W. B. Smith and Mrs. Sarah Syers out of Coffee County and into Bedford County.
14. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 112, moved the farm belonging to Racine England out of Marshall County and into Bedford County.
15. Public Acts of 1893, Chapter 28, changed the lines between Bedford and Rutherford counties so as to include all the properties of W. H. and J. L. Stephenson, and a lot on which stood a Baptist Church house, in Bedford County.
16. Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 8, transferred from Bedford into Coffee County all the lands belonging to Johnson Warren, which were bounded on the north by Mankin, and on the west, south, and east by Jacobs.
17. Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 216, detached the farms of Mike Crawell, W. A. Crawell, Jasper W. Dickens, W. H. Moon, J. W. Hopkins, and J. P. Crawell from Marshall County and attached them all to Bedford County. The description stated that the line began in the lane between the farms of J. P. Hopkins and Mrs. B. F. Wilson, thence west between the farms of J. P. Crawell and John W. Lite to the middle of Duck River, thence up the said river to the Bedford County line.

18. Private Acts of 1897, Chapter 256, transferred from Coffee County into Bedford County all the lands of J. C. Brixey as they are bounded on the north by E. Huffman on the south by Elkins' heirs, on the east by T. J. Gambell, and on the west by Duck River.
19. Public Acts of 1899, Chapter 413, moved all the lands belonging to J. N. Sullivan out of Moore County and into Bedford County.
20. Private Acts of 1901, Chapter 388, repealed Public Acts of 1899, Chapter 413, above, thus returning the land of J. N. Sullivan to Moore County.
21. Acts of 1907, Chapter 326, moved the lands and residence of J. L. Ervin from Bedford County into Moore County.
22. Acts of 1907, Chapter 490, provided that the lines between Bedford and Marshall counties shall be changed so as to include the lands now owned by J. E. Hopkins and Mrs. Sallie Brown, and situated in the eleventh civil district of Bedford in Marshall County and the properties belonging to Sandy Moon and Elgin Cooper, now situated in the first civil district of Marshall County are transferred into Bedford.
23. Acts of 1909, Chapter 481, so changed the boundaries between Bedford and Moore counties as to include the lands of E. H. Allen in Moore County.
24. Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 675, transferred the farm and residence belonging to J. F. Boyce from Bedford County into Rutherford County.
25. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 754, detached all the properties belonging to R. E. Epps from the twentieth civil district of Rutherford County and attached them to Bedford County.
26. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 168, transferred the farm and residence belonging to R. M. Gordon out of the third civil district of Coffee County into the first civil district of Bedford County.
27. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 344, moved that portion of the farm belonging to E. C. Shearin out of the eighth civil district of Rutherford County and placed it in the tenth civil district of Bedford County.
28. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 543, changed the line between Bedford and Rutherford counties that the lands belonging to J. L. Hoover were moved out of the first district of Bedford County and into the twenty-fourth district of Rutherford County. This act was repealed by Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 219.
29. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 575, changed the county line between Rutherford and Bedford counties by detaching the lands of B.G. Bingham, et al., which contained 170 acres, from Rutherford County and attached the same to Bedford County.
30. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 219, specifically repealed Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 543 in its entirety, restoring the Hoover properties to Bedford County.
31. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 740, detached that portion of the farm belonging to R. W. McMichael from the sixteenth civil district of Coffee County and attached the same to the first civil district of Bedford County.
32. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 141, changed the lines between Bedford and Coffee counties so as to place all the lands of H. H. Good, now in Coffee County, and containing about 20 acres, bounded on the north by Walker and McMichael, on the south by H. H. Good; on the east by Mattie Walker, and on the west by H. H. Good, into Bedford County.
33. Private Acts of 1935, Chapter 127, transferred the 103 acre farm belonging to the Davis Brothers which is now in Bedford County into Rutherford County.
34. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 556, moved the farm of W. O. McMillian, containing about 170 acres, and the farm of William Finn, about 146 acres, out of the sixteenth civil district of Coffee County into Bedford County, provided, however, that, if the lands transferred herein are not used for a lake, or lakes, then this act becomes inoperative and the same remain in Coffee County.
35. Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 109, detached the lands belonging to Mrs. Laylon Mullins from the twenty-second civil district of Bedford County and attached the same to the ninth civil district of Moore County, a general description of the land being set out in this act

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