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Chapter IV - Boundaries

Creation of County

Public Acts of 1879 Chapter 42

SECTION 1. That a new county be, and the same is hereby established, out of fractions of Madison, Henderson, McNairy and Hardeman counties, to be known as Chester County.

SECTION 2. That the county of Chester shall be bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake on the south bank of the middle fork of the Forked Deer River, where the Henderson and Madison county line crosses said river, at a beech and two hickory pointers, thence east with the meanderings of said river to a stake, hickory, elm and hornbean pointers on the land of Dr. W. E. Tucker; thence with the arc of a circle with the radius of 11 miles; from the town of Lexington 12°93 miles; thence east 1 mile; thence in a southern direction to the northwest corner of Hardin County; thence with said line to the northeast corner of McNairy county; thence south with the McNairy and Hardin county line 1°52 miles; thence west 1°39 miles; thence south to the corner of the old survey of Wisdom County, made under the Act, this to repeal, on the lands of Thomas Wilkerson; thence west 8 miles; thence with the arc of a circle, with the radius of 11 miles, from the town of Purdy 14 miles; thence west 2°53 miles; thence with the arc of a circle with the radius of 11 miles from the town of Bolivar, 8°75 miles; thence north to the Madison county line; thence east with the Madison and Hardeman county line to a stake 10 poles east of the house of Rev. Robert Rainey; thence north 61½ degrees east 9 miles; thence north 26½°east to the Henderson and Madison county line; thence north with said line to the beginning. 278°77 square miles.

SECTION 3. That for the purpose of organizing the said county of Chester, that J. F. Hamlet, Robert Long, B. H. Brown, J. H. Fry, B. I. Young, A. B. Patterson, J. W. Perkins, J. H. Mitchel, J. M. Simmons, John Barham, John M. Sherell, W. L. Steagall, William Rust, J. M. Reams, M. D. Pare and Able Stewart, shall be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners on the part of the several fractions in which they reside, who shall, before entering on the discharge of their duty, take an oath before some Justice of the Peace, to faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon them in this Act, and in all cases of vacancy that may occur among said Commissioners previous to the organization of the County Court of said county of Chester, the remaining Commissioners shall fill by appointment said vacancies--and vacancies occurring after the organization of such court, shall be filled by said court of the county of Chester. The said Commissioners shall enter into such bond and security as may be required by the said County Court of Chester--made payable to the Chairman thereof, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties as required by this Act; a majority of said Commissioners shall constitute a board competent to do all things herein enjoined upon them. They shall keep a record of their proceedings as Commissioners, which shall be returned to the County Court of Chester county, at its first term, and the same shall be recorded by the clerk thereof, on the records of said court, and they shall make such returns after the organization of said court, as shall be directed thereby.

SECTION 4. That it shall be the duty of said Commissioners, first giving thirty days notice in one public place or more, of the time and place to open and hold an election in one or more places in each of the fractions proposed to be stricken off from the counties of Madison, Henderson, McNairy and Hardeman, in order to ascertain whether two-thirds of the voters residing in each of the said fractions are in favor of, or opposed to, the formation of said new county of Chester, and all persons qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly, residing in said fractions, shall be entitled to vote in said elections, and each voter who is in favor of the formation of the new county, shall have on his ticket, "New County," and each voter opposed to the formation of said new county of Chester, shall have on his ticket, "Old County," and after counting the vote cast in said election, if it shall appear that there are two-thirds of the legal voters in each of said fractions in favor of the new county, then in that case, the county of Chester shall be, and is hereby declared a county, with all the privileges and advantages, and subject to all the liabilities and duties with other counties in this State.

SECTION 5. That in order to carry into effect, and make certain and accurate, the provisions in the fourth section of this Act, said Commissioners are hereby empowered and authorized to canvass and take the census of the qualified voting population in the bounds of the several fractions proposed to be stricken off from the counties of Madison, Henderson, McNairy and Hardeman, and if for any cause the election as herein provided shall not be held in any of said fractions, on the day appointed, said Commissioners shall provide for another election as herein provided in such fractions.

SECTION 6. That for the due administration of justice, the different courts to be held in said county of Chester, shall be at such place or places as may be designated by said Commissioners, until the seat of

justice shall be located, and all writs and other processes issued from said courts returnable to the place, shall be legal, and the courts of the county of Chester shall be under the same rules, regulations and restrictions of other counties of this State; shall have, "exercise," and possess the same power and jurisdiction as prescribed by law for holding courts in other counties, and said county shall be attached to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, and the first Circuit Court shall be at the time designated by the Judge of said Circuit, and shall be attached to the Tenth Chancery Division, and the Chancery Courts shall be held at the time designated by the Judge of said Chancery Division.

SECTION 7. That all officers, civil or military, now holding office in said county, shall continue to hold their offices and exercise all functions and powers thereof until others are elected and qualified according to the provisions of this Act; *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall deprive the counties from which the fractions have been taken, from exercising and holding jurisdiction over the county of Chester and the citizens thereof, in as full and ample a manner as they now have, until the election of county officers takes place, according to the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 8. That said Commissioners are hereby empowered, and it shall be their duty to appoint five qualified and suitable persons to divide said county into not less than ten nor more than twelve civil districts, designating boundaries and places for holding elections in said districts, and performing all the duties relating thereto, which by the law of the State such commissioners are required to do.

SECTION 9. That the Commissioners appointed by this Act shall appoint such persons as they think proper to open and hold the election for county officers for the said county of Chester, and such persons so appointed shall have power to appoint deputies, clerks and judges, and by himself and deputies to administer all the necessary oaths and perform all other duties that are now made the duty of Sheriffs or other officers holding similar elections, and it shall be the duty of such persons so appointed, together with their deputies, after giving fifteen days notice, to open the polls and hold an election in each civil district in said county, for district and county officers, and the officers so elected shall hold their offices until the next regular election for the different officers so elected takes place in other counties.

SECTION 10. That it shall be the duty of the above named Commissioners, so soon as convenient after the full and complete organization of the said county of Chester, to select and put in nomination two or more suitable locations for the seat of justice of the said county of Chester, having due regard to health and convenience of a majority of the citizens of said county, neither of which places shall be more than three and a half miles from the supposed or probable center of said county of Chester, which places shall be voted for by the legal voters of said county of Chester, and the site nominated receiving the highest number of votes shall be, and is hereby declared to be the seat of justice of said county of Chester.

SECTION 11. That it shall be the further duty of said Commissioners to superintend the erection of such public buildings as the County Courts of said county may direct to be built, and shall let the same out publicly, and shall take bond with good and sufficient security, payable to themselves and their successors in office, conditioned for the faithful performance of his or their contracts. The proceeds of all donations, lands, town lots, or other gifts that may be made in consideration of the location of the seat of justice for the said county of Chester, or otherwise shall be a fund in their hands to pay the necessary expenses in organizing said county and paying for the erection of public buildings ordered to be built by the County Court, and should any surplus remain in their hands, it shall be their duty to pay over the same to the Trustee of the county, to be accounted for by him as other county money in his hands.

SECTION 12. That said Commissioners of Chester county be, and they are hereby authorized to exercise all powers and privileges conferred on them by this Act, and any and all other powers not in violation of the Constitution of the State that may be necessary and proper for the complete and setting up and organization of said county of Chester.

SECTION 13. That the citizens of Chester county in all elections for Governor, Members of the General Assembly, Representatives in Congress and Electors for President and Vice President, shall vote with the counties from which they have been respectively stricken off, until the next apportionment agreeable to the provisions of the fifth section of the Tenth Article of the Constitution of the State.

SECTION 14. That the fractions composing the said county of Chester shall be liable for their pro rata of the debts contracted and owing by the counties from which they were taken, and shall also receive their proportion of any stock or credits belonging to said old counties.

SECTION 15. That an Act passed March 19, 1875, entitled, "An Act to create a new county off of Madison, Henderson, McNairy, and Hardeman counties, in the State of Tennessee," and all other Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 16. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 1, 1879.

Change of Boundary Lines

Public Acts of 1893 Chapter 81

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Henderson and Chester be so changed 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 Mt. 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.

Public Acts of 1972 Chapter 738

COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. That portion of the tract of land of Howard Bailey and wife, Fran Bailey, now situated in Henderson County and hereunder described, is removed from Henderson County into the 2nd Civil District of Chester County, and the county line between Henderson County and Chester County at this place shall hereafter run with the boundaries of that tract so as to exclude those lands from Henderson County and include the same in the 2nd Civil District of Chester County. The tract of land is generally bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning in the road with red oak pointers; thence west 90 poles to the corner, with gum and poplar pointers; thence south 57 poles to the road near a spring, with beech and white oak pointers; thence northeast with the road to the fork of the road; thence east with the right-hand road 16 poles to the beginning corner, bounded on the following lands:

On the north by the lands of S. E. Johnson

On the east by the Brantley's lands

On the south by Mrs. W. E. Riles' lands

On the west by the Thompson land;

containing 20 acres more or less."

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

Passed: April 7, 1972.

Public Acts of 1973 Chapter 149

COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. Bobby C. Mullins and wife, Nelda M. Mullins; and Gilbert W. Hutcherson and wife, Lily Hutcherson; and Edward R. Felton and wife, Janet E. Felton own the hereinafter described tract of land containing ninety-seven and one half (97 ½) acres located and situate in the 10th Civil District of McNairy County, Tennessee, and that this tract of land hereunder described is removed from McNairy County and placed into Chester County, and the county line between McNairy County and Chester County at this place shall hereinafter run with the boundaries of said tract so as to exclude the said lands from McNairy County and include the same in Chester County. The tract of land is generally bounded and described as follows:

Situate in Civil District No. 10 of McNairy County, Tennessee, described as follows:

BEGINNING at a bridge on the Finger and Sweet Lips Road; running North 6 degrees West 92 poles with a ditch; thence North 17 ½ degrees West 36 poles with ditch; thence North 37 ½ degrees West 34 poles with ditch; thence North 18 degrees West 23 poles with ditch; thence North 18 poles to a maple tree; thence North 30 degrees West with the creek 6 poles to a white oak or stake in the center of creek; thence South 62 ½ degrees West 14 poles with ditch; thence North 60 degrees West 6 poles; thence West 77 poles to a stake, a corner of I. B. Starks; thence South 16 poles to a stake with Starks; thence South 21 degrees East 186 feet to a black oak, white oak and post oak

pointers; thence East 78 poles to the BEGINNING, containing ninety-seven and one half (97 ½) acres, more or less.

Being the same property presently occupied by Bobby C. Mullins and wife, Nelda M. Mullins; and Gilbert W. Hutcherson and wife, Lily Hutcherson; and Edward R. Felton and wife, Janet E. Felton, and found of record in Deed Book 62, Pages 22 and 23, Register's Office for McNairy County, Tennessee.

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

Passed: April 30, 1973.

Public Acts of 1974 Chapter 501

COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The boundary between McNairy county and Chester county is hereby changed where such boundary line meets the West line of the property of Clarence E. Bullman and wife, Annie Lee G. Bullman as follows: Same South along the West boundary of property to corner, then going East along South property line to corner, then going North along East property line to present Chester-McNairy county line, putting all property of Clarence E. Bullman and wife, Annie Lee G. Bullman in Chester county. The land affected by such change so as to be placed entirely in Chester county is generally bounded and described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1

Parcel One: In the old 16th Civil District of McNairy County, Tennessee. BEGINS at a stake with gum pointers at the south west corner on the Gateley land, runs south 85 degrees east 64 poles to a stake with oak pointers in the Hopewell road, then north 50 degrees east 20 poles to a stake in the road, then north 52½ poles to a stake with post oak pointer on Gateley's line, then west 94 poles to the beginning corner. Containing 2-3/4 acres more or less. This is the same property which Elvie Gateley bought from U. N. Bullman as shown by deed of record on January 10, 1945 in Register's Office of McNairy County, Tennessee in Book 36, Page 6.

Parcel Two: In the 3rd Civil District of Chester County, Tennessee. BEGINNING at a post oak and 2 black oak pointers; thence west 36 poles to a stake with 2 post oak pointers; thence south 20 poles to a stake with post oak and black oak pointers (Black jack pointers); thence west 72 poles to a stake post and hickory pointers; thence south 10 poles to a stake with black oak and post oak pointers; thence west 125 poles to a black oak and 2 post oak pointers; thence south 64 poles to a black oak and post oak pointers; thence east 55 poles to a stake with black and black jack pointers; thence south 97 poles to a gum with post oak pointers; thence east 94 poles to a stake with black jack pointers; thence south 12 poles to a stake with black jack pointers; thence east 68 poles to a hickory with black jack pointers, the south west corner of Rolla Anderson tract; thence north 108 poles to a stake in the same; thence north 10 degrees East 29 poles to a stake with black jack and post oak pointers in the mouth of the lane; thence east 2 poles to a stake with black jack and chestnut pointers; thence north 30 degrees east to a stake with black jack pointers; thence north 50 degrees west 76 poles to the beginning containing by estimation 240 acres, be the same more or less. This is the same property which Elvie Gateley bought from C. M. Gateley as shown by deed of record in Register's Office, Chester County, Tennessee in Book 38, Page 236.

Parcel Three: In the 3rd Civil District of Chester County, Tennessee. BEGINNING at a point on the Sweetlips-Enville Road, same being the beginning corner of the calls on the D. E. Gateley farm, his most northwest corner, runs thence with the meanders of the present Sweetlips-Enville Road, approximately 71 poles to a point where the road strikes the present north boundary line, which point is approximately 4 poles from a rock and post oak pointer which marks the northeast corner of the present D. E. Gateley farm; thence north and west with the north boundary line of the D. E. Gateley farm approximately 76 poles to the point of beginning. This is the same property which D. E. Gateley and wife, Sue Nelle Gateley bought from W. P. Gateley and wife, Esther Gateley as shown by deed of record in Register's Office, Chester County, Tennessee, in Book 46, Page 432.

TRACT NO. 2

Beginning at a stake, runs north 70 poles to a stake on Homer Young line, then North 77½ degrees West 88 poles to a stake in-- --in old Purdy and Lexington road, then south 15 degrees West 23 poles to ditch, then south 76½ degrees East 33 poles to a stake in ditch, then South 42 poles to a stake, then East 29 poles to a stake, then South 50 poles to a stake, then East 4 poles to a stake, then South 61 poles to a ditch, then East 77 poles to a stake, then North 100 poles to a stake, then west 49 poles to the beginning,

containing 83 acres, more or less.

The other consideration is to reimburse our son Clarence Bullman in the payment to the Federal Land Bank of which they hold deed of trust, he-Clarence Bullman is to take care of same and allow us to live on the farm our lifetime. If we should have other property such as personal property at our death he is the heir to such belongings.

COMPILER'S NOTE: The second paragraph describing Tract No. 2 is reprinted as it appeared in the original act.

TRACT NO. 3

In the old 16th Civil District of McNairy County, Tennessee. BEGINS at the South West corner of the Lish Gateley land runs West 77 poles to a stake, then south 26 poles to a stake with post oak pointer. Then East 128 poles to a stake in the Hopewell Road, then North 35 degrees East 17 poles in the road, then North 85 degrees West 64 poles to the beginning corner containing 20 acres more or less.

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

Passed: March 6, 1974.

Public Acts of 1975 Chapter 141

COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The line between the counties of Chester and McNairy be, and the same is, hereby changed by detaching from the county of McNairy and attaching to the county of Chester all of the hereinafter described territory:

Five tracts or parcels of land now lying in close proximity to the Chester and McNairy County line, and more particularly described as follows:

The Pugh Property, to wit:

Beginning on an iron pin, the original southeast corner of Mrs. Pearl Anderson's tract and the original southeast corner of the 17-34/100 acre tract of which this is a part; runs thence west with the north line of E. E. Brooks 94-6/100 poles to a stake in the center of the Milledgeville-Center Point gravel road; runs thence north with the center thereof 318 feet to the southern margin of an intersecting gravel road that runs in a northeastern direction through the bottom land of the northernmost part of said 17-34/100 acre tract, runs thence in an eastern direction to the original eastern line of said 17-34/100 acre tract, at a point 14.51 poles south of the original northeast corner of said 17-34/100 acre tract in the western line of Freeman and at the southeast corner of a parcel thereof, runs thence south with the western line of the said Freeman 14.51 poles to the place beginning, this being a part and a parcel and the southernmost part of a tract of real estate conveyed on August 17, 1927, by C. A. Anderson and wife, Pearl Anderson, by deed recorded in Deed Book 34, page 107, Register's Office of Chester County, Tennessee.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at a stake in the center of the Milledgeville Center Point Gravel road at the original northwest corner of the tract of land of which this is a part; red oak and white oak pointers; runs thence east with the southern line of Mrs. Pearl Anderson 92-4/100ths poles to a stake; runs thence south with the western line of Freeman 14.51 poles to a stake; runs thence west to a stake in the center of said Milledgeville-Center Point gravel road passing just south and with the south margin of an intersecting gravel road that runs in a northeastern direction through the bottom land of this tract; runs thence north with the center of said Milledgeville-Center Point Gravel Road 211 feet to the place of beginning, including and excluding about ½ acre, conveyed to Willie D. Davis, this being the northernmost part and a parcel of a tract of real estate conveyed on August 17, 1927, by C. A. Anderson and wife, Pearl Anderson, by deed recorded in Deed Book 34, page 107, Register's Office of Chester County, Tennessee.

The Bethune property, to wit:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at a point in the center of the Milledgeville-Center Point gravel road at the northwest corner of Willie Davis; runs thence with the center of a small ditch north 87 degrees and 40 minutes east 1521 feet to a stake on the south side of a short gravel road in an old wire fence, the northeast corner of Howard Pugh and in the west boundary line of C. R. Freeman, gum pointers; runs thence with the west boundary line of Freeman and with an old fence north 3 degrees and 40 minutes west crossing said short gravel road at 64 feet, in all 418 feet to a stake in a small branch, 2 gums and 1 ash pointers, the northwest corner of C. R. Freeman; runs thence

with the north boundary line of Freeman and an old fence and ditch north 76 degrees and 40 minutes east 750 feet to the mouth of a new ditch; thence north 89 degrees east 664 feet to a stake at an old snag, sweet gum pointers, the southwest corner of V. C. Pugh in the north boundary line of C. R. Freeman; runs thence with the west boundary line of Pugh north 0 degrees and 25 minutes east 1300 feet to a stake in the center of Middleton's canal; thence with the center of said canal north 43 degrees and 20 minutes west 245 feet to a stake in the center of said canal the southeast corner of Albert Blackstock, gum and poplar pointers; thence with an old creek run and its meanders south 55 degrees and 10 minutes west 146 feet; south 44 degrees and 20 minutes west 134 feet; south 43 degrees and 20 minutes west 350 feet; south 85 degrees west 380 feet; north 29 degrees east 87 feet; north 58 degrees and 10 minutes east 157 feet; north 44 degrees and 50 minutes east 117 feet; north 1 degree and 12 minutes west 82 feet; north 84 degrees and 48 minutes west 160 feet; north 4 degrees and 55 minutes west 31 feet; north 23 degrees and 52 minutes east 78 feet; north 33 degrees west 82 feet; north 80 degrees and 10 minutes west 323 feet to a stake in the center of an old creek run near the mouth of a small ditch; thence with said ditch south 89 degrees and 40 minutes west 210 feet to a stake in an old hedge row; thence with said hedge row south 86 degrees west 255 feet; thence with a turn row north 81 degrees and 15 minutes west 1188 feet to a stake in a large ditch with willow pointers near the corners of Albert Blackstock and Gordon Mitchell; thence with the center of a large ditch and with its meanderings north 55 degrees east 63 feet; south 61 degrees and 30 minutes west 800 feet to a stake in the center of a ditch and the center of a bridge over the old Milledgeville-Center Point Road, an inside corner of Mrs. Emma Harwell; thence with the center of the Old Milledgeville-Center Point gravel road south 26 degrees and 30 minutes east 1285 feet; south 16 degrees and 20 minutes east 140 feet; south 9 degrees and 34 minutes east 600 feet; south 3 degrees and 24 minutes east 184 feet to the place of beginning, containing 137 ½ acres, be the same more or less.

The Davis property, to wit:

Beginning in the center of the Milledgeville and Center Point road and on the south side of a road running from the above road to the Cagle place east of said road, thence east 3.6 chains with the south side of the Cagle Road to a stake, thence north .65 chains to a stake, thence west 3.6 chains to a stake in the center of said Milledgeville and Center Point road, thence south 1.65 chains with said Milledgeville and Center Point road to the beginning, and containing .59 acre more or less.

and the Brooks property, to wit:

Beginning at a stake it being a corner of the Isaac Crowder old place. Stake and post oak pointers thence runs east 184 ½ poles to a rock, it being A. T. Johnson corner, thence north with said A. T. Johnson and V. T. Cagle line 75 poles to the C. A. Anderson land, thence west with said Anderson line 108 poles to a stake, thence south 33 poles to a post oak, thence west 34 poles to a stake thence north 30 poles to a stake and hickory pointers, thence west 48 poles to a stake, thence south 72 poles to the beginning, containing by estimation, 73 acres or the same more or less.

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

Passed: May 5, 1975.

Public Acts of 1977 Chapter 308

COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The boundary line between McNairy County and Chester County is changed so as to place certain lands of Billy N. Latham and his wife, Shelia Ann Latham, now located in the 17th Civil District of McNairy County in the 12th Civil District of Chester County. The boundary line shall be changed to include entirely within Chester County the following tract:

BEGINNING on a stake on north side of old roadway Hickory-post oak pointers, this point being the southwest corner of Essary tract and in north boundary line of Roger Whitten tract; runs thence with Whitten and Holmes north boundary line north 89 degrees 15 minutes west 2028.00 feet to point in center of Friendship blacktop road; thence point being the northwest corner of Holmes tract; runs thence with center blacktop road as follows: North 17 degrees 20 minutes west 195.00 feet; north 29 degrees 34 minutes west 275.00 feet; north 44 degrees 34 minutes west 100.00 feet to a point in center blacktop road, this point being in the center of the intersection of gravel road with blacktop road; runs thence with center of gravel road as follows: North 81 degrees 17 minutes east 100.00 feet; north 54 degrees 15 minutes east 200.00 feet; north 60 degrees 00 minutes east

68.40 feet; north 73 degrees 52 minutes east 100.00 feet; north 86 degrees 58 minutes east 340.00 feet to point in center of gravel road; runs then east 1535.00 feet to stake, white oak, sweet gum [sic], black gum pointers in west boundary line of Essary tract, this point being the southeast corner of Amo Smith tract; runs thence with west boundary line of Essary tract south 736.00 feet to point of beginning, containing 34.00 acres more or less, excluding 25 feet in width for road right-of-way.

Being a portion of the same property conveyed to Charles E. Whitten and wife, Shirley W. Whitten, by deed from Pauline S. Jordan and Jo Virginia Harvey, dated the 2nd day of August, 1972, and of record in Deed Book 58, Page 209 in the Register's Office of Chester County, Tennessee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: May 11, 1977.

Public Acts of 1977 Chapter 309

COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The boundary between McNairy County and Chester County is changed by detaching from the 17th Civil District of McNairy County and attaching to the 12th Civil District of Chester County certain lands belonging to Roy R. Whitten and his wife, Carol Dee Whitten, so that these lands will be located entirely within Chester County. The lands to be included within Chester County consist of five (5) tracts described as follows:

TRACT 1: Located partly in the Second (Old 17th) Civil District of McNairy County, Tennessee, and partly in the twelfth Civil District of Chester County, Tennessee. BEGINNING at a rock an interior corner of the Brown tract of land; runs thence east 184 poles with Brown, Ferguson and McKenzie to a stake, small hickory pointer, a southwest corner of Gaddy; thence north with the west boundary line of Gaddy, crossing a County gravel road at 89 poles, in all 143 poles to a stake and black oak pointer in the south boundary line of Davidson; thence west with Davidson and Smith, crossing the said County gravel road at 45.5 poles, in all, 184 poles to a stake, the northeast corner of Holmes; thence south 143 poles with Holmes and Brown to the point of beginning, containing 164 acres, more or less.

TRACT 2: Located in the Second (Old 17th) Civil District, McNairy County, Tennessee. BEGINNING at a stake at the northeast corner of this tract; runs thence west 143 poles to a stake; thence south 54 poles to a stake with 3 black jack pointers; thence east 46 poles to a post oak and 2 Spanish oak pointers; thence south 30 poles to a stake and 3 post oak pointers; thence east 97 poles to a stake and 3 black jack pointers; thence north 84 poles to point of beginning, containing 61 acres, more or less, known as the J. F. Bray tract.

TRACT 3: Located in the Second (Old 17th) Civil District, McNairy County, Tennessee. BEGINNING at a point 88 poles west and 4 poles south of the mile tree that stands at the west corner of Range 4; runs thence west 113 poles to a stake; thence south 140 poles to a stake with oak pointers; thence east 113 poles to a black jack; thence north 140 poles to the point of beginning, containing 99 acres, more or less, known as the Spencer tract.

TRACT 4: Located in the Second (Old 17th) Civil District, McNairy County, Tennessee. BEING a triangular strip of land containing by estimation 2 acres, be the same more or less, being the northwest corner of a tract of land conveyed to J. A. McKenzie by J. E. Holdges and wife, Vina Holdges, by a deed of record in Deed Book 33, page 454, Register's Office of McNairy County, Tennessee, to which reference is made. The two acres, more or less, herein and herewith conveyed is set apart from the main body of land conveyed by the above mentioned deed by a dirt road. Said triangular tract of land is bounded on the north by the Second Tract of land above described known as the Bray tract; on the west by the Third tract of land above described known as the Spencer tract; and the same is bounded on its other side by said dirt road.

TRACT 5: Located in the Second (Old 17th) Civil District, McNairy County, Tennessee, BEGINNING at a stake, the north corner of the Spencer tract (the Third tract above described;) runs thence west 114 poles to a hickory and post oak pointers; thence south 140 poles to a stake, black jack and chestnut pointers; thence east 114 poles to a stake, the southwest corner of the above mentioned Spencer tract; thence north 140 poles to the place of beginning, containing 100 acres, more or less.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: May 11, 1977.

Public Acts of 1977 Chapter 310

COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The boundary between McNairy County and Chester County is changed by detaching from the 17th Civil District of McNairy County and attaching to the 12th Civil District of Chester County certain lands belonging to Amo Smith and his wife, Elsie Smith, so that these lands will be located entirely within Chester County. The lands to be included within Chester County consist of a tract of land described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake at the I. W. Weaver tract of land and runs thence south 126 poles to a stake, two black oak pointers; thence east 162 poles to a stake with spanish oak pointers; thence north 126 poles to a stake, with black oak and hickory pointers, I. W. Weaver's corner; thence west 167 poles to the point of beginning, containing 131 ½ acres, be the same more or less, and being the same property conveyed to Pridy Smith and wife, and Amo Smith and wife, by Willis Gibson and wife, by Warranty Deed of record in the Register's Office of Chester County, Tennessee, in Deed Book No. 44, Page 234, to which reference is here made.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: May 11, 1977.

Public Acts of 1977 Chapter 311

COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The boundary between McNairy County and Chester County is changed by detaching from the 10th Civil District of McNairy County and attaching to the 3rd Civil District of Chester County certain lands belonging to R. A. Talley, Jr., Dossie Talley, and Eugene Morris so that these lands will be located entirely within Chester County. The lands to be included within Chester County consist of three (3) tracts described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: BEGINNING at a stake, the northwest corner of the A. G. Bishop land in the east boundary line of Davis; run thence east with said Bishop north line 96 poles to a stake; thence north 5° east 84 poles to a stake in the west boundary line of Bishop, the southeast corner of Howell; thence west with Howell and Plunk 102 poles to a stake; thence south with Plunk and Davis 84 poles to the beginning, containing 51 acres, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: BEGINNING about 28 rods north of the northeast corner of tract number 1 and the northwest corner of the Bishop land; run thence south 87° east with Bishop's north line 193 poles to a stake in the west boundary line of Kelley, large black oak pointer; thence north 16 rods to a stake, the southeast corner of Shelton; thence north 87° west with Shelton's south line 63 ½ rods to a stake in the east margin of the Talley Store Road, large post oak pointer; thence north 85° west with Shelton, 40 rods to a stake and red oak pointer, this particular point is the southeast corner of Robertson place, as agreed by Robertson and Shelton; then north 78° west with Robertson 26 ½ rods, red oak and maple pointers, thence north 44° west 33 rods to a stake, black gum pointer; thence north 30° east 21 rods to a stake in the south margin of Talley Store Road; thence in a western direction with said road as follows: thence north 75° west 8 rods; thence north 61° west 40 rods to a stake in the west margin at the intersection of the Sanford-Talley Store Road; thence south 10° west with the west margin of said Sanford Road 56 rods to a stake; thence south 25 rods to the beginning, containing 37 acres more or less. Surveyed by Lester Cox, County Surveyor of McNairy County, Tennessee on December 8, 1952.

These are the identical two tracts of land coveyed [sic] to Dr. Ralph R. Braund and wife, Nancy Butler Braund by Ike A. Stone and wife, Grace Stone, on December 8, 1952, by Deed of General Warranty recorded in the Register's Office of Chester County, Tennessee, in Deed Book 47, Page 456.

THIRD TRACT: BEGINNING at an iron stake with post oak pointer, the most northern northwest corner of Scott; thence south 47 rods to an iron stake; thence west 56 rods to an iron stake; thence south 14 rods to a stake; thence west 26 rods to a stake; thence south 15° west 49 rods to a ditch; thence north 76° west 8 rods; thence on west 30 rods with ditch to center of Tar Creek

Canal; thence down said canal north 38° west 71 rods to the mouth of the Hutcherson ditch; thence south 58° west 12 rods with said ditch to a stake, a southeast corner of Davis; thence north 5° and 30' west 51 rods with Davis to a stake, maple pointer; thence west 5.3 rods to a stake on top of a bluff, Spanish oak pointer; thence north 54 rods to a stake, the southwest corner of the Stone land; thence east 96 rods to a stake, a southeast corner of Stone; thence north 5° east 86 rods with Stone in all 114 rods to the Sanford Road and the east boundary line of Howell, the southwest corner of tract number 2 of the Stone land; thence south 87° east 193 rods with the south boundary line of Stone to a stake in the west boundary line of Kelley, large black oak pointer; thence south 4° east 110 rods to a stake, thence south 43 rods to a stake, a northeast corner of Scott; thence west with Scott's north line 111.5 rods to the beginning, containing by estimation 313 acres, more or less. A county public road runs east and west through the farm.

This is the identical tract of real estate conveyed to R. R. Braund and wife, Nancy Butler Braund, by Minnie Tedford Bishop and husband, A. G. Bishop, on December 16, 1952, by Deed of General Warranty recorded in the Register's Office of Chester County, Tennessee, in Deed Book 47, Page 458.

There is included in the first and second tracts above described and excluded from this conveyance 1.25 acres conveyed to W. Fred Chafin by R. R. Braund and wife, Evelyn Braund, on or about June 21, 1973, by Deed of General Warranty recorded in the Register's Office of Chester County, Tennessee, in Deed Book 61, Page 375, being more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

EXCLUSION: BEGINNING on an iron stake in the east boundary line of Dr. Braund's Ike Stone tract number 1 and being 31 feet south of the northeast corner of the Stone tract; run thence with old fence and the east boundary line of Stone tract south 1° and 35' east 455 feet to a stake in the corner of old fence; run thence with a new line and garden fence south 89° and 14' west, 121 feet to a stake in the garden fence; run thence north 1° and 35' west 455 feet to an iron stake; run thence north 89° and 14' east 121 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.25 acres, be the same, more or less. This description was taken from a survey made by Charles W. Stumph, Sr., R.L.S., No. 128, dated April 9, 1973.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: May 11, 1977.

Public Acts of 1977 Chapter 312

COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The boundary between McNairy County and Chester County is changed by detaching from the 17th Civil District of McNairy County and attaching to the 12th Civil District of Chester County certain lands belonging to Kenneth Essary, so that these lands will be located entirely within Chester County. The lands to be included within Chester County consist of two (2) tracts described as follows:

Tract No. 1.

Beginning at a stake, black jack, post oak pointers on the northeast corner of the H. H. Davidson land, at a point 22 poles west of the northwest corner of Entry No. 2487 in the name of Wm. S. Wisdom; runs thence south 276 poles to a red oak and white oak pointers, being the southeast corner of Monroe Smith land and the southwest corner of the tract herein described; runs thence east 142 poles to a stake at the southwest corner of the Ral Deaton land; runs thence north 292 poles to the southeast corner of the Sol Colston tract of land; runs thence west 51 poles to a stake; thence south 16 poles to a stake, thence west 91 poles to the point of beginning, containing 250 acres, be the same more or less, but subject to legal highways.

Being the same land conveyed to M. V. Davidson by deed from W. B. Maness et al, dated 3/19/01, of record in Volume 7, page 479; and by deed from John Clayton et al, dated 4/1/10 of record in Volume 7, page 481; in the Register's office of McNairy County, Tennessee. And by deed from W. B. Maness et al, dated 9/29/09, recorded in Vol. 7, Page 477, McNairy County, Tenn.

Tract No. 2.

Lying and being in McNairy County, State of Tennessee, and bounded as follows: in the 17th District beginning at a stake in the Bolivar road at Sol Colston's northeast corner, runs south 15 poles to a stake, then north 85 degrees east 137 poles to a stake black oak pointers; then north 35 poles to a stake on McKenzie line, then west 74 poles to a stake then north 45 degrees west 88

poles to a stake; then north 70 degrees west 40 poles to a stake with black jack and cherry pointers; then south 51 poles to a big pine; then south 18 degrees east 58 poles to a stake in the old Bolivar road; then east 14 poles to the beginning containing by estimation 66.45 acres more or less, but subject to legal highways.

Being the same land conveyed to M.V. Davidson by deed from H. L. Clayton and wife, dated 11/27/28 of record in Volume 21, page 555 in the Register's office of McNairy County, Tennessee. And by deed from E. T. Griswell et al, dated, Nov. , 1914, recorded in Vol. 13, page 233, McNairy County, Tenn.

COMPILER'S NOTE: The blank date in the immediately preceding paragraph appears in the original act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: May 11, 1977

Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Public Acts of 1875, Chapter 68, provided for the creation of Wisdom County out of fractions of land taken from Madison, Henderson, McNairy and Hardeman Counties. This act was repealed by Public Acts of 1879, Chapter 42, which created Chester County.
2. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 41, changed the line between Chester and Hardeman Counties to place the lands of Jesse Scoggins and W. A. Naylor in Hardeman County.
3. Public Acts of 1885, Chapter 109, changed the line between the counties of Hardeman and Chester to place the lands of Jeremiah Hooper, William Howell, R. C. Howell and Jasper Shelton in Hardeman County.
4. Public Acts of 1885, Chapter 131, changed the line between McNairy and Chester Counties to place the lands of S. D. Anderson in Chester County.
5. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 54, changed the line between Chester and Hardeman Counties to place the lands of Vincent King, S. B. White, J. N. Wilson, Solomon Wilson, Eliza Glidewell and James Glidewell in Hardeman County.
6. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 59, changed the line between McNairy and Chester Counties to place the lands of C. C. Jones and J. S. Ball in Chester County.
7. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 142, changed the line between McNairy and Chester Counties to place the farms of J. Short and Ben Smith in Chester County.
8. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 143, changed the line between Hardin and Chester Counties to place the lands of Neil Shelton in Chester County.
9. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 252, is almost identical to Private Acts 1889, Chapter 142, changing the line between McNairy and Chester Counties to place the lands of J. Short and Ben Smith in Chester County.
10. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 255, is almost identical to Private Acts of 1889, Chapter 143, changing the line between Hardin and Chester County to place the lands of Neil Shelton in Chester County.
11. Public Acts of 1891, Chapter 151, changed the boundary between Hardin and Chester Counties to place all the lands of J. P. Bradley in Chester County.
12. Public Acts of 1893, Chapter 30, changed the line between Chester and Hardeman Counties to place the lands of Albert T. McNeil in Hardeman County.
13. Acts of 1903, Chapter 266, changed the line between Chester and McNairy Counties to place the lands and residences of Tom Sipes, Charles Tull, James Tull and James Jeans in Chester County.
14. Acts of 1903, Chapter 369, appears to have been intended to repeal Acts of 1903, Chapter 266, leaving the properties of Tom Sipes, Charles Tull, James Tull and James Jean in McNairy County. However, this act made reference to the earlier act only by its caption and the date it was passed, and there appears to have been no such act passed on the date referenced.
15. Acts of 1905, Chapter 161, changed the line between Henderson and Chester Counties to place the lands of W. M. Jones and C. P. Jones in Chester County.
16. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 311, changed the line between Chester and Hardin Counties to include all the lands of Mrs. Pearl Anderson in Chester County.

17. Private Acts of 1939, Chapter 364, changed the line between Chester and McNairy Counties to place the lands of J. C. Kent in Chester County.
18. Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 611, changed the line between Chester and McNairy Counties to place the farm of Mrs. J. A. Parker and Mrs. H. B. O'Neal in Chester County.

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