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## Chapter IV - Boundaries

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## Chapter IV - Boundaries

### Creation of the County

#### Acts of 1849-50 Chapter 61

**SECTION 1.** That a new County be and the same is hereby established, to be composed of fractions taken from the counties of Grainger, Claiborne, Campbell, Anderson and Knox, and to be known and designated by the name of Union County.

**SECTION. 2.** That the county of Union, shall be bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a sweet gum, in the Knox county line, at the end of Clinch mountain, and four chains south of the Nance's ferry road; thence running north thirty-eight, east one mile, and thirty-four poles, to the top of a chain of Clinch mountain; thence north, twenty-five east, one mile and forty-two poles, to the top of a spur, of said mountain; thence north six west, three quarters of a mile, crossing the main range of Clinch mountain; thence north forty-five east, along the side of the mountain one mile, to a white oak on the top of a spur, leading down the mountain opposite Wm. Donehue's; thence north, crossing Flat creek two miles and twenty poles, to a beech on the bank of Dyer's branch; thence north ten west, two hundred and twenty poles, to the top of the Copper ridge; thence north one mile and three quarters, to the top of the Log mountains; thence north twentyfive, east one hundred and ninety-two poles to a sugar tree near John Bullard's; thence north eighty, east one hundred poles to a stake, near John Wolfenbarger's house; thence north eighteen, east five miles and eight poles to Clinch river, three quarters of a mile above Capp's ford; thence down the south bank of said river, as it meanders, five miles and a quarter, to a large double sycamore, below Dodson's island; thence north twenty-five, west, crossing Clinch river, one hundred and eighty-two poles, to a white oak, four poles north of the Big Valley road; thence north thirty-five, west five miles, to Powel's river, at a Spanish oak, forty poles below the mouth of Camp creek; thence down the south bank of Powel's river, as it meanders, twenty-nine miles and a quarter, to a walnut, at Thomas's ford; thence south ten east, four miles and a quarter, to Clinch river, eight poles above a large spring; thence crossing said river the same course, twenty poles, to a beech on the south bank of said river; thence down said river, as it meanders, two miles, to the line of Henderson & Co.'s survey, about two miles above the mouth of Powel's river; thence with the line of Henderson & Co., south forty-five, east a half mile, to a white oak in said line; thence south, thirty-eight east, four miles and one hundred and ten poles, to Byram's fork, on Hynes's creek, four poles above a large white oak; thence south fifty west, one hundred and forty poles, to a stake, in Charles Mitchell's field; thence south twenty-eight east, two miles and one half, to the Knox county line, on top of the Chestnut or Hynd's ridge; thence along the top of said ridge, with the Knox county line, two hundred and thirty poles, to a road crossing from Martin Gentry's to Knoxville; thence south thirty-five east, two miles, crossing Raccoon Valley road and Bull-run creek, to a stake, near Marvil Hill's house; thence south seventy-five east, four miles and twenty poles, to a white oak, east of Gorden Mynatt's; thence north seventy-eight east, two miles and fourteen poles, to an ash, in J. Gibb's field; thence south eighty-one east, four miles and three hundred and ten poles, to the top of House mountain; thence with the extreme height of said mountain, to the east end of the same; thence north fifteen east, four miles and twenty poles, to the Knox county line at Nelson Mynatt's; thence with said line to the beginning.

**SECTION. 3.** That for the purpose of organizing the county of Union, William T. Carden, John F. Huddleston, Ezre Buckner and Wm. Colvin, of the county of Grainger; Malcijah Nash, J. G. Palmer and John Sharpe, of Claiborne county; Isaac C. Dyer, Meril Hill and Hazell Hill, of Campbell county; James W. Turner, Allen McCoy and A. L. Carden, of the county of Anderson and Henry Graves and Henry G. Roverts, of the county of Knox, shall be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, who shall take an oath before some justice of the peace, faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties enjoined on them in this act, and in all cases of vacancy that may occur among said commissioners, previous to the organization of the county courts of Union county, the same shall be filled by the other commissioners; and all vacancies occurring after said organization, shall be filled by the county courts of Union county; the said commissioners, shall enter into bond and security, to be approved of by the county court of Union county, and payable to the chairman thereof, in the sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their several duties; a majority of said commissioners, shall constitute a board, competent to do all things herein enjoined on them; they shall keep a regular record of all their proceedings, as commissioners, which shall be returned to the county court of Union county, at its first session, and the same shall be recorded by the clerk thereof, on the records of said court, and they shall make such other returns after the organization of said court, as shall be directed thereby.

**SEC.TION 4.** That it shall be the duty of said commissioners, first giving thirty days notice in two public

places, or more, of the time and place to open and hold an election at one place, in each of the fractions proposed to be stricken off from the counties of Grainger, Campbell, Anderson, Knox and Claiborne, for the purpose of ascertaining whether a majority of the voters residing in those fractions, are in favor of, or opposed to the establishment of the county of Union, and all persons qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly, who have resided in the fractions proposed to be so stricken off, six months, immediately preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote, and each voter, who desires to vote for the establishment of the new county, shall have on his ticket, the words, "new county," and those voting against the new county, shall have on their tickets, the words, "old county," and if, upon counting all the ballots, the judges of the several elections, shall return that a majority of each of the fractions, respectively, have voted for the new county, then the county of Union, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be a county, with all the powers, privileges and advantages, and subject to all the liabilities and duties with other counties in the State.

**SECTION. 5.** That if from any cause, elections shall not be held in all or each of the fractions, as before directed, the said commissioners shall proceed, as soon as practicable, to hold said election, so omitted, to be held in the same manner and under the same regulations, as specified in the foregoing section, and in like manner, if the said commissioners shall believe upon investigation, which they are hereby authorized to institute, into the manner of holding the several elections that any improper or fraudulent practices have been permitted, they shall have power, to declare the election, so held in any fraction, to be void, and proceed to hold another election in said fraction, first giving thirty days' notice, as heretofore provided.

**SECTION. 6.** That for the due administration of justice, the different courts, to be holden in the said county of Union, shall be held at John F. Huddleston's, on the waters of Bull run, until the seat of justice shall be located; the county court shall, in the intermediate time, have full power to adjourn the courts to such other place in said county, as they may deem better suited for the holding of the same, and for public convenience; and, to adjourn to the seat of justice, when, in their judgment, the necessary arrangements are made, and all writs and other precepts, issuing from any of said courts, returnable to either place, shall and may be returned to the place to which said court may have been removed, by the county court aforesaid, and the courts for the county of Union, shall be under the same rules, regulations and restrictions, and shall have, hold and exercise, and possess the same powers and jurisdiction, as prescribed for holding courts in other counties; said courts shall be attached to the twelfth judicial circuit; and the circuit court shall be held by the judge of said circuit, on the first Monday in February, June and October, in each and every year, and the citizens of said county, may file bills in chancery, at either of the chancery courts, held at Rutledge, Tazewell or Knoxville, at their election.

**SECTION. 7.** That all officers, civil and military, in said county, shall continue to hold their offices, and exercise all the powers and functions thereof, until others are elected according to law, and the said courts of Union shall elect her officers on the same day and under the same rules, regulations and restrictions, as provided by law, for the elections of officers in the other counties in this State; Provided, That nothing in this act contained, shall deprive the above named counties from having and exercising jurisdiction over the territory composing the county of Union 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 law; Provided also, Nothing herein shall prevent the above named counties, from entering upon judgments, or the sheriffs of said counties from selling under such judgments any lands, within the bounds of the county of Union, for taxes, costs and charges, until the county of Union is organized.

**SECTION. 8.** That the commissioners appointed by this act, shall appoint such person as they may deem of suitable qualifications to open and hold the election for county officers for the said county of Union, and such person, so appointed, shall be and he is hereby invested with full power and authority, to appoint deputies, clerks and judges, and by himself and deputies, to administer all the necessary oaths, and to do and perform all other duties, as by law are required of sheriffs or other officers holding similar elections.

**SECTION. 9.** That citizens of Union county, in all elections for Governor, Representatives in Congress, members of the General Assembly and electors of 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.

**SECTION. 10.** That it shall be the duty of the commissioners aforesaid, as soon as practicable, after the county of Union shall have been established, to select and procure, by purchase or otherwise, a suitable site for the seat of justice, in said county, having due regard to the convenience and wishes of a majority of the citizens of said county, and the said commissioners, having first caused a deed to be made to themselves and successors, with general warranty, to be a sufficient quantity of land, including the site so selected, shall cause a town to be laid off thereon, with as many streets, of such width, as they may deem necessary, reserving a sufficient quantity of land for a public square; said commissioners shall designate and reserve from sale, one lot in said town, for the purpose of erecting a public jail, for said county; said

town, as soon as laid off, shall be known by such name as said commissioners may give it; Provided, The commissioners shall open and hold an election at two or more places in said county, first giving twenty days' notice of the time and place, for the purpose of fixing upon an eligible site for the seat of justice in said county of Union, and should such election be held, all qualified voters for members to the General Assembly, shall be entitled to vote, in selecting said site; should there be two or more places put in nomination and voted for, the place receiving a majority of all the votes taken in shall thereupon be declared by said commissioners, the seat of justice of Union county; Provided, Said commissioners shall have the right to hold elections from time to time, until one place receives a majority of all those voting.

**SECTION. 11.** That the commissioners of said county, shall sell the lots in said town, on a credit of at least twelve months, first giving due notice thereof, in some one or more newspapers, and shall take bond with sufficient security from the purchasers of said lots, payable to themselves and their successors, in office, and shall make title in fee simple as commissioners to the respective purchasers of said lots.

**SECTION. 12.** That the proceeds of the sales of the lots aforesaid, shall be a fund in the hands of said commissioners, for defraying the expense incurred in the purchase of said tract of land, on which the said seat shall be located, and also for defraying the expense of erecting the public building for said county of Union.

**SECTION. 13.** That the commissioners, shall superintend the erection of such public building, as the county court of said county shall order and direct to be built, and shall let the same out, shall take bonds from undertakers, with ample penalties and sufficient securities, payable to themselves and their successors, conditioned for the faithful performance of his or their contracts; that the balance of any of the proceeds, arising from the sales of the lots, herein authorized to be laid off and sold, remaining in the hands of the commissioners, after defraying the expense of purchasing the town site, for the county seat, and the cost of the public building, ordered to be built, by the county court, shall be paid over, by said commissioners, to the trustee of said county of Union, to be held, applied and accounted for, by him, as other county funds.

**SECTION. 14.** That said commissioners shall also appoint five suitable persons, as commissioners, whose duty it shall be, to divide and lay off said county of Union, into civil districts, designate the places of holding elections therein, and do and perform all the duties relative thereto, which, by the laws of the State, such commissioners are authorized or required to do.

**SECTION. 15.** That the county of Union, shall form one regiment, and shall be known and designated as the 162d regiment, and shall be attached to the 4th brigade, the militia officer of officers, highest in command, included in said county of Union, shall, at such time and place, as he or they may determine upon, call all the commissioned officers together, and such of them as shall attend, are hereby authorized and empowered to lay off said county, into battalions and companies, and provide for holding said elections, for the purpose of electing all officers in said regiment, in the manner prescribed by law.

**SECTION. 16.** That should the boundary line of Union county, as designated in the second section of this act, approach nearer to the county seat of either of the old counties, from which the territory constituting the county of Union is taken, than is prescribed by the constitution, it shall be the duty of the commissioners, herein appointed, to appoint some surveyor, who shall rerun and mark such line or lines, so as not to violate the constitutional rights of said old county, and said surveyor, shall make a report, to the county court of Union, which report shall be the recorded by the clerk of said court, and such line, so run, shall be established line of said county.

**SECTION. 17.** That the commissioners of Union county, be and they are hereby authorized to exercise all the powers conferred in this act, and such other powers, as may be necessary and proper, to the complete organization of the said county of Union.

**SECTION. 18.** That before the said county shall be established, said commissioners shall be satisfied from the survey already made, or from actual survey to be made, that said county contains not less than three hundred and fifty square miles, and a population of four hundred and fifty qualified voters, and that said counties of Grainger, Claiborne, Campbell, Anderson and Knox, will not be reduced below their constitutional limits; Provided, The survey provided for by this section, may be dispensed with if there is no opposition to the organization of the county, on an alleged reduction of the county or counties below their constitutional limits, from which the county of Union is stricken.

**SECTION. 19.** That if the new county of Union, shall fail to organize against the first Saturday in March next, and consequently, fail to elect necessary county officers, as prescribed in the seventh section of this act, they shall proceed to elect their county officers on the second Saturday in July next thereafter, under the same rules and regulations as are now prescribed by law, and such officers, so elected, shall hold their offices until the regular time of electing officers in this State, and no longer.

**SECTION. 20.** That the commissioners, herein appointed, in laying off the town, shall reserve as many

lots as they may deem necessary, to be given to the different religious denominations, on which to erect houses of public worship, and said commissioners shall also reserve two lots, upon which to build a male and female academy, of such size as they may think suitable for said purposes.

**SECTION. 21.** That the said commissioners shall keep a fair and regular statement of all the moneys by them received and expended, which statement, when required, shall, from time to time, be laid before the county court, and when all the public buildings are completed, the said commissioners shall, by order of the county court, pay over all surplus money, if there be any, to the county trustee for county purposes, and they shall be allowed, by the county court, a reasonable compensation for their services.

**SECTION. 22.** That the line of Union county, shall not approach the county seat of any old county, nearer than twelve miles, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.  
Passed January 3, 1850.

## Change of Boundary Lines

### Acts of 1851-52 Chapter 22

**SECTION 1.** That the above mentioned act is and that the same be hereby revived and re-enacted and in full force and effect, as if the same had not by its operation become repealed or extinct, with the following additional amendments and alterations.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** The act being revived was Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 61, establishing Union County.

**SEC. 2.** That the boundary line of said county of Union, in and through the fraction taken from Knox County in forming the same, be that run and marked last by the commissioners named in the act this is intended to amend, with such alterations as the commissioners hereinafter appointed may think proper, and the same being legal under said act to make. And that the call for boundary in said act, calling from the top of the Log Mountains, north twenty-five east one hundred ninety-two poles to a sugar tree, near John Beeler's, being the true call.

**SEC. 3.** That in lieu of the commissioners appointed in the act which this is intended to amend, that the following persons be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to the duties that are required of the commissioners heretofore appointed; Isaac, C. Dyer, of Campbell county, William Neadham, of Claiborne county, John Bullard, of Grainger county, Hardin Scaggs, of Knox county, and James Turner, of Anderson county.

**SEC. 4.** That the court house and county town of Union county, be and the same is hereby located, and to be laid off and built under the direction of said commissioners in the Racoon Valley, near Liberty Meeting House in said Valley, on a site offered to be ceded gratuitously of some twenty-three acres, and warranted by the Rev. Mark Munroe and others to said commissioners for the purpose of locating said town. That the same be laid out and built on the most convenient and eligible point of such cession, after the said commissioners taking to themselves and their successors in office added in fee simple, with general warranty from the present owners of such cession, and any other that may be offered by them or by them purchased at or near said site.

**SEC. 5.** That an act passed by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, on the 1st of February, 1850, entitled "an act requiring notice to be given for the formation of new counties," be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as it may conflict with the establishing of Union county, the citizens thereof having petitioned the legislature before the passage of said act.

**SEC. 6.** That if the new county of Union shall fail to organize against the first Saturday in March next, so that she may thereby fail to elect the necessary county officers, that the commissioners herein appointed, or such persons as they may designate, may at any time thereafter, said county may be organized, first giving twenty days' notice at the voting in every district in said county, open and hold elections for all necessary county officers.

**SEC. 7.** That it shall be necessary to open and hold an election in all the different fractions composing the county of Union, to ascertain the assent or dissent.

**SEC. 8.** That the northern boundary line of Union county be changed in the following manner: Leaving Powell's river eighty poles above Fullington's saw-mill; run thence a south west course to the head of a hollow near Thomas Brantly's; leaving said Brantly in Campbell county; thence down said hollow to Powell's river, below Quinton Sweat's, leaving said Sweat in Campbell county.

**SEC. 9.** That said Union county shall be constituted and formed according to the above provisions. Provided, No one of the old counties, from which a fraction is taken, shall be reduced below the number of square miles required by the constitution of the State.

**SEC. 10.** That any sheriff or revenue collectors who have gone out of office, or those now in office from all the counties from which fractions are taken off, for the formation of Union county, shall have two years, from and after the passage of this act, to collect any taxes which are now due and unpaid to said sheriffs, with as full power and authority as though no such county had been formed.

Passed, December 6, 1851.

## Acts of 1853-54 Chapter 2

**SECTION 1.** That section second of an Act to establish the county of Union, passed January the third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, shall be so amended that the boundary line of said county shall be as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a sweet gum in the Knox county line at the end of the Clinch mountain, and four chains south of Nance's Ferry road; thence running north thirty-eight east one mile and thirty-four poles to the top of a chain of Clinch mountain thence north twenty-five east one mile and forty-two poles to the top of a spur of said mountain thence north six west three quarters of a mile, crossing the main range of Clinch mountain thence north forty-five east along the side of the mountain, one mile, to a white oak on the top of a spur leading down the mountain opposite Wm. Donchurs; thence north, crossing Flat creek, two miles and twenty poles, to a beech on the bank of Dyer's branch; thence north ten west two hundred and twenty poles, to the top of Copper ridge; thence north one mile and three quarters, to the top of Lag mountains; thence twenty-five east one hundred and ninety-two poles, to a sugar tree near John Beeler's; thence north eighty east one hundred poles, to a stake near John Woolfinberger's house; thence north eighteen east, five miles and eight poles, to Clinch river, three quarters of a mile above Copp's ford; thence down the south bank of said river, as it meanders, five miles and a quarter, to a large double sycamore below Dodson's island; thence north twenty-five west, crossing Clinch river, one hundred and eighty-two poles, to a white oak, four poles north of the Big Valley road; thence north thirty-five west, five miles, to Powell's river, at a Spanish oak forty poles below the mouth of Camp creek; thence down the meanders of said river to a point twelve miles from Jacksborough, at a spring near John Craig, jr.'s house on Powell's river, as run and marked by A. W. Armstrong; thence with the line as run and marked by said Armstrong, to Clinch river; thence crossing the river in the same direction to the south bank of said river; thence down the meanders of the river, to Henderson & Co's. survey, two miles above the mouth of Powell's river; thence with the line of Henderson & Co. south fortyfive east, half a mile, to a white oak in said line; thence south thirty-eight east, four miles and one hundred and ten poles, to Byron's fork on Hynds' creek, four poles above a large white oak; thence a direct line to the top of the Chestnut or Hynds' ridge, the Knox county line, as run and marked by said Armstrong; thence with the Knox county line on the top of the ridge, to the road crossing from Martin Gentry's to Knoxville; thence south thirty-five east, two miles, crossing Raccoon Valley road and Bull Run creek, to a stake near Marvel Hill's house; thence south seventy-five east, about two miles, to a point where the said Armstrong departed from the line as run and marked by Daniel B. Capps; thence with the line as run and marked by said A. W. Armstrong; thence north seventy-eight east, to the end of Clinch mountain, along a line as run and marked by the Commissioners of Union county, to the Knox county line; thence with said line to the beginning.

**SEC. 2.** That the line herein designated, is hereby declared to be the established line of Union county, and that the commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to proceed at once to organize said county, according to so much of the provisions of the acts to establish Union county as are not inconsistent with this act.

**SEC. 3.** That the Circuit Court of said county, shall be held on the first Mondays after the fourth Mondays of January, May and September, and shall be held at the place specified in the 6th section of an act entitled "an act to establish the county of Union," passed January 3d, 1850; Provided, it shall be lawful for the Judge holding said Court, to hold the same at Liberty Meeting House, if he thinks it best to do so, until a Court house shall be provided at the seat of justice.

Passed Nov. 21, 1853.

## Acts of 1855-56 Chapter 165

**SECTION 1.** That the County line of Union County, designated and established in section one, chapter two, of the act of 1853, be, and the same is hereby, altered as follows:-- Beginning on a poplar marked "D," on the top of Chestnut Ridge, where the line runs by Armstrong intersects the dividing line between Knox and Anderson; then running south fifty-six degrees, east one mile and one hundred and twenty poles to Bull Run Creek; then north three eighths of a mile, passing Levi George's, leaving him in Knox County; then south, forty-five degrees, east to Bull Run Creek; then down the creek to a point where it is intersected by the line running south, fifty-six degrees east; then south seventy degrees, east including Joseph McHaffee, in Union County, one and a half miles to the road leading from C. B. Hansard's to

Knoxville; then north forty-five degrees, east one mile and three-eighths to a stake on the north side of Bull Run Creek, in Parrick George's farm; then north seventy-five degrees, east two miles to a white oak, about forty poles north of David Hawkins', leaving him in Knox County; then south fortyfive degrees east seven-eighths of a mile to a stake on the top of a spur; then south seventy degrees, east three-fourths of a mile to an oak in a field on the top of Copper Ridge; then by the shortest course to the line known as the Big Survey Line; then following the said line to the line of Grainger County, so as to include C. Cox, Edward West, Jacob Mittenberger, and John Cox, but no other person, on the south side of Copper Ridge; then with the line of Grainger County to the line of Union county; and the said County is declared to be organized with the boundary designated in the act of 1853, chapter two, section one, except the alteration herein made.

**SEC. 2.** That the proceedings of the County Court, and the official acts of the several County officers of Union County are hereby declared to be legal and valid, to the same extent as similar proceedings and official acts of the County Courts and County officers of other Counties under previously existing laws.

**SEC. 3.** That the several County officers of said County, and their official securities shall be held liable upon the respective official bonds for official misconduct, or default for all revenues, taxes, or privileges, and for registration of deeds and other moneys in the same manner, and to the same extent, as similar officers in other Counties under existing laws.

**SEC. 4.** That the several Justices of the Peace resident within the limits of Union County, elected and commissioned, as Justices from either of the Counties from which the said County of Union was composed, are hereby declared to be Justices of the Peace for Union County in their respective civil districts, and they shall continue in office as such Justices of said County until the expiration of their respective official commissions, except in cases of removal, resignation, or death; and the present County officers shall hold and exercise the functions of their respective offices until the next regular election, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

**SEC. 5.** That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

**SEC. 6.** This section did not apply to Union County.

Passed: January 23, 1856.

## Acts of 1865-66 Chapter 76

**SEC. 1.** That the County line between the Counties of Union and Knox be so changed as to run as follows: Beginning on a stone where the County line crosses the Knoxville Road leading to Maynardville by way of Milan Church, running direct to the point of Clinch Mountain near the house of Nels. Mynette; Provided, however, that the persons hereby attached to Union County shall be required, as heretofore, to pay their share of the taxes levied by the County Court of Knox County until the entire indebtedness already incurred by Knox County for Railroad purposes, shall be paid, and the Tax Collector of Knox County shall collect said tax from the people, who, by this act, are attached to Union County, and said Tax Collector shall account for and pay over to the Trustee of Knox County all monies so collected by him, according to the laws now in force.

**SEC. 2.** That E. Longmire be, and he is hereby, appointed to run and plainly mark the above named line.

**SEC. 3.** This section did not apply to Union County.

**SEC. 4.** This section did not apply to Union County. Passed: April 26, 1866.

## Public Acts of 1873 Chapter 70

**SECTION 1.** That the County line between the Counties of Union and Grainger, be so changed, that all citizens of Grainger County, designated by the following boundary, be and they are hereby attached to Union County, to-wit: Beginning on the corner between Union and Grainger Counties, thence east so as to include Pryor Dyer's farm in Union County; thence with the lines of Union County to a white oak corner between James Dyer and E. W. Popejoy and J. J. Sellers; thence east 89 poles to a rock corner between J. J. Sellers and E. W. Popejoy; thence due north to Clinch river.

**SEC. 2.** That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to include any livers in Union County except J. W. Sellers, Pryor Dyer, James Vitetoe and E. D. Hill, the petitioners for the change mentioned in the preceding section, nor to reduce Grainger County below its constitutional limit, nor bring the line thus designated nearer the Court House of Grainger County than eleven miles.

**SEC. 3.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed March 21, 1873.



## Private Acts of 1925 Chapter 462

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Union and Knox be changed as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Manuel Merritt's line and the Knox County line; and Union County line thence northward with Manuel Merritt's line to the north corner of Charles T. Booker land; thence eastward with Chas. T. Booker line to Big Flat Creek; thence southward with the creek to the Knox County line.

**SEC. 2.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed April 2, 1925.

## Private Acts of 1951 Chapter 52

**SECTION 1.** That the boundary line between the Counties of Claiborne and Union be and the same is hereby changed, by detaching from the Third Civil District of Claiborne County the following described tracts of land to wit: 24.4 acres owned by James H. Harness, and bounded on the north by Elbert B. Shelby; on the east by Sharps Chapel Road; on the South by T.V.A. land; and on the west by other land owned by the said James A. Harness; 14 acres owned by Wm. A. Brogan, and bounded on the south and west by Sharps Chapel Road; on the north by Stiner Road; and on the east by other land owned by the said Wm. A. Brogan; and approximately 50 acres owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and being all to the T.V.A. land that lies between the Sharps Chapel Road and the Norris Lake, and bounded as follows: On the north by Sharps Chapel Road; on the east by Elbert B. Shelby, James A. Harness and the Sharps Chapel Road; on the west by present County line and Norris Lake; and on the south by Norris Lake, and attaching said tracts to the Sixth Civil District of Union County.

**SEC. 2.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed: January 25, 1951.

## Private Acts of 1965 Chapter 156

**SECTION 1.** That the boundary line between the counties of Claiborne and Union is changed by detaching the following described tracts of land from Claiborne County and attaching the same to Union County: BEGINNING at and on a point where the Union County-Claiborne County line crosses the TV straight line eastwardly designated as the Union County-Claiborne County line, a southward direction to a point where the said Union County-Claiborne County line crosses the contour (TVA) 1044 line; thence following the TVA Contour line 1044, a northerly direction approximately 400 feet to the BEGINNING point, and containing three-fourths of an acre, more or less.

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BEGINNING at a metal marker in the 1044 contour on the northeast shore of the Little Barren C boundary bears S. 55° 55' E. at a distance of 23 feet; thence with the 1044-foot contour as it meanders in a north-westerly direction to a metal marker on the southwest side of a road; thence leaving the contour and with a line marked by the United States of America's boundary N. 12° 55' W., 42 feet to a point immediately east of a junction of roads; thence with the United States of America's boundary S. 55° 55' E., 140 feet to the point of BEGINNING and containing 0.1 acre, more or less. Reference to the above described tracts is recorded in Book of Deeds "K", Vol. 3, pages 183-85 Register of Deeds Office, Union County, Tennessee, by United States of America, TVA, to W. H. Shelby.

**SECTION 2.** That this Act shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed: March 8, 1965.

## Private Acts of 1982 Chapter 666

**SECTION 1.** The county boundaries between Knox County and Union County shall be revised so as to include within Union County all of the territory described as follows: SITUATED in Sixth Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee and Sixth Civil District of Union BEGINNING on a stone in Needham's line at the Sulphur Spring Branch, running thence westwardly with Needham's, Hansard Chapel Church Lot, and J. N. Yaden's line to a stone at Highway No. 33; thence southwardly with Highway No. 33 to a stone at said Highway; thence southeastwardly about 67 poles to a stone between A. J. Cox and this tract; thence southwardly about 25 poles to a stone in A. J. Cox's line; thence southeastwardly with a conditional line made by Mynatt and Tolson to a stone on top of Dark Hollow Ridge; thence eastwardly with the range of the top of the ridge a marked line to Sulphur Spring Branch, at a rock, John Hansard's corner (now Jess Welch); thence northwardly down the middle of the branch as it meanders to the beginning. Containing 85 more or less, and being the same property conveyed to Edgar L. Bayless and wi Deeds for Union County and Knox County, Tennessee, respectively.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.  
PASSED: March 22, 1982

## Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Acts of 1855-56, Chapter 156, Section 2 transferred the lands of residence of Drury Laffoon into Claiborne County from Union County.
2. Private Acts of 1859-60, Chapter 196, Section 5 moved the farm belonging to William Albright from Campbell County into Union County; Section 6 moved the properties of John Robertson, Howard M. Hubbs, and William H. Dyer from Knox County into Union County but did not relieve these families from paying the railroad tax levied in Knox County; Section 8 changed the boundary lines between Union and Campbell counties so as to cause to leave in Campbell County John Lay's bend of the Powell River leaving Powell's River at the narrows of said bend and below William Swint's and running across said narrows to Powell's River at the lower end of John Lay's farm.
3. Public Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 60, Section 13, changed the lines between Union and Claiborne counties so as to include the farm and dwelling of Silas Williams in Union County.
4. Public Acts of 1870-71, Chapter 118 changed the lines between Union and Grainger counties so as to include all the properties of James Dyer, Senior, and James Dyer, Junior, in Union County.
5. Public Acts of 1871, Chapter 7, altered the lines between Campbell County and Union County so as to place all the farms and residences of John S. Spangler and John K. Farris in Union County.
6. Public Acts of 1873, Chapter 72, transferred all the farm of James McHaffee from Union into Knox County, said McHaffie having filed a petition seeking the same, and provided that such action would not reduce Union County below the constitutional limitation on square miles and would not place the county line nearer than eleven miles to the courthouse of Union County.
7. Public Acts of 1873, Chapter 77, created the new county of Webster from parts of Claiborne, Campbell, and Union counties.
8. Public Acts of 1875, Chapter 140, Section 4, changed the boundary line between Union and Knox counties so as to place all the lands of John Anderson and W. Edward Anderson out of Knox County and into Union County.
9. Public Acts of 1879, Chapter 111, changed the boundary line between Union and Claiborne counties so as to place the entire farm of Benjamin Pike into Claiborne County from Union County.
10. Public Acts of 1879, Chapter 137, Section 12, changed the boundary line between Union and Claiborne counties so as to include the farms of Issac Holoway, John D. Parker and Jacob Leach in Claiborne County.
11. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 40, took all the properties of Andrew Pary, Richard Pary, Mary McBee, Jasper Woods, John Houston, William Shofner, Henry Keck, and William Blason which were in Union County and placed them in Claiborne County.
12. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 103, provided that the tract of land owned by Joseph McHaffee be transferred from Knox County into Union County.
13. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 129, changed the boundary line between the counties of Union and Grainger from Log Mountain in Grainger County to the Clinch River in Union County. This act was repealed by Public Acts of 1890, Second Extra Session, Chapter 5, except that the properties of V. W. Capps remained in Grainger County. Otherwise the boundary lines reverted to their statues before the passage of that 1883 act.
14. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 45, moved all the lands of Benjamin Pike from Union County into Claiborne County.
15. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 47, changed the lines between Union and Knox counties so that all the property of Calvin Kitts be included in Union County.
16. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 49, transferred the lands of J. T. Inklebarger from Union County into Grainger County. This act was repealed by Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 188. However, Private Acts of 1901, Chapter 361 repealed Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 188, so as to transfer the lands of J. T. Inklebarger from Union County into Grainger County.
17. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 227, moved the farms belonging to Harvey Williamson, Berry Ellison and Josiah Smith into Union County from Claiborne County.

18. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 24, changed the boundary line between Union and Grainger counties so as to include the lands of G. W. Hollingsworth, William Hollingsworth, B. M. McPhetridge and B. Shelton in Grainger County.
19. Public Acts of 1889, Chapter 194, changed the lines between Knox and Union counties so that all the properties of Charles H. Smith, R. H. Harless, A. K. Mynatt, L. D. Bates and Joseph Bates be included in Knox County.
20. Public Acts of 1891, Chapter 53, changed the boundary line between the counties of Union and Claiborne so as to include the farms of Andrew Pary, Richard Pary, Mary McBee, Jasper Wood, John Houston, William Schoffner, Henry Keck, Jr., and William Beeson in Union County.
21. Public Acts of 1891, Chapter 255, transferred the lands of Alvin Brogans and Frankley Collin's from Union County into Claiborne County.
22. Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 7, changed the boundary line between Union and Claiborne counties so as to move the farms and residences of John Woods, Lida Broguns, William Bullard, Isaac and Hiram Schoffner from Claiborne County into Union County and the land of R. P. Rucher and T. N. Cheatham from Union County into Claiborne County.
23. Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 104, detached the farm of V. W. Capps from Grainger County and attached the same to Union County.
24. Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 183, moved all that portion of the Samuel Bayless farm lying north of the Raccoon Valley Road from Knox County into Union County.
25. Public Acts of 1895, Chapter 215, transferred the properties of J. J. Woods, W. J. Woods, and S. C. Woods from Claiborne County into Union County and the farms of Marharet E. Cheatham, W. A. Cheatham, and John Rollins from Union into Claiborne County.
26. Public Acts of 1899, Chapter 233, changed the lines between Union and Grainger counties so as to include all the land belonging to J. A. Popejoy and E. E. Dyer in Union County. This act was repealed by Private Acts of 1901, Chapter 310.
27. Acts of 1903, Chapter 386, changed the boundary line between Union and Campbell counties by so that fifty acres described as follows: on the north by the Thomas farm, south and west by the Craig farm; on the east by the Lindamond farm, be placed in the second civil district of Campbell County.
28. Acts of 1905, Chapter 68, changed the boundary line between Union and Claiborne counties so as to place all the lands belonging to J. M. Whited out of Claiborne County and put them into Union County.
29. Acts of 1905, Chapter 71, changed the boundary line between Union and Grainger counties so as to place the lands of J. T. Inklebarger into Grainger County from Union County.
30. Acts of 1905, Chapter 186, changed the boundary line between Union and Knox counties so as to transfer a small triangular shaped piece of land belonging to W. E. Smith and William Childress from Knox County into Union County.
31. Acts of 1907, Chapter 394, transferred the farm of F. M. Williams from Claiborne County into Union County.
32. Acts of 1909, Chapter 68, changed the boundary line between Union and Knox counties so as to include the Hugh Caldwell farm in Union County.
33. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 393 changed the boundary line between Union and Claiborne County line so as to include in Claiborne County all the farm of William Russell which adjoined the lands of William Ford, Jim Medley, and Jess Smith which now lies on both sides of the line, and to transfer all the property of G. S. Steiner whose lands adjoin Leach and Wilson into Union County.
34. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 394, detached the farms of C. M. Cabbage, Lafayette Hamilton, and Jess Rush from Grainger County and attached the same to Union County.
35. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 175 moved the lands of Mrs. J. M. Keck from the second civil district of Claiborne County into the seventh civil district of Union County.
36. Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 441 detached property of E. B. Shelby from the third civil district of Claiborne County and attached it to the sixth civil district of Union County.
37. Private Acts of 1963, Chapter 120, changed the boundary line between Knox and Union counties so as to include the farm of Clint Davis which was located in the sixth civil district of Knox County and placed it in the first civil district of Union County.

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