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Chapter IV - Boundaries

Creation of the County

Public Acts of 1857-58 Chapter 11

SECTION 1. That a new county is hereby established, by the name of Sequatchie, and formed out of the county of Hamilton, and bounded as follows: beginning on a white oak, at the head waters of the middle prong of Collins' river, near John Lockheart's, being a corner of Marion and Grundy counties; thence southerly three-fourths of a mile, to a small white oak; thence easterly to the bluff of Cumberland mountains, opposite T. Hick's, and opposite Hendrick's creek; thence following the meanders of Hendrick's creek, formerly the southern boundary line of the second district of Marion county, to Sequatchie river, thence following the meanders of said river to Standifer's creek; thence up said creek to its source, near Henry Grayson's mill; thence south-easterly, up Walden's ridge, to the Hamilton county old line, (which is supposed to divide Walden's ridge in the centre); thence north-easterly with said line, to a poplar, on the Hamilton and Bledsoe county line; thence north-westerly to a lot line, which lot line was the north boundary of the tenth district of Bledsoe county; thence following the course of said lot line to Brush creek, to its intersection with the Bledsoe and Van Buren county lines, near J. Hitchcock's; thence south-westerly, with the Van Buren line, to a white oak on the old Savage road, being a corner of Van Buren, Grundy and Hamilton (formerly Marion) counties; thence southerly to the beginning corner, with the county line between Grundy and Hamilton, (formerly Marion).

SECTION 2. That the said county of Sequatchie shall have all of the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the restrictions of other counties in this State, and the citizens thereof shall vote with the counties from which they are taken, for members of the General Assembly, until the next apportionment, agreeable to the provisions of the fifth section of the tenth article of the amended constitution.

SECTION 3. That, for the due administration of justice, the different courts to be held in the said county of Sequatchie, shall be holden at a new meeting house near William Rankin's, on Coop's Creek, until the seat of justice for said county shall be located, and a suitable house erected for the purpose of holding the courts in; and 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 suited for the holding of the same; and to adjourn to the seat of justice when, in their judgment, the necessary arrangements are made for the holding said courts, and all writs and other process returnable to either place, shall be returned to the place to which said courts may have adjourned by the county court as aforesaid; and the said courts to be holden in and for said county of Sequatchie aforesaid, shall be under the same rules, regulations, and restrictions, and shall have, hold, exercise, and possess the same power and jurisdiction as are possessed by said courts in other counties of this State.

SECTION 4. That all officers, civil and military, which were, on the twentieth of September last, in the fractions of which said county of Sequatchie was formed, shall continue to hold their offices and exercise all the powers thereof--have the same jurisdiction as other officers in this State, as they had on said twentieth of September, until others are elected under the provisions of the Constitution, and said county of Sequatchie shall be placed upon an equal footing, and possess equal powers and privileges in all respects as other counties of this State.

SECTION 5. That the circuit courts shall be held for the county of Sequatchie by the Judge of the third judicial circuit, on the fourth Mondays in January, May, and September, and shall hold its terms at the school house near William Rankin's, on Coop's Creek, until notified that the justices of said county have removed the holdings of the court of said county to the seat of justice, and shall adjourn to the seat of justice.

SECTION 6. That it shall be the duty of the county court of said county, so soon as the commissioners appointed by this act shall designate a suitable place for the seat of justice for said county, which shall be within four miles of the center of said county, to appoint five commissioners to whom the said commissioners appointed by this act, shall convey the land acquired for the use of the county aforesaid, on which it shall be the duty of the commissioners appointed by the county court to cause a town to be laid off with as many streets, and of such width as they may deem proper and necessary, and with such sized lots as they think proper, reserving three acres for a public square, upon which a court house shall be erected; and a lot shall be reserved sufficient for a jail, and shall reserve such lots for churches as they may see proper; and said town, when laid off, then be known by the name of Dunlap; and the said commissioners shall proceed to sell the lots upon at least twelve months credit; they shall reserve a lot suitable for a county academy, and shall give due notice of the time and place of sale, which shall be on

the premises, and shall take bond with sufficient security from the purchasers of said lots, payable to themselves and successors in office, and shall make titles in fee simple, as commissioners, to the respective purchasers.

SECTION 7. That the proceeds of the sale aforesaid, shall be a fund in the hands of said commissioners for defraying the expenses incurred in the purchase of the land on which the county seat is rested and located, and also of the erecting a court house and jail for said county, and the said commissioners shall superintend the building of the court house and jail and other necessary buildings, and shall let out said buildings as the county court may order, upon such terms as said court may order, and shall take bond with sufficient security from the persons to whom the same is let, payable to themselves and successors in office, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract.

SECTION 8. That said commissioners shall, before they enter upon the duties of their appointment, take an oath that they will truly and faithfully perform the different duties by this act enjoined upon them, according to their best judgement, and shall enter into bond and security in the sum of five thousand dollars to the chairman of the county court of Sequatchie aforesaid, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties as conferred upon them by this act, which bond shall be deposited in the office of the clerk of the county court of said county; they shall keep a regular account of all monies by them received and expended, and make due return of the same to the county court of said county, and shall in all things be subject to the order of said court in relation to the buildings and funds, and shall account for all moneys and funds in their hands when required by said court, and shall be entitled to such compensation as the county court may think reasonable.

SECTION 9. That the first county court for said county shall be held on the first Monday of January, 1858, and shall perform all the duties of other county courts; and the first circuit court shall be held on the fourth Monday in May, 1858, and shall have all the jurisdiction of other circuit courts.

SECTION 10. That John H. Rogers, John L. Stone, B. L. Bennett, John Pickett, Franklin Dickens, Samuel W. Robertson, and Byrom Heard, are appointed commissioners to locate the seat of justice in said county of Sequatchie; they shall, so soon as the county court shall notify them, proceed to locate the seat of justice for said county, purchase the land and convey the same to the commissioners as directed in this act; and should any of them fail to attend, the county court shall appoint others to fill their places.

SECTION 11. That there shall be an election held at the several districts and precincts in said county of Sequatchie, on the first Saturday in March, 1858, at which election the qualified voters of said county shall vote to elect a sheriff, clerk of the circuit and county courts, a register, and trustee, who shall when elected, be qualified at the first term of their respective courts; and the county court shall elect the county officers which they are entitled to elect at their first session; and all elections thereafter for county officers, shall take place at the time fixed by law for the election of such officers, in other counties in this State; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of Hamilton county to give the notice required by law, and by his deputies, to hold the elections provided for in this section, and to make the same return and certificates for said county of Sequatchie, which are by law required to be made in other counties.

SECTION 12. That a county academy is hereby established in said county, known by the name of Rankin Academy, and shall be located in or near the county town in said county, which said academy shall be entitled to all the rights and emoluments as other academies are entitled to; and the clerks of said courts and justices of the peace shall be entitled to such books as other clerks and justices are entitled to in this State.

COMPILER'S NOTE: Sections 13 and 14 did not concern Sequatchie County and are not repeated here.

SECTION 15. That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed: December 9, 1857.

Change of Boundary Lines

Public Acts of 1857-58 Chapter 47

COMPILER'S NOTE: Sections 1 and 3 through 11 did not concern Sequatchie County and are not repeated here.

SECTION 2. That the line between the counties of Grundy and Sequatchie be changed as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake in the line between said counties at a point south of the Brener place, at the head of the east prong of Collins river, running thence a direct line to said Brener place, including the same in said county of Sequatchie; thence down with the said east prong of said river to James W. Tate's place, including the same in said county of Sequatchie; thence with the base of the ridge west of said river northwardly around to the widow Wright's residence; thence a direct line to the little Jake Cagle old place,

now occupied by James Cagle, including the same in Sequatchie county; thence a direct line to Bassel Bess place on the Hill's trace old road, including the same in Sequatchie county; thence with said road in the direction of Hill's creek to where the Grundy and Warren county lines cross the same; thence with the Grundy line eastwardly to the Grundy and Sequatchie county corner.

Passed: March 4, 1858.

Public Acts of 1873 Chapter 105

SECTION 1. That the lines between the counties of Sequatchie and Marion be changed and included within the limits of the County of Sequatchie that portion of the Third Civil District of Marion County, described as follows: Beginning at a point in the line between Hamilton and Marion counties on Walden's Ridge, so as to run a straight line by the Big Point, where the two suck creeks come together, to the headwaters of Looney's Creek, as it meanders to where it strikes the lands of George S. Smith; then with said George S. Smith's line around to where it comes to said Looney's Creek, so as to include the lands of said George S. Smith in Sequatchie County; then down said Looney's Creek to the mouth where it empties into Sequatchie River; then from the mouth of said Looney's Creek a straight line by the residence of James A. Smith, and on to where it will strike the Grundy County line.

SECTION 2. That the County Court of Marion County shall order an election to be held in that portion of Marion County which this Act seeks to attach to the County of Sequatchie, and if two-thirds of the qualified voters of said portion of Marion County, say by their ballots that they desire to be attached to Sequatchie County, then, and in that event, the said portion shall be attached to said County of Sequatchie, and not otherwise. The voters shall have written or printed on their ballots as follows: Those in favor of being attached to Sequatchie County shall have the word "Sequatchie" printed or written on their tickets, and those opposed to being attached to Sequatchie County shall have written or printed on their tickets the word "Marion."

SECTION 3. That said change shall not bring the line of Sequatchie nearer than eleven miles of the county seat of Marion County, nor reduce said County of Marion below its constitutional number of square miles.

SECTION 4. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 22, 1873

Public Acts of 1893 Chapter 176

SECTION 1. That the following shall constitute the boundary of Sequatchie County, to wit: Beginning at a large post-oak stump on the west side of the East Valley road, in the old lot line, dividing lots Nos. 13 and 14, and running south 52½ degrees east, crossing Alexander Gap road at 630 poles; crossing over Philip G. Harvey's barn at 1,158 poles; crossing the North Fork of Soddy Creek at 1,264 poles, and passing north of the old McWilliams school-house 1,786 poles (in all 2,117 poles) to a stone, with several small black oak bushes, pointers on top of a ridge, north-west of the Kinney Hughes old place; thence south 22½ degrees west 1,031 poles to a stake on top of a ridge, north of the North Fork of Soddy Creek; thence south 31½ degrees west, crossing Cane Creek at a distance of 2,608 poles on the old county line, from the stake on the north side of the North Fork of Soddy Creek, as above described; crossing said Cane Creek again at 2,684 poles; again at 2,781 poles, about 100 feet below the mouth of Kells' Creek; crossing Halley Branch at 2,927 poles, at 3,046 poles, again at 3,086 poles; crossing Wolf-pen Branch at 3,268 poles; crossing Roberts Gap road at 3,688 poles; crossing Chickamauga Creek at 3,582 poles; crossing Anderson pike at 4,498 poles; crossing Canon Creek at 5,126 poles, in all 5,602, to a point in the center of Suck Creek, with black gum and spruce pine pointers; thence up the center of Suck Creek, as it meanders, north 9½ degrees east 18 poles, north 29 degrees north 8 poles, north 3½ degrees east 38 poles, north 26 degrees west 20 poles, north 16 poles, north 35 degrees west 4 poles, north 1½ degrees 28 poles, north 21 degrees west 26 poles, north 56 degrees west 26 poles, east 36 poles, north 5 degrees west 16 poles, north 34 west 16 poles, north 45 west 24 poles, north 33 west 28 poles to the mouth of Conner's Creek; north 25 degrees west 16 poles, north 45 degrees west 30 degrees, north 29 degrees west 14 poles, north 36 degrees west 12 poles, north 25 degrees west 16 poles, north 35 degrees west 12 poles, North 24 degrees west 34 poles, north 13½ east 42 poles, north 10 west 20 poles, north 1½ east 24 poles, north 14½ east 4 poles, north 25 east 14 poles, north 9 east 8 poles, north 13½ degrees west 12 poles, north 5½ west 8 poles, north 8½ east 12 poles, north 24 east 12 poles, north 32½ east 8 poles, north 25 degrees east 14 poles, north 20 west 4 poles, north 6 poles, north 8 west 6 poles, north 18 east 16 poles, north 26½ east 10 poles, north 3 west 12 poles, north 35 east 24 poles, north 7.5 east 8 poles, north 61½ degrees east 6 poles; north 17 east 14 poles, north 38 east 16 poles, north 20 east 26 poles, north 28 west 24 poles, north 20 west 42 poles, north 9 west 24 poles, north 42½ west 10 poles, north

31½ west 4 poles, north 22½ degrees west 12 poles to the mouth of Coal Bank Creek, north 46½ degrees west 8 poles, north 50½ west 24 poles, north 61½ west 14 poles, north 32½ degrees west 66 poles, north 50 west 10 poles, north 16½ west 4 poles, north 26 west 6 poles, north 40 west 4 poles, north 14 west 14 poles, north 33 west 8 poles, north 15 west 16 poles, north 10 poles, north 29½ degrees west 24 poles, north 5½ east 6 poles, north 11 west 12, north 4½ east 14 poles, north 4 east 4 poles, north 11 east 6 poles, north 46 west 6 poles to the mouth of Rock House Branch; thence up said Rock House Branch as it meanders, north 27 east 7 poles, north 44 east 6 poles, north 25 east 10 poles, north 37½ degrees east 18 poles, north 50 east 6 poles, north 29 east 6 poles, north 61½ east 8 poles, north 41 east 22 poles, north 49½ east 6 poles, north 21½ east 56 poles, north 16½ west 20 poles, north 81½ west 18 poles, north 31½ west 12 poles, north 25 west 28 poles, north 34½ west 26 poles, north 12 west 16 poles, north 50 west 32 poles, north 65 west 50 poles, north 36½ degrees west 38 poles, north 19 west 50 poles, north 30 west 114 poles, north 1½ east 20 poles, north 13 east crossing Burnett road at 26 poles, north 5 degrees west 28 poles, north 28 west 20 poles, north 43 west 20 poles, north 30 degrees west 18 poles, north 21½ west 18 poles, north 48½ west 28 poles, north 53½ west 14 poles, north 62½ west 32 poles, north 72½ west 33 poles to a stone marked S. C. & N. C., at the head of Rock House Branch, with three black gums and two white oak pointers; thence north 40 west 500 poles to a beech at the head of Grayson's Mill Creek; thence down said Mill Creek as it meanders north 24½ degrees west 40 poles, north 62 west 18 poles, north 8 west 7 poles, north 85 west 16 poles, north 58½ degrees west 12 poles, north 67 west 12 poles, north 82 west 18 poles, north 67½ west 28 poles, north 59½ degrees west 18 poles to a point opposite A. C. Grayson's barn; thence north 38 west 66 poles, north 22 west 38 poles, north 78 west 8 poles, west 34 poles, north 65 west 24 poles, north 85 west 36 poles, north 31½ west 28 poles to the East Valley road; thence 85 degrees west 10 poles, north 35½ west 30 poles, north 1 east 72 poles, north 53½ west 40 poles, north 5 east 8 poles, north 55 west 12½, north 10 west 22 poles to the center of Sequatchie River; thence down the center of the same as it meanders north 44 west 16 poles, north 64 west 16 poles, north 72½ west 20 poles, north 61½ west 16 poles, north 70½ west 42 poles, north 74½ west 54 poles, north 66 degrees west 18 poles, north 51½ west 22 poles, north 41 west 46 poles, south 79 west 20 poles, south 62 degrees west 18 poles, south 85 degrees west 28 poles, south 59 degrees west 12 poles to a point in the center of said river opposite the mouth of Hendrick's Creek; thence up Hendrick's Creek as it meanders north 45½ west 12 poles, south 82½ degrees west 4 poles, north 50 degrees west 9 poles, south 74 degrees west 8 poles, north 40 west 8 poles, south 49 degrees west 8 poles, south 64 west 22, north 23 west 6 poles, south 72 west 12 poles, north 3½ west 10 poles, north 69½ west 14 poles, north 82 west, crossing Nashville, Chattanooga & Saint Louis Railway at 8 poles, in all 32 poles; north 60 west 20 poles, north 62 west, crossing West Valley road at 5 poles, in all 14 poles; north 76½ west 24 poles, south 87 degrees west 13 poles, north 84 degrees west 14 poles, south 74 west 18 poles, south 53½ west 17½ poles, north 79 west 23 poles, south 67 degrees west 17 poles, north 86 ¾ degrees west 42 poles, north 71½ west 12 poles, north 87½ west 13½ poles, north 49½ west 32 poles, north 70 west 12 poles, north 85 degrees west 6 poles, south 36 degrees west 20 poles, north 65 west 11 poles, north 79 degrees west 26 poles, north 64 west 15 poles, north 38 west 36 poles, north 86 west 16 poles, north 80 west 16 poles, south 79 west 14 poles, north 85 west 12 poles, south 73 west 19 poles, north 73½ west 8 poles, north 44 west 10 poles, north 54 west 18 poles, north 66 west 32 poles, north 24½ west, passing mouth of Robertson's Branch at 4 poles, in all 24 poles; north 25 west 16 poles, north 13½ degrees east 16 poles, north 30 west 40 poles, to a point on top of bluff where Hendrix Creek passes over the bluff, north 25 degrees west 20 poles, north 20 west 20 poles; thence leaving said Hendrix Creek north 64 ¾ west 1,264 poles to a white oak and pointers (the white oak marked "H. L. W. R."); thence north 12¼ degrees west 240 poles, to a white oak on the top of a high ridge, known as Pike's Peak, southwest of the old Lockhart place, with chestnut and other pointers, said white oak being corner in common to Sequatchie, Marion, and Grundy Counties; thence with the line of Grundy County north 30 degrees east 83 poles and 3 links to a hickory, with two chestnut, oak, and two back gum pointers at the last top of said hill; thence north 27 degrees east, crossing the old Lockhart road at 112 poles, near the head of Jake's Gulf, crossing said road again at 208 poles, and reaching the foot of Couch Ridge at 320 poles, in all 413 poles, to a rock with three black, [sic]oak and one black gum and two chestnut oak pointers on the top of the Couch Ridge; thence north 2 degrees east 37 poles and 5 links to a small chestnut oak with hickory and two chestnut oak pointers; thence north 39 east 36 poles to a double hickory with four hickory, one black oak, and one black gum pointers; thence north 50 degrees east 85 poles and 18 links to a stone in the east edge of the old Lockhart road with hickory and sassafras pointers in the old Kelly or Ridge field; thence north 80 degrees east 83 poles and 9 links to a stone in said Lockhart's road with chestnut oak, Spanish oak, and dogwood pointers; thence south 70 degrees east 28 poles to a stone with three red oaks, two white oaks, and one hickory pointers south-east edge of said Lockhart road; thence south 84 degrees east 67 poles and 10 links to a broken-topped hickory with three locust and two red oak pointers east of the Lockhart road; thence north 13 east 36 poles to a stone with two black gum and two black oak pointers; thence south 85 degrees east 30 poles to a stone with three white oak pointers; thence north 8 degrees east 65 poles to a black gum with black gum and chestnut oak

pointers; thence north 4 degrees west 28 poles and 13 links to a black gum with four blackgums, one hickory, and two black oak pointers; thence north 78 degrees east 50 poles and 10 links to a small red oak with five hickory pointers and two dogwoods and one red oak pointers; thence north 15 degrees east 13 poles and 20 links to a small black oak with several small black oaks, locust, and one black gum pointers; thence north 50 degrees east 55 poles and 19 links to a small chestnut oak with two hickory, one red oak, and one black oak pointers; thence north 85½ east 16 poles and 15 links to a red oak on top of a high hill known as Deakin's Dumpling, with four black oak pointers; thence north 42 degrees east touching the south side of the old McMinnville and Chattanooga stage road at 82 poles and 13 links at a stone marked G. and S. (which point is north 85 west 2 poles from the mile-post marked 13 miles to Dunlap), in all 120 poles to a small double hickory and several pointers, north of the old abandoned Chattanooga road; thence south 36 degrees east 31 poles to a dead topped white oak with black gum and white oak pointers on the south side of the McMinnville and Chattanooga road; thence north 57 degrees east 146 poles to a stone on the extreme top of Bunker's Hill Ridge north of the McMinnville and Chattanooga road and east of the Brewer or Dividing Ridge road with three hickory and three black oak pointers-stone marked S. C. and G. C.; thence north 51 degrees west 15 poles to a stone with two chestnut and one red oak pointers; thence north 5 degrees east 84 poles to a stone with two white oak and one red oak pointers on the north side of a little basin; thence 54 degrees east 42 poles and 20 links to a stone with three hickory and one white oak pointers; thence north 25 degrees east 64½ poles to a large white oak with five hickory and two black oak pointers; thence north 62 degrees west 51 poles and five links to a white oak with two hickory and one chestnut oak pointers; thence north 3 degrees west 50 poles to a stone with two white oak and several hickory [sic] pointers; thence north 87½ degrees east 27 poles and 10 links to a black oak with two white oak pointers on the east side of the dividing ridge road; thence north 20 degrees east 46 poles to a stone marked G. and S. in the old Wimberly field; thence north 40 degrees east 74 poles and 13 links to a stone with three red oaks one locust and one hickory pointers eastwardly from Wm. Wimberly's house and south of a pond; thence north 32 degrees west 18 poles to a double black gum with three chestnut and one white oak pointers west of the aforesaid pond; thence north 33 degrees east 20 poles to a stone with hickory, red oak, and black gum pointers on the east side of the dividing ridge road; thence north 16 degrees east 52 poles and 16 links to a stone with 2 hickory and 2 red oak pointers; thence north 49 degrees east 58 poles and 17 links to a stone, with two white oaks, Spanish oak, and black gum pointers on the west edge of the dividing ridge road; thence north 17 degrees east 26 poles and 22 links to a black gum, with black oak, chestnut oak, and hickory pointers, on the west edge of the dividing ridge road; thence north 33 east 32 poles to a stone, with hickory and white oak pointers; thence north 78 degrees east 35 poles and 15 links to a large black oak on the west side of the dividing ridge road, with two hickory and black oak pointers; thence north 47 degrees east 79 poles to a small white oak, with two white oak, three hickory, and one black oak pointers, on the top of the ridge, at the extreme head of Dunaway's Creek, on the East Fork of Collins' River; thence north 59 degrees west 116 poles to a rock, the south-west corner of the Brewer place, including the same in Sequatchie County, with one white, one black, one chestnut oak, and one hickory pointers; thence with or near west boundary line of said Brewer tract north 2¼ east 117 poles to a stake, with one white oak, one locust, and two hickory pointers, about four poles of what is supposed to be the Brewer north-west corner; thence north 45 degrees west 50 poles to a small black gum in Dunaway's Creek, with one chestnut oak on the west side and two maples and one black oak on the east side, pointers; thence down the center of said creek, with its various meanders, north 68 degrees east 20 poles, north 26 east 9 poles and 6 links, north 19 west 6 poles, north 85 east 24 poles, south 70 east 13 poles, north 53 east 10 poles, north 22½ east 14 poles, north 5 west 26 poles, north 60 east 14 poles, north 26 west 14 poles, north 24 east 21 poles, north 8 east 24 poles, north 60 east 8 poles, north 41 east 14 poles, north 19 east 8 poles, north 29 east 82 poles, north 6 degrees east 22 poles, north 23 east 9 poles, north 42½ east 8 poles, north 57 east 4 poles, north 41 east 12 poles, north 2 west 15 poles to a point in the center of said Dunaway's Creek in the east boundary line of the James W. Tate place, with four spruce pine, two hollies, one black gum, two maple, and one white oak pointers at a large flat rock marked G. C. and S. C.; thence north 88½ west with the line of the James W. Tate tract crossing Cane Creek at 462 poles, in all 520 poles, to a stone with pointers, the south-east corner of said tract; thence north 1½ east, with the line of said Tate tract, 298 poles to the south-west corner of said tract, a black oak and two white oak and two hickory pointers on the north side of a hollow at the foot of a ridge; thence with the base of said ridge north 15 degrees west 43 poles to a black oak and spotted oak with spotted oak and black gum pointers; thence north 81½ west 109 poles to a stone in the center of the Savage or Peak mountain road, with hickory, white oak, and poplar pointers; thence south 30 degrees west 56 poles to a stone with two white oak, sourwood and dogwood pointers on a narrow ridge; thence south 83½ degrees west 10 poles to a poplar with hickory, black gum, spotted oak, chestnut, sourwood, and several small bushes pointers, about two poles south of the Savage woodland field; thence north 50 degrees west passing two poles south of the Simeon Savage house at 68 poles, in all 76 poles, to a stone with mulberry and walnut pointers; westwardly of said Savage's house, including said house in Sequatchie County; thence north 11½ degrees west 46 poles to a

stake with black oak, post oak, pine, and chestnut pointers about 8 poles south of the east fork of Collins River; thence north 70½ degrees west 151½ poles to a pine with two red oak pointers, south of the Savage or Peak road, near where a road comes off of the hill into the said Savage road; thence north 49 degrees west, passing about two poles south of Virgil Hill's cabin at 70 poles, in all 96 poles, to a stone at the Wright or Knight place near some old apple trees in an old cleared lot; thence north 8½ degrees west, crossing east prong of Collins River at 22 poles, in all 615 poles, to a white oak near the south corner of the Jake Cagle old field with four small pine and one chestnut pointers; thence north 23 degrees west 58 poles to a stone 2 poles and 10 links north 65 degrees west from the center of the window in the west end of the old Jake Cagle house, marked S. and G.; thence north 11½ degrees east 436 poles to a stone with one black gum two double maple and three black oak pointers near the south-west corner of the Bozwell Bur 105 acre tract; thence with the west boundary line of the same 2 degrees north 2 degrees east 139 poles and 10 links to a stone in the center of the old and now abandoned Hill road where the west boundary of said Bur crossing said road; thence with the various meanders of said road north 45 degrees west 36 poles, north 41 west 72 poles, north 53½ west 29 poles, north 60½ west 101 poles, north 60½ west 154 poles, north 56 west 52 poles, north 43½ west 35 poles, north 90½ west, crossing Lowell branch at 38 poles where the Cagle road intersects the Hill road, in all 102 poles; thence north 61 west 30 poles, north 54 west 42 poles, north 60½ west 50 poles, north 49 west 58 poles, north 43½ west 134 poles; north 53 west 18 poles, north 57 west 28 poles, north 62 west, passing the mouth of the lane at John Christian's at 12 poles, in all 50 poles, north 71 west 58 poles, north 51 west 70 poles, north 41 west 16 poles, north 34 west 64 poles to a point in the road opposite the Savage P. Hill cabin spring, north 57½ west 108 poles, north 55 west 72 poles, north 58 west 65 poles, north 64½ west 37 poles, north 74½ west 16 poles, north 69½ west 36 poles, north 46½ west 80 poles to a stone marked G. S. and W. in the Warren County line, at the west edge of the old Hill road near a white oak marked as a corner by M. J. Walker, surveyor of Grundy County; thence leaving said road and running with the Warren County line north 82 east, crossing Hill's Creek at 296 poles, again at 558 poles, again at 670 poles in all, 927 poles, to a stone on the side of the hill between the old burnt stand house and the spring, with white oak pointers, it being the corner of Van Buren, Warren, and Sequatchie Counties; thence north 26 poles to a point in the center of the old Savage road, with several trees marked as pointers; thence with said road south 73½ east 26 poles, south 79 east 26 poles, north 85 west 20 poles, north 73½ east 128 poles, north 2½ east 136 poles, north 78 east 30 poles; north 87¼ east 124 poles, south 88 east 71½ poles to a stake in the road opposite the old Myers cabin; thence south-westwardly with said road to the west line of the Myers tract of land; thence with its line westwardly to its north-west corner; thence eastwardly to its north-east corner; thence southwardly to said road to said stake, so as to include all of said Myers tract in Sequatchie County; thence south 68½ east 44 poles, south 66 degrees east 14 poles, north 65 east 22 poles, north 52 degrees east 48 poles, north 59 east 24, north 74 east 26 poles, north 70 degrees east 46 poles, north 63½ east 42 poles, north 69 east 40 poles, north 75 east 32 poles, north 79 east 30 poles, north 73 east 80 poles, north 71½ east 58 poles, north 64½ east 28 poles, south 64 degrees east 26 poles, north 68½ east 18 poles, north 56 east 14 poles, north 63 east 54 poles, north 69 degrees east 14 poles, north 63 east 54 poles, north 69 east 14 poles, south 89 east 84 poles, south 84½ east 32 poles, south 87 east 30 poles, north 85 east 46 poles, north 80 east 16 poles, south 86 east 26 poles, south 79 east 18 poles, north 73 east 20 poles, north 81 east 10 poles, north 88 east 38 poles, north 86½ east 36 poles, to a stake in said old road south of the north chimney of John M. Johnson's house (the Olio post-office now being at said Johnson's, in Van Buren County), north 87½ east 270 poles, to a stake in said road on the extreme dividing ridge between the waters of Rocky River and Brush Creek; thence leaving said road north 53 east 20 poles, north 13 west 56 poles, north 65 east 20 poles, north 58 east 32 poles, north 69 east 32 poles, north 41 east 22 poles, north 9½ crossing the Myer road at 92 poles, in all 122 poles, to a stake in the center of the old Hitchcock road, with white oak and post oak marked with X; thence north 65 ¾ east 585 poles, to a white oak on the west bank of big Brush Creek, and on the north side of the old Harrison road, it being the south-west corner of Bledsoe County, and the north corner of Sequatchie County, said white oak tree marked B, S, and V, and a stone planted at the root of said tree also marked B, S, and V; thence down said Big Brush Creek, with its various meanders, south 1 west 520 poles, south 5½ east 174 poles, to the mouth of Gladys's Fork, south 55 east 590 poles, to the mouth of Felton's Creek, south 10 east 160 poles, west 58 poles, south 9¼ west 130 poles, south 62½ east 74 poles, south 15½ east 88 poles, south 54½ east 40 poles, to the mouth of the long fork of Big Brush Creek, south 29½ east 48 poles, south 12 west 40 poles, south 16 east 18 poles, south 31 east 52 poles, south 46½ east 18 poles, 580 east 26 poles, to the mouth of Flat Rock Branch; thence south 26 poles; thence leaving the creek south 47½ east, reaching the top of Cumberland Mountain next to Sequatchie Valley at 1,151 poles, crossing West Valley road at 1,538 poles, the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway at 1,543 poles, crossing Sequatchie River at 1,682 poles, again at 1,717 poles, again at 1,805 poles, in all 2,350 poles to the place of beginning, containing 274 square miles.

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

Passed: March 28, 1893.

Boundaries - Historical Notes

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

1. Public Acts of 1877, Chapter 138, further changed the boundary lines between Marion County and Sequatchie County with a lengthy metes and bounds description of the changes wrought in the act. It was further stated that the sheriff of Marion County, on the first Thursday in April next, was to hold an election to allow the qualified voters of Marion County to decide if said territory in the act was to be moved from Marion to Sequatchie County. Two-thirds vote was needed to detach the territory from Marion to Sequatchie County
2. Public Acts of 1883, Chapter 82, rearranged the lines between Sequatchie County and Hamilton County so that all the lands of L. B. Jones would be wholly included in Hamilton County. The said Jones was required to have a survey made at his personal expense and to file a plat of the property in both counties before the move would take place officially.
3. Public Acts of 1887, Chapter 103, recited in the preamble to the Act that a tract of land known as the Big Opening, entered by Gideon Bouldin and now owned by Thomas S. Myers and A. C. Myers, three-fourths of which was in Sequatchie County and one-fourth was in Van Buren County. This Act moved the one-fourth out of Van Buren County and into Sequatchie County as the present owners desired it to be.
4. Acts of 1903, Chapter 562, transferred the tract of land known as the Mount Airy Farm which was owned by W. B. Pope, out of Sequatchie County and into Bledsoe County.

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