

# Mapping of Jackson Purchase in Townships & Sections

## CHAPTER DLXIV.

### **An ACT to provide for laying off the lands west of the Tennessee River into Townships and Sections.**

*Approved by the Kentucky General Assembly on February 14, 1820*

SECTION 1. **BE it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky,** That there shall be appointed by a joint vote of both houses of the general assembly, some fit person as superintendent in surveying the lands situated west of the Tennessee River in this state.

SECTION 2. **Be it further enacted,** That the superintendent appointed as aforesaid, shall have full power to appoint one or more deputies, to enable him to perform the duties prescribed by this act.

SECTION 3. **Be it further enacted,** That the said superintendent and his deputies, before entering on the duties of their offices, shall take the oath prescribed by the constitution before some justice of the peace; a certificate of which oath shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. **Be it further enacted,** That said superintendent shall lay off, and divide the land west of said river by north and south lines, running according to the true meridian, and by others crossing them at right angles, so as to form townships of six miles square, unless where the course of navigable rivers may render it impracticable, and in such case the rule shall be departed from no further than such particular circumstances may require. The corners of the townships shall be marked with progressive numbers, from the beginning, making the south east corner of each township the beginning corner, and where any tree, post or stone may be the corner of two or more townships, it shall be marked on each side facing the center of the townships to which it is a corner, with the letter T. and the number of the township, the center of which faces the side so marked. Each township shall be divided into sections, containing as nearly as may be, six hundred and forty acres each, by running through the same, five lines parallel to the east boundary lines of the townships, beginning at the distance of one mile from each other. In running the lines of townships, and said lines parallel to the township lines, trees, posts or stones, half a mile from corners of sections, shall be marked as corners of quarter sections. The sections shall be numbered respectively, beginning with the number one, in the north east section of the township, and proceeding west and east alternately, through the townships, with progressive numbers until the thirty-sixth be completed. And it shall be the duty of said superintendent, to cause to be marked on a tree, post or stone, near each corner made as aforesaid, and within the section, the number of such section, and over it the number of the township in which such section may be; and the said superintendent shall cause to be made a general plat, exhibiting the situation of each township and section thereof, and shall cause to be made a field book describing

the corner of each township and section, and the tree, stone or post marked within the corners of sections, with the number of the section and township, and also, the situation of mill seats, the crossing of water courses, and the quality of the soil. Said superintendent shall, also, cause to be described in his field book, the situation of all mines, salt springs or licks, and all remarkable places, and whether any person be residing on or within any section or township; also, report the quality of the land in each section and township and whether the same be first, second or third rate. The portional parts of townships shall be divided into sections, in the manner aforesaid, and the portions of sections when less than sixty acres, shall be annexed to, and sold with the adjacent portions or entire quarter sections at the option of the register of sales. The lines and corners of sections to be run as aforesaid, shall be plainly marked upon trees, stones or posts, the corners with three chops and the lines with two. All lines shall be measured with chains containing two perches of sixteen and one half feet each, which chain shall be adjusted by a standard to be kept for that purpose.

SECTION 5: **Be it further enacted,** That said superintendent shall cause four complete plats to be made out, each of which shall exhibit the townships and sections, and portions of townships and sections, as run and laid off according to the provisions of this act; and he shall deliver one of said plats to the register of the land office, one to the auditor of public accounts, one to the clerk of Livingston county and one to the clerk of Caldwell county. And the said register, auditor and clerks shall hang up said plats in some convenient part of their offices for public inspection. And said superintendent shall furnish the register of the land office with a copy of his field book for all lands laid off into townships and sections as aforesaid.

SECTION 6: **Be it further enacted,** That said superintendent shall receive for his services, in laying off the lands west of said river, into townships and sections as aforesaid, and for making out and furnishing said plats, and a copy of his field book as aforesaid, the sum of two dollars for each mile he necessarily runs, to be ascertained by the auditor of public accounts, on the said superintendent returning a plat to his office as aforesaid, which allowance for services shall be drawn out of the Treasury upon the auditor's warrant in favor of said superintendent.

REF: "Acts of the Kentucky General Assembly," 1818, page 947.