



**Jackson County was formed in 1801
from Smith County and Indian lands**

**The county seat is Gainesboro.
There were fires at the Jackson County
courthouse in 1872 and 1926.**

County Formation in *Acts of Tennessee* > Jackson County

ACTS OF TENNESSEE 1801, CHAPTER 48:

"An Act for annexing part of Wilson County to Smith County, and forming two distinct counties thereof."

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That the bounds of Smith County shall be as follows, viz. Beginning one mile due west of the south east corner of Sumner County, on the south bank of Cumberland River, thence south, twenty three degrees east, to the Indian boundary, thence along the same until it intersects the Caney Fork road, thence along the dividing ridge between Martin's Creek and Flinn's Creek to the river, thence up the river one half mile above the ferry landing at Fort Blount, thence a due north course until it strikes the state line, thence west along the state line, to the corner of Sumner County, thence south along the Sumner line to the river, thence down the same to the beginning.

SECTION 2. BE IT ENACTED, That a new county be established by the name of Jackson, to be contained with the following described bounds, (viz) Beginning on the state line, at the north east corner of Smith County, thence east along the state line to where it intersects the Indian boundary, thence along the same to where it crosses the Caney Fork road, thence along the eastern boundary of Smith county to the beginning.