

Parent County

1799--Smith County was established 26 October 1799 from [Sumner](#) County. Early records may be found under Sumner County.

County seat: Carthage

Record Loss

- Lost censuses: 1800, 1810, 1890
- Lack of marriage records: 1799 to 1837
- Lack of probate records: 1799 to 1804

ACTS OF TENNESSEE 1799, CHAPTER 2:

"An Act reducing the limits of Sumner County, and establishing two new counties, and repealing an act passed October the second, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, respecting commissioners for purchasing lands, laying out a town, and erecting a court house, prison and stocks in the said county, and appointing other commissioners for that purpose."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That the county of Sumner shall be reduced to constitutional limits, to wit: Six hundred and twenty five square miles, exclusive of such part of Cumberland River as shall be contained therein, and shall be bounded on the west by a line beginning upon the south bank of the said river, at low water mark, immediately opposite the mouth of Mansker's Creek, thence directly across the river to the mouth of said creek, and up the same with the line of the county of Davidson to the line of the county of Robertson, and with that line to the northern boundary of the state; on the south, by the south bank of the said river Cumberland according to its meanders; on the north by the northern boundary of the state, and on the east by a north and south line extended from the northern boundary of the state, to the said south bank of the river Cumberland.

AND BE IT ENACTED, That a new county be established by the name of Smith, to be contained within the following described bounds; beginning upon the south bank of Cumberland River, at the south end of the eastern boundary of Sumner County, thence north with the said eastern boundary, to the northern boundary of the state, and with the said boundary, east to whether it is intersected by the Cherokee boundary, run and marked agreeably to the treaty of Holston, thence with that boundary, to the Cany [sic] Fork of Cumberland River, thence with the said fork according to its meanders, to the mouth thereof, thence down the south bank of Cumberland River according to its meanders, to the beginning.