

Comparison of Boundary Descriptions from Petitions to Divide Kanawha County 1798-1803

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I have found five petitions to divide Kanawha County in which the boundary descriptions substantially encompass the area which became Mason County in 1804. ([Keith Biggs 3/31/2014](#)) [Link to 1807 Map of Virginia](#)

12/13/1798 (rejected) signature section dated November 1, 1798  LVA PID: 620939

Begin on the boundary line of the state of Kentucky thence thirty miles on a straight course up Big Sandy river from the junction thereof with the Ohio River, thence a straight line to the Red House Shoals, thence with the dividing ridge between the Eighteen mile creek and Pocatallico to head of Eighteen Mile Creek, thence North 45 degrees East 'til it strikes the Harrison line, and with that line and the Ohio River to the beginning.

12/5/1799 (rejected) signature section dated September 11, 1799  [Va. Senate Journal p22](#) LVA PID: 620941

From the boundary line of the Commonwealth aforesaid on the Northwest bank of the Ohio River, opposite the mouth of Big Sandy river, and extending up said river, so far that a straight line will measure thirty miles, thence a straight line to the Red House shoals on the Great Kanawha River, thence along the dividing ridge between the waters of Pocatallico and the Eighteen Mile Creek, thence from the head of said ridge N 45 degrees E until it intersects the dividing line between Harrison and Kanawha Counties, thence with the same to the Ohio River and with the boundaries of the Commonwealth down the same to the beginning.

12/12/1800 (rejected)  LVA PID: 620945

...may be obviated by a division of the county into two counties, By a line beginning at the mouth of the great Sandy river and running up the same a straight line 30 miles, thence a straight line to the rock camp on Mud river, thence a straight line to the mouth of the little Hurricane creek, thence crossing Kanawha river to the ridge dividing the waters of Pocatallico and Eighteen mile creek and along said ridge to the head thereof, thence north 45 degrees East till it intersects the line of Harrison county, thence along the said line 'till it reaches the Ohio River. Thence down said river to the beginning.

Undated (after Dec. 21, 1798 creation of Wood County from Harrison) –rejected by Senate  LVA PID: 621214
(1802 session of Virginia General Assembly – rejected by Senate on third reading)

Beginning at the mouth of the Little Guyandott river and running from thence a straight line to the rock Camp on Mud River near James Jourdan's and from thence a straight line to the mouth of the little Hurricane, thence crossing Kanawha river and a straight line to the dividing ridge between the waters of Pocatallico River and Eighteen miles Creek waters and along said ridge to the end thereof, thence a straight line to the southeast corner of Wood County line and from thence with said line to the Ohio River (the Virginia line) and with the same to the place of beginning.

12/12/1803, reasonable, reported, passed January 2, 1804 – became Mason County  LVA PID: 620956

Beginning at the mouth of the little Guyandott river running from thence to the North West corner of a survey of 1,437 ½ acres made for Thomas Lewis on Teazes Valley near the house of Joshua Morris, from thence to the mouth of the little Hurricane creek, thence crossing the Kanawha river and taking a dividing Ridge between the Eighteen Mile Creek and Pocatallico to the end there of, thence pursuing North East direction till it intersects the Wood County line to the Ohio, thence down the said Ohio to the beginning. Leaving the town of Point Pleasant, both most central and convenient for the Seat of Justice.

[January 2, 1804 Statute passed dividing Kanawha County to create Mason County, effective May 1, 1804](#)

: beginning at the mouth of the Little Guyandott river, running from thence to the north-west corner of a survey of one thousand four hundred and thirty-seven and half acres made for Thomas Lewis in Teaze's valley near the house of Joshua Morris, from thence to the mouth of Little Hurricane creek, thence crossing the Kanawha river and taking a dividing ridge between Eighteen mile and Pocatallico creeks to the end thereof, thence pursuing a north-east direction till it intersects the Wood county line to the Ohio, thence down the Ohio to the beginning, from and after the first day of May next, form one distinct county, and be called and known by the name of Mason county.