

Petition citizens of Knox, Jefferson & Sevier counties between "Bays mountain and Holston River," asking to be "stricken off to Jefferson County."  
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Wm Shields, Thomas Wilkerson, Henry Shields, Wm Shields Juner, David Ashmore, all listed as living in Sevier County. They lived in corner of Sevier on north side of Bays mountain- just four or five families. Stated that it was 2 miles to first settlement on east side of mountain- heretofore thought they lived in Jefferson county and all land records in County Court of Jefferson. Had done military duty and paid tax in Jefferson until lately when they were told that they lived in Sevier county. "Our property for tax has been offered in both counties and Refused. We are at a loss where to perform the duties growing out of our relation to government." If in Sevier very inconvenient "we should have to cross french broad river once and pigeon River twice to get to the Court house." Jefferson court house nearer and better road- have to travel 8 or 9 miles to the nearest muster ground over a very bad road- "from the mouth of Cresswells creek to the top of Bays mountain is about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles... one miles and a quarter from the line of Jefferson county to the line of Knox county- to stop the Jefferson line on the extream hight of Bays mountain and run with the extream hight of said mountain till it strikes the line of Knox County would be convenient to both counties." They asked that that "part of Sevier County between the mouth cresswells Creek and bay mountain" be added to Jefferson County. Sept. 3, 1827.

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Aug. 27, 1827, a statement by Adam Meek, Jefferson County. He said he was in the legislature at Knoxville when a "bill was brought to separate what is now sevier county from Knox and Jefferson county I objected to the passage of the bill in its original shape and Coln Wear the author of the bill agreed if I would let the bill pass that he did not wish to claim as now claimed by sevier County but that the top of bais mountain should be the line."