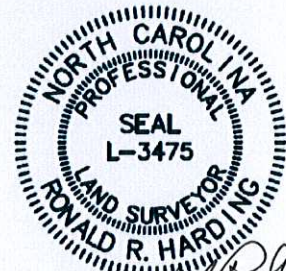


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**HISTORY**

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Harnett County was formed in 1855 from Cumberland County

Harnett County were formed from Cumberland County in 1855. From page 116 of David Leroy Corbitt's book "*The Formation of the North Carolina Counties 1663-1943*" reads ...., *Beginning at the intersection of lines of Johnston and Sampson counties, on Black Mingo; thence a direct line to the mouth of Lower Little river; thence up said river to the bridge at Elliot's mills; thence a straight line to the place on the Murchison road where Hector's creek crosses; thence with said line to road to the Moore county line; thence with said line to the Chatham county line; thence with that to the Wake county line; thence with that to the Johnston county line; thence with that to the beginning. (Public Laws, 1854-55, Ch. 8)*

**CONCLUSION**

The earliest record of a survey of the Chatham-Harnett County boundary line is that of the 1855 creation of Harnett County is most probable the first survey. Although adoption and ratification records of this survey aren't available, witness of it having been conducted is presented in the description provided by Corbitt's book. The historical record indicate a straight line for the boundary of Chatham-Harnett County line. The adoption of Harnett-Lee County corner on February 03, 1993 and plat recorded in Harnett County Register of Deeds office in Plat Cabinet F; Page 130-D; as well as the North Carolina General Assembly Session 2017-2018 House Bill 1082 adopting the EIP in rock pile as the Chatham, Harnett, Wake County corner recorded in Chatham County Register of Deeds office Plat Book 2018; Page 184; Harnett County Register of Deeds office Plat Book 2018; Page 213 and Wake County Register of Deeds office Book of Maps 2018; Page 1452. In conclusion, research of the original county line descriptions, historic maps, land grant descriptions, property deed descriptions, and property survey plats illustrate the best witness to the position of the county boundary line is at the EIP in rock pile in a southwesterly direction to the square solid iron at the Harnett-Lee County corner to be the blue line drawn on preliminary map titled Chatham County and Harnett County Boundary Line as attached.