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Stewart County was named for Duncan Stewart, an early settler, Tennessee, state legislator and lieutenant governor of Mississippi Territory. He was a veteran of the American Revolutionary War. He holds the very rare distinction of having served three separate states state legislatures over his life, in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Mississippi. The county is located in the north-central area of the state.

### [Locality Guide](#) – Stewart County

Giles County was named for William Branch Giles, a Senator from Virginia who sponsored the admission of Tennessee as the sixteenth state into the Union. He was a long-term Senator and 24<sup>th</sup> Governor of Virginia. The county is located in the south-central area of the state.



### [Locality Guide](#) – Giles County



Johnson County was named for Thomas Johnson, an early settler. The county is located in the northeastern area of the state. Located in the extreme northeastern corner of the state, Johnson County lies on the western slope of the Appalachian Mountains. It is bounded by Virginia on the north and North Carolina on the south and east.

Hilly and mountainous, the county covers approximately 290 square miles, and the highest elevation is Snake Mountain at 5,574 feet.



Dyer County was named for Robert Henry Dyer (circa 1774-1826). The county is located in the northwestern area of the state. The Tennessee General Assembly established Dyer County in 1823 and named it in honor of Colonel Robert H. Dyer. John McIver and Joel H. Dyer donated sixty acres for the new county seat, named Dyersburg, at a central location within the county known as McIver's Bluff.

Chester County was named for Colonel Robert I. Chester, a quartermaster in the War of 1812, an early postmaster in Jackson, and a federal marshal. The county is located in the southwestern area of the state. The last county formed in Tennessee was Chester County, created by the Tennessee General Assembly from parts of neighboring Hardeman, Henderson, McNairy, and Madison Counties.

