

INDIANA BOUNDARIES

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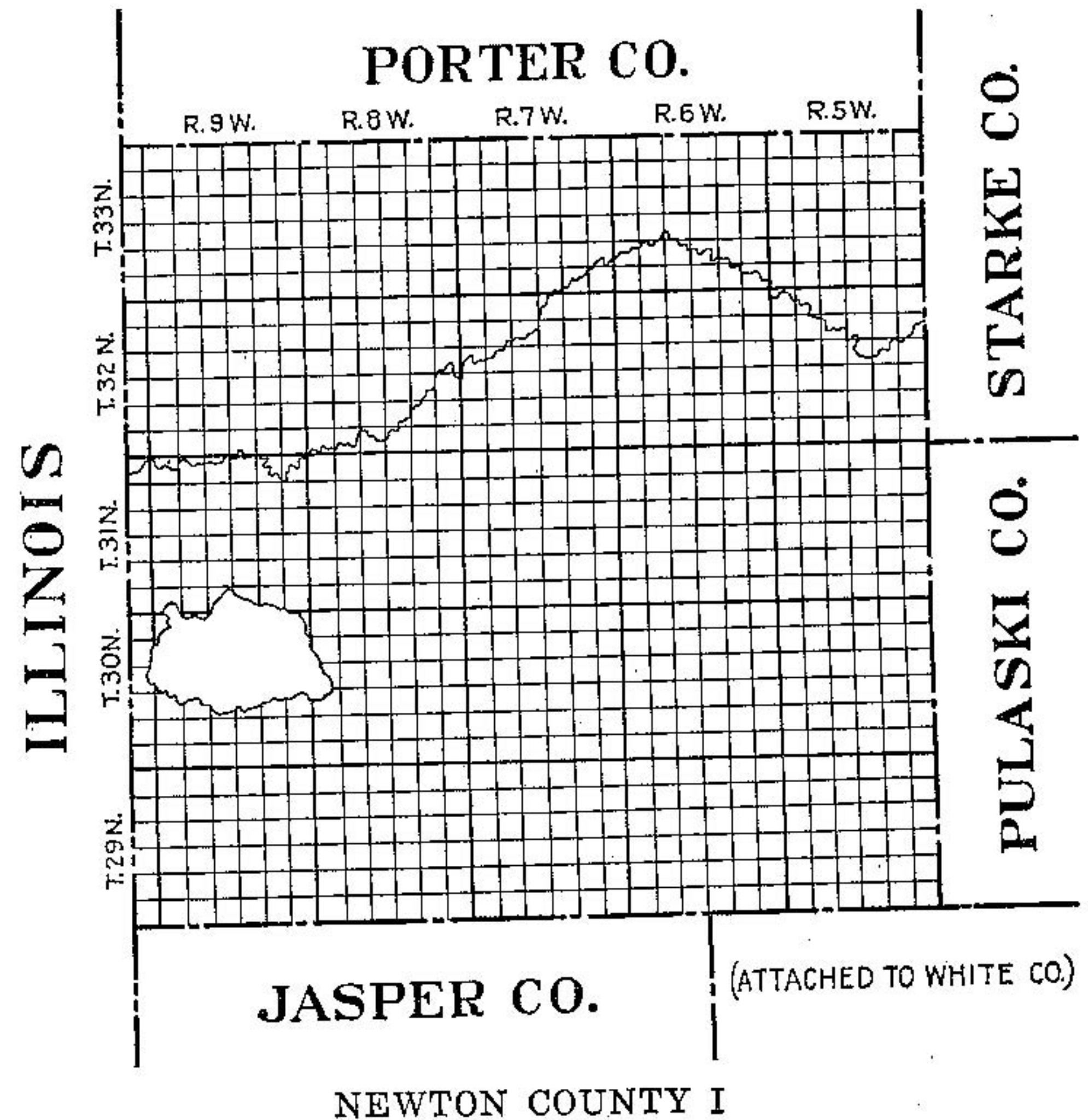
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NEWTON COUNTY I

FEBRUARY 7, 1835: Formation by statute, effective on publication. The formation affected territory attached to St. Joseph County.

BOUNDARIES: "Beginning at the south east corner of township twenty nine north, of range five west, thence west to the state line, thence north with the state line thirty miles, thence east with the line dividing townships thirty three and thirty-four, to the north east corner of township thirty three in range five west, thence south with the range line thirty miles to the place of beginning." *Laws of Indiana, 1834-35 (general), pp. 46-47.*

COUNTY SEAT: The county remained unorganized for several years after its boundaries were first laid out. It had no county seat during this period.



[Law: Feb. 7, 1835, effective on publication]

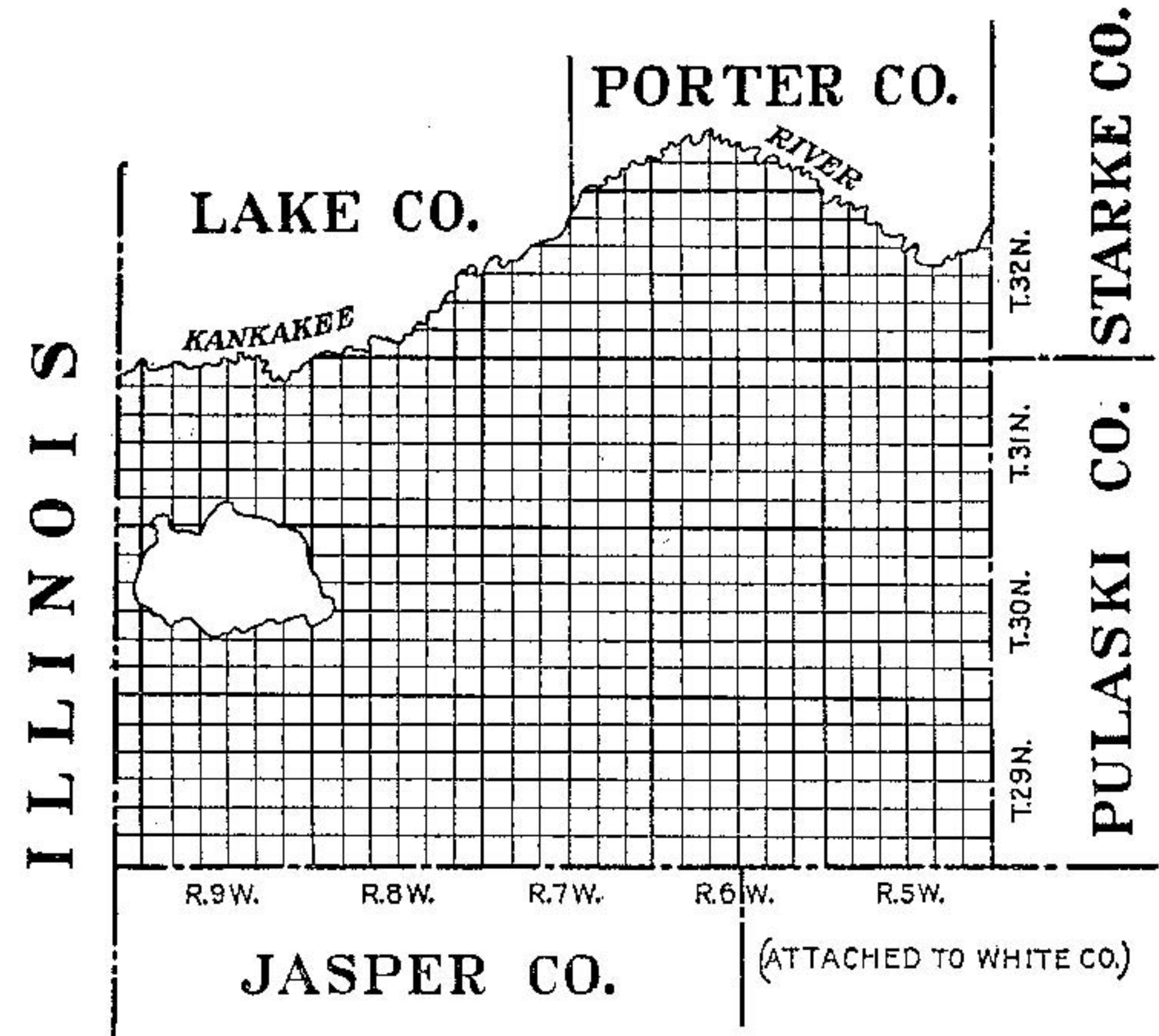
NEWTON COUNTY II

JANUARY 28, 1836: Alteration by statute organizing the county of Porter, and for other purposes, effective February 1, 1836.

BOUNDARY CHANGE: All that part of Newton County between the Kankakee River and the township line dividing townships 33 and 34 north was given to Lake and Porter counties, all east of the center line of range 7 west of the second principal meridian going to Porter, and all west of the same line to Lake County. *Laws of Indiana, 1835-36 (general), p. 51.* See text of law, with map, Porter County II.

In the law of February 17, 1838, defining county boundaries, these changes were overlooked. An amending act of February 11, 1839, corrected this error. *Laws of Indiana, 1837-38 (local), p. 263; 1838-39 (general), p. 68.*

A law of January 29, 1839, appointed commissioners "to examine the counties of Jasper and Newton, with a view of their being consolidated." It provided that "if, after examination, they shall be of opinion that the interest of the two counties would be promoted by the union of the same, from thenceforth the territory, known by the names of Jasper and Newton counties, shall be known as Jasper county." *Ibid.*, 83. The consolidation took place that year and lasted until 1859, when a new Newton County was formed. See following map, and maps, Jasper County II and III.



NEWTON COUNTY II

[Law: Jan. 28, 1836, effective Feb. 1, 1836]

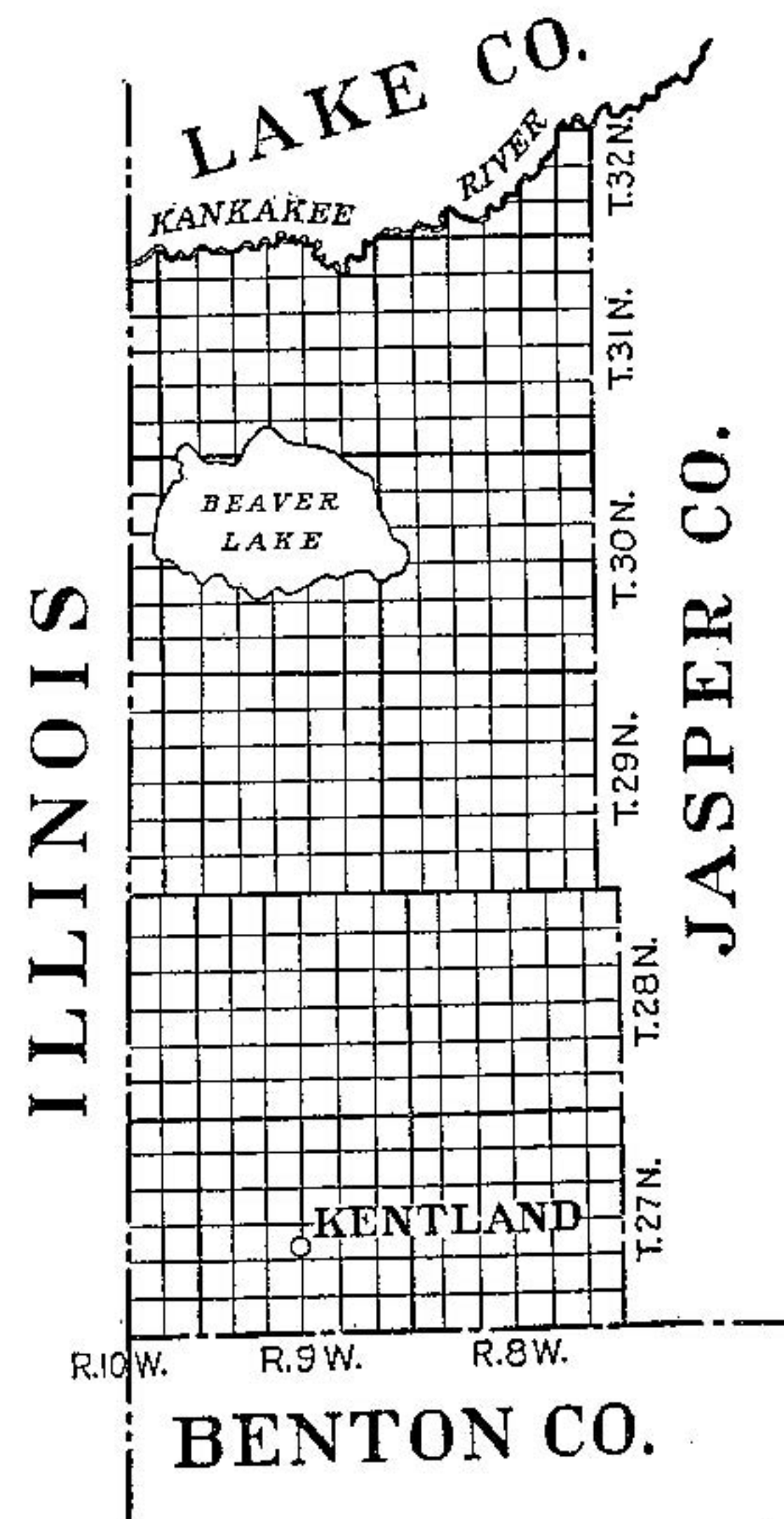
NEWTON COUNTY III

DECEMBER 8, 1859: Formation, pursuant to a decision of the Indiana Supreme Court sustaining the report of February 27, 1858, made by commissioners appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Jasper County, to lay out the boundaries of a new county. Newton County was organized in 1860.

BOUNDARIES: "Beginning at a point on the state line between Indiana and Illinois, at the south-west corner of township twenty-seven (27) north, range ten (10) west, at the corner of Benton and Jasper counties, Ind., thence east along the line of said counties of Benton and Jasper, between townships twenty-six and seven, to range line between ranges seven and eight west, thence north along said range line of seven and eight to the Kankakee river, thence westwardly down the channel of said river to the state line between Indiana and Illinois, thence south along said state line to place of beginning." Davis, Edwin A. (ed.), *Statutes of the State of Indiana*, 1:212 (Indianapolis, 1878).

See pages 111 and 112 for an account of this formation.

COUNTY SEAT: A site in section 22, township 27 north, range 9 west was chosen as the county seat for Newton County. The original name, Kent, was soon lengthened to Kentland. In this town the seat of justice has remained, although there have been attempts to remove it. Shockley, "County Seat Wars," *op. cit.*, 10:no.1:42-44; Hamilton and Darroch (eds.), *Standard History of Jasper and Newton Counties*, 1:189-96; Ade, *Newton County*, 129-33.



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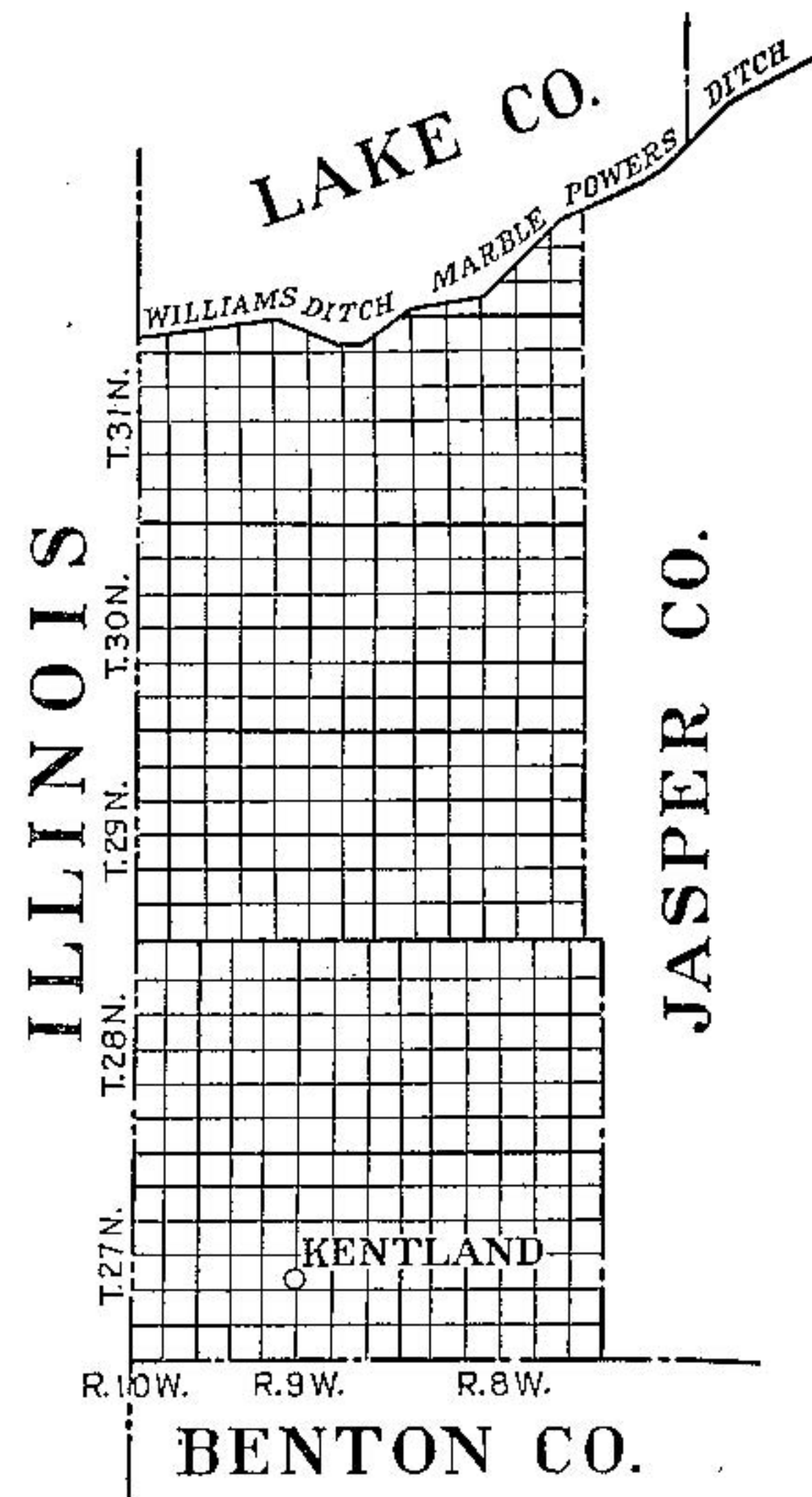
[Commissioners' Report: Feb. 27, 1858, recorded Dec. 8, 1859]

NEWTON COUNTY IV

MARCH 8, 1923: Alteration by statute defining the boundaries of Newton, Jasper, and other counties.

BOUNDARIES: "Beginning at a point on the state line between Indiana and Illinois, at the southwest corner of [section thirty-five] township twenty-seven north, range ten west, at the corner of Benton and Jasper [Newton] counties, Indiana, thence east along the line of said counties of Benton and Jasper [Newton], between townships twenty-six and twenty-seven, to the range line between ranges seven and eight west, thence north along said range line of seven and eight to the Marble Powers ditch, thence down the middle of the channel of the same to the beginning of the Williams ditch, and thence down the middle of the channel of the same to the state line between Indiana and Illinois, thence south along said state line to place of beginning." *Laws of Indiana, 1923, pp. 464-65.*

The corrections supplied in brackets above have not been made by law.



NEWTON COUNTY IV

[Law: Mar. 8, 1923]