

KEY DATES IN U.S. HISTORY

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These events, gathered from many sources, are sensitive to the need of students of U.S. history. The following historical events can be used both as an educational source and also to gain some flavor of the history, tempo, attitudes, expressions, and times. Note the long passage of time between some events, especially in the early chronology. As much as possible the events are listed chronologically. However, certain events of a similar nature or pertaining to a particular incident are grouped together. The events are listed in a consistent fashion, as much as possible, with date, time (if known), place name, and latitude and longitude by the closest estimate or source. While this list has been gathered from what are considered to be reliable sources, the sources themselves are often in disagreement over some of the material provided. Dates are all in the "New System" (Gregorian) calendar, and in a "month/day/year" format. The times shown are in a twenty-four hour clock format (military time). Comments should be reported to Michael Munkasey; 79 Daily Drive, #200, Camarillo, CA 93010, USA, m_munkasey@compuserve.com. Due to the nature of this material written comments are preferred.

Columbus' lookouts sight land in the "Indies" (Source: Nat'l Geographic):

10/12/1492 0200 LMT Samana Cay, Bahamas 23N09 73W29

The first use of the term "America" to refer to the new lands is made in the book "Cosmographiae Introduction," by Martin Waldseemuller:

1507 (?) Germany

The first landing of European explorers (by Juan Ponce De Leon, et al.) in territorial U.S. after Columbus' discovery, is made:

04/02/1513 (?) Florida

The first European settlement attempt in the U.S. is made by the Spanish:

Summer, 1526 (near) Georgetown, SC 33N23 79W17

The first permanent white European settlement is established in the U.S.:

09/08/1565 (?) St. Augustine, FL 29N51 81W16

Roanoke Island colony is founded by Sir Walter Raleigh:

Aug., 1585 (?) Roanoke Island, NC 35N51 75W35

Virginia Dare becomes the first child born of European settlers in new world:

08/18/1587 (?) Roanoke Island, NC 35N51 75W35

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About 6/21/1775 in Phila., General George Washington is designated by Congress to assume command of all Colonial forces, and rides twelve days to do so:

07/03/1775 (?) Cambridge, MA 42N22 71W06

The American Postal System is established (Benjamin Franklin, Postmaster):

07/26/1775 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

Congress authorizes construction of the first American fighting vessel:

10/13/1775 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

The assembly of New Hampshire adopts the first state constitution.

01/05/1776 (?) Concord, NH

Thomas Paine publishes his booklet "Common Sense." It presents a clear and persuasive argument for colonial independence.

01/09/1776 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

The Continental Congress authorizes privateering raids on British shipping.

03/19/1776 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

The Continental Congress issues a resolution authorizing each of the thirteen colonies to form a new provincial government.

05/10/1776 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

Richard Henry Lee, a Continental Congress delegate from Virginia, presents the first formal request for independence to Congress. Debate on this resolution is postponed until July 1, 1776. This resolution is voted on and passed 07/02/1776.

06/07/1776 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

The Continental Congress appoints a committee consisting of John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Roger R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman to draft a declaration of independence. All defer to Jefferson to write the draft. This draft is presented to Congress on Friday, 06/28, and debate starts on Monday.

06/11/1776 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

The Declaration of Independence drafted by Thos. Jefferson is severely amended and abbreviated over several days of debate. It is approved by voice vote and John Hancock signs same:

07/04/1776 0937 LMT Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

The Declaration of Independence is read to George Washington's troops:

07/09/1776 1800 LMT New York City 40N45 73W57

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The Articles of Confederation are signed by delegates from seven states. Delegates from the other states will endorse the document over the coming months.

07/09/1778 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

British ship "Serapis" surrenders to John Paul Jones "Bonhomme Richard":

09/23/1779 2230 LMT Off Flamborough Head 54N05 05W00

Benedict Arnold's treason is discovered:

09/25/1780 1530 LMT West Point, NY 41N25 73W58

The Articles of Confederation are enacted and adopted:

03/01/1781 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Uranus is discovered and named by Sir William Hershel. Uranus had been sighted five times during the 1690's by the English astronomer Flamsteed who recorded the observations but never investigated them:

03/13/1781 (?) Slough, England 51N31 00W36

French and British fleets commence a naval battle in Hampton Roads:

09/25/1781 1615 LMT Hampton Roads, VA 37N00 75W50

Gen. Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown, VA, ending the Revolutionary War:

10/19/1781 1100 LMT Yorktown, VA 37N14 76W31

The British surrender ceremony and lay down of arms begins:

10/19/1781 1400 LMT Yorktown, VA 37N14 76W31

The British surrender is announced to Congress and the people in Philadelphia:

10/22/1781 0300 LMT Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W08

The Bank of North America is founded by Congress:

12/31/1781 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

The Great Seal of the U.S. is adopted. It is to be first used on 09/16/1782.:

06/20/1782 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

A Peace Treaty is signed with Great Britain. American independence is formally recognized by Britain, and the boundaries of the U.S. are formally established:

02/03/1783 (?) Paris, France 48N52 2E20

Gen. Washington resigns his commission in the Continental Army:

12/24/1783 (?) Annapolis, MD 38N59 76W30

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Congress enacts legislation setting aside land grants for schools:

05/20/1785 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Thomas Jefferson proposes the first uniform coinage system for U.S.:

07/06/1785 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Adopted: 08/08/1786 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Shay's rebellion, farmers against being imprisoned for debts, occurs:

01/25/1787 (?) Springfield, MA 42N06 72W35

The U. S. Constitution is adopted:

09/17/1787 1129 LMT Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

The U. S. Constitution Convention is adjourned:

09/17/1787 1600 LMT Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

Delaware becomes the first state to ratify the new U. S. Constitution:

12/07/1787 (?)

New Hampshire becomes 9th (crucial number) state to ratify the Constitution:

06/21/1788 (?)

The first session of a U.S. Congress is held under the new Constitution:

03/04/1789 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

The inauguration of George Washington as first president of U.S.:

04/30/1789 1304 LMT New York City 40N45 73W57

The U.S. Department of State is created (Thomas Jefferson appointed):

07/27/1789 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The U.S. War Department is created (Gen. Henry Knox appointed):

08/07/1789 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The U.S. Treasury Department is created (Alexander Hamilton appointed):

09/02/1789 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The first U.S. Chief Justice is appointed by Congress (John Jay appointed):

09/26/1789 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The first Patent law is passed:

04/10/1790 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

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The first U.S. Copyright law is passed:

05/31/1790 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The first Internal Revenue law is passed:

03/03/1791 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Vermont joins the Union as the 14th State:

03/04/1791 (?)

The first Cornerstone is laid for Washington, DC's civil boundaries:

04/ 15/1791 1500 LMT Alexandria, VA 38N48 77W03

The New York Stock Exchange is organized:

05/17/1792 0910 LMT(?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Congress authorizes the first U.S. Mint:

04/02/1792 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Congress passes the first military conscription act:

05/08/1792 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The Jeffersonian Political Party is formed (later to become Democratic Party):

05/13/1792 (?)

Virginia fulfills the legal ratification of the Bill of Rights (2/3 of states needed):

12/15/1792 (?)

The first hot air balloon flight in U.S. occurs:

01/09/1793 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

President Washington orders out the militia to put down a rebellion in PA:

08/07/1794 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The Naturalization Act, setting a 5 year U.S. residency requirement, passes:

01/25/1795 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

George Washington's Farewell Address delivered to Congress:

09/17/1796 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution is adopted:

01/08/1798 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

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The first blatant abrogation of an international treaty (with France) by U.S.:

07/07/1798 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The Library of Congress is established:

04/24/1800 ?) New York City 40N45 73W57

First Congress convenes in new Capitol Building in Washington, DC, after the government had moved from New York between June and October. John Adams moves into the new White House sometimes in November, 1800:

11/17/1800 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The House of Representatives is deadlocked in a tie on presidential election:

02/11/1801 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

02/17/1801 Thomas Jefferson is elected after passage of the 12th amendment to break the tie and deadlock that had ensued in Congress.

Thomas Jefferson is inaugurated as third U.S. President:

03/04/1801 1200 LMT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

War with the Tripoli States begins with symbolic act against U.S. flag by Tripoli:

05/14/1801 (?)

War is declared against the State of Tripoli:

06/10/1801 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

West Point, the U.S. Military Academy, opens:

07/04/1802 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Louisiana Purchase, first U.S. territorial expansion, is approved:

04/30/1803 (?) Paris (?)

Treaty signed: 05/02/1803 Paris (?)

Lewis & Clark set out to explore the newly acquired western lands:

05/14/1804 1600 LMT St. Louis, MO 38N38 90W12

Alexander Hamilton mortally wounded by Aaron Burr in a duel over disunion:

07/11/1804 (?)

A Peace Treaty, favorable to U.S., is signed with the Tripoli States (now Libya):

06/04/1805 (?)

Congress passes a law prohibiting the importation of slaves to U.S. after 1/1/1808:

03/02/1807 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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The British frigate "Leopard" attacks the U.S. frigate "Chesapeake" when the American Commodore refuses a British search request:

06/22/1807 (?) Norfolk, VA 36N54 76W16

President Jefferson orders all British warships to leave American waters:

07/02/1807 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

10/17/1807 British respond they will continue as they please.

First successful voyage of a steam powered boat, the "Clermont", built by Robert Fulton, sails from New York to Albany in 32 hours:

08/17/1807 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

President Jefferson signs the "Non-Intercourse Act" lifting the embargo of trade to European nations signed on 12/18/07 due to Napoleonic War in Europe. This re-opens trade with all nations except Britain and France:

03/01/1809 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Congress passes "Macons Bill #2" authorizing President Madison to reopen trade with Britain and France:

05/01/1810 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The land of "West Florida," including New Orleans territory, is annexed by U.S.:

10/27/1810 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Trade with France is re-opened:

11/02/1810 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first permanent colony is founded on Pacific Northwest:

04/12/1811 (?) Cape Disappointment, WA

The worst earthquake in U.S. history occurs near New Madrid, MO:

12/16/1811 0200 LMT Blytheville, AR 35N56 89W55

War is declared on Great Britain for "Free trade and Sailors rights". The war stems from several misunderstandings and poor or delayed communications:

06/18/1812 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

In the first naval battle of the War of 1812 the U.S.S. Frigate "Constitution" (Old Ironsides) is fired upon and then defeats the British ship "Guerriere":

08/19/1812 1705 LMT Atlantic Ocean 41N42 55W48

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Pres. Madison sends peace commissioners to St. Petersburg, Russia, in an unsuccessful attempt to end the war by negotiation with the British:

05/18/1813	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
07/05/1813	The British refuse the Russian Czar's offer to negotiate			

The Battle of Lake Erie, with U.S. forces led by Oliver Hazard Perry, begins:

09/10/1813	1145 LMT	Port Clinton, OH	41N35	82W56
The British surrender about 1500 LMT				

Americans win an important victory over the British and Indians in the West, dubbed "The Battle of the Thames":

10/05/1813	(?)	Detroit, MI	42N20	83W03
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The British offer direct negotiations with the U.S. to end the war:

11/04/1813	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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The burning of Washington, DC is begun by American and British forces:

08/24/1814	2020 LMT	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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The British attack and are repulsed at Lake Champlain:

09/11/1814	0900 LMT	Lake Champlain, VT	44N30	73W15
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"The Star Spangled Banner" is composed:

09/14/1814	0300 LMT (?)	Baltimore, MD	39N19	76W37
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A treaty is signed to end the War of 1812 with Britain:

12/24/1814	(?)	Ghent, Belgium	51N03	3E43
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The battle of New Orleans is won by Gen. Andrew Jackson:

01/08/1815	Morning	New Orleans, LA	29N58	90W04
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Congress declares war on the Bey of Algiers:

03/03/1815	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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A Peace Treaty is signed with Bey of Algiers;

07/03/1815	(?)			
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The first railroad charter in U.S. is granted by New Jersey:

02/06/1817	(?)			
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The Missouri Compromise enacted, eventually setting stage for the Civil War:

03/03/1820	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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President James Monroe formulates the Doctrine declaring that the American (western) hemisphere belongs to the U.S.:

12/02/1823 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams die on 50th Anniversary of Decl. of Ind.:

07/04/1826 (Jefferson at home in VA at 1250 LMT; Adams in MA)

"Tariff of Abominations" is declared unjust, as Southerners reject nationalism:

12/19/1828 (?) South Carolina

A railroad company, the B & O, carries the first ever paying passengers:

01/07/1830 (?) Baltimore, MD 39N17 76W37

The present day Democratic Party, founded by Andrew Jackson, is named:

05/21/1832 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Public funds are withdrawn from the 'Bank of U.S.' by Presidential order:

10/01/1833 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Henry Clay's censure resolution against President Jackson is adopted by Senate:

03/28/1834 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Gold to Silver ratio in U.S. coinage is officially set at a 16:1 ratio:

06/28/1834 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

President Jackson is attacked in first attempted U.S. assassination:

01/30/1835

The Liberty Bell cracks while tolling the death of Chief Justice John Marshall:

07/08/1835 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

Texas declares itself to be an independent republic:

03/02/1836 (?) Texas

Texans are defeated at the Alamo as Santa Ana's forces overrun same:

03/06/1836 0515 LMT San Antonio, TX 26N12 98W10

Sam Houston defeats Santa Ana, and Mexico relinquishes rights to U.S. territory:

04/21/1836 1630 LMT San Jacinto, TX 30N37 95W43

The first instance of the House asserting right to control its own procedures:

05/25/1836 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Specie Circular is issued and sets stage for "Financial Panic of '37":

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07/11/1836 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The House asserts that slaves do not have rights granted by U.S. Constitution:

02/06/1837 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The financial panic of 1837 begins:

05/10/1837 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Sept., 1837: Samuel F. B. Morse applies for a patent on his telegraph.
1844 Patent granted.

Pres. Martin Van Buren issues a "Neutrality Proclamation" forbidding Americans to take sides in the developing Canadian Insurrection:

01/05/1838 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first alcohol prohibition act is passed by a state in the U.S.:

01/26/1838 (?) Nashville, TN 36N10 86W47

The first trans-Atlantic steamship service is established:

04/23/1838 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The Aroostook "War" begins between U.S. and Canada:

02/12/1839 (?) Aroostook Farm, ME 46N42 68W00

An expedition by Capt. Chas. Wilkes sails; lays claim to Antarctica for U.S.:

01/19/1840 (?)

William Henry Harrison dies from pneumonia after one month as President:

04/04/1841 0130 LMT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

President Taylor's entire Cabinet (but one) resigns over veto of the Bank bill:

09/11/1841 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first Mutual Life Insurance Charter is granted to Mutual of New York:

04/12/1842 (?)

Re-apportionment act passed; provides for congressional election districts:

06/25/1842 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Webster-Ashburton Treaty officially ends Aroostook "War":

08/09/1842 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first New York Bank Clearing House is established:

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10/11/1843 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57
 The first ever newswire dispatch is sent via telegraph to a Baltimore newspaper:
 05/25/1844 1300 LMT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Mesabi iron range in Minnesota is discovered -- largest in U.S.:
 09/19/1844 (?) Minnesota

The first Tuesday in November set as Presidential Election Day:
 01/23/1845 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Republic of Texas annexed by a joint resolution of Congress. This is the first instance of such an action:
 03/01/1845 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Mexico formally breaks relations with the U.S. over the annexation of Texas:
 03/28/1845 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Texas is assured of U.S. military protection:
 06/15/1845 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The U.S. Naval Academy officially opens:
 10/10/1845 (?) Annapolis, MD 38N58 76W30

War is officially declared on Mexico by Congress:
 05/13/1846 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first recorded baseball game is played, the New York Knickerbockers lose 23 - 1 to a team composed of cricket players. See also entries for 07/20/1858, 06/03/1888:
 06/19/1846 (?) Hoboken, NJ 40N45 74W02

Chronology for the Discovery of the planet Neptune:
 09/23/1846 Late Evening. Confirmed by German Astronomer Galle
 1800: First indications noted in orbital deviations of Uranus
 1841: John Couch Adams starts his calculations for locating planet
 1841: Urbain J. J. Leverier starts his calculations for locating planet
 Sept., 1846 Leverier sends his calculations to Galle who locates the planet the very first night. Adams had his work rejected by the English astronomers, who reluctantly and much later after the receipt of the work took up the search in a very sloppy manner. Credit for the discovery is awarded to both men.

The first public demonstration of the use of anesthesia is made:
 10/16/1846 (?) Boston, MA 42N22 71W04

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The first large scale amphibious invasion by U.S. forces, into Veracruz, Mexico:
03/09/1847 (?) Veracruz, Mexico 32N25 115W05

The first Mormon settlers arrive in Utah:
07/22/1847 (?) Salt Lake City, UT 40N45 111W53

The U.S. flag is raised in victory in the war with Mexico:
09/14/1847 0700 LMT Mexico City, Mex 19N24 99W09

Gold is discovered at Sutter's Mill in California:
01/24/1848 (?) Sutter Creek, CA 38N24 120W48

Treaty of Guadeloupe-Hidalgo ends Mexican war; U.S. acquires western lands
02/02/1848 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first commercial use of air-conditioning is announced:
06/27/1848 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The first Woman's Suffrage convention begins:
07/19/1848 1000 LMT Seneca Falls, NY 42N55 76W48

The Department of the Interior is created by Congress:
03/03/1849 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Compromise of 1850 is adopted in Congress over Slavery issue:
(These series of compromises eventually splits the country over this issue)
01/29/1850 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Fugitive Slave Bill is passed; providing for the return of slaves to owners:
09/18/1850 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A mob rescues a fugitive slave in Boston, preventing his return:
02/15/1851 (?) Boston, MA 42N22 71W04

The first patent for a practical sewing machine granted to Isaac Singer:
08/12/1851 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Schooner-Yacht *America* wins first of "The America's Cup" races:
08/22/1851 (?) Cowes, England 50N45 1W18

A large fire destroys 2/3rds of the Library of Congress collection:
12/24/1851 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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The first use of the word "telegram" appears in the press:

04/06/1852 (?) Afternoon Albany, NY 42N39 73W45

The silver content of all coins, except the dollar, is reduced:

02/21/1853 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A Transcontinental Railway survey is authorized by Congress:

03/03/1853 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

More than 5000 are killed in yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans:

Spring & Summer, 1853 New Orleans, LA 29N58 90W04

The first female waitresses are introduced:

May, 1853 (?) Albany, NY 42N39 73W45

Trade opens with Japan after a show of force by Commodore Matthew Perry:

07/08/1853 (?) Tokyo, Japan 35N40 139E52

The Republican Party is named:

02/28/1854 (?) Ripon, WI 43N51 88W50

Dramatic fugitive slave case in Boston causes a confrontation with U.S. troops:

06/02/1854 (?) Boston, MA 42N22 71W04

The Canadian Reciprocity Treaty, allowing free flow of trade, is signed:

06/05/1854 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Gadsden purchase of southern New Mexico and Arizona is ratified:

06/30/1854 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

An important change in immigration laws allows children born in the U.S. of foreign parents, to be assured of U.S. citizenship:

02/10/1855 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first U.S. Court of Claims is authorized:

02/24/1855 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Western Union Telegraph Company formed: 04/ 01/1856 (?)

The first rail bridge over the Mississippi River is opened to traffic:

04/21/1856 (?) Rock Island, IL 41N30 90W34

Sen. Chas. Sumner attacked and severely beaten in the Senate by fellow Senator:

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05/22/1856 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Dred Scott decision by South Carolina impinges on Congress's powers and rights, and is loudly denounced:

03/06/1857 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Gov. Geary of Kansas is forced to resign by a pro-slavery faction:

03/04/1857 (?) Kansas Territory

10/19/1857 Pro-Slavery constitutional conv'n opens in Lecompton, KS

12/17/1857 Gov. Walker resigns; Pres. Buchanan's ineptness splits the Democratic party over the slavery issue

08/02/1858 Kansans reject slavery in a voter referendum

Financial panic begins with failure of a NY office of the Ohio Life Insurance Co.:

08/24/1857 1000 LMT (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Professional sports begin with the first admission charge to a baseball game:

07/20/1858 1300 (?) Brooklyn, NY 40N40 73W52

The first trans-Atlantic cable message sent, Queen Victoria to Pres. Buchanan:

08/16/1858 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

07/24/1858 Challenge issued for the Abra. Lincoln- Steven Douglas debates

First of seven Lincoln-Douglas debates begin for a Senate seat from Illinois:

08/21/1858 (?) Springfield, IL 39N48 89W39

Second Lincoln-Douglas debate begins:

08/27/1858 1400 LMT Freeport, IL 42N18 89W36

Frenchman Charles Blondin tightrope walks between U.S. and Canada:

06/30/1859 (?) Niagara Falls, NY 43N06 79W03

First inter-collegiate baseball game occurs; between Amherst (won) & Williams:

07/01/1859 (?) Amherst, MA (?) 42N23 72W31

Edwin Drake sinks first the successful oil well in U.S.:

08/28/1859 1600 LMT Titusville, PA 41N38 79W40

Abolitionist John Brown seizes the Federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, VA:

10/16/1859 (?) Harpers Ferry, WV 39N20 77W44

10/18 Surrenders to U.S. troops under Col. Robert E. Lee

John Brown hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry, VA:

12/02/1859 1110 LMT Charles Town, WV 39N17 77W52

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The Pony Express Service is started:

04/03/1860 1930 LMT St. Joseph, MO 39N46 94W51

Secession of South Carolina from the Union occurs (quickly joined by others):

12/20/1860 1315 LMT Charleston, SC 32N42 79W53

Fort Moultrie seized by South Carolina in first land seizure after break:

12/27/1860 (?) Fort Moultrie, SC 42N46 79W52

The Confederate States of America are formed:

02/08/1861 1400(?) LMT Montgomery, AL 32N23 86W19

Jefferson Davis is inaugurated as President of the Confederacy:

02/18/1861 (?) Montgomery, AL 32N23 86W19

The Confederate Flag of Stars and Bars is selected:

03/04/1861 (?) Montgomery, AL 32N23 86W19

Abraham Lincoln is inaugurated of what is no longer the "United States":

03/04/1861 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Confederate Congress adopts its Constitution:

03/11/1861 (?) Montgomery, AL 32N23 86W19

Firing on U.S. forces at Fort Sumpter, SC by the Confederate forces begins:

04/12/1861 0430 LMT Fort Sumpter, SC 32N42 79W52

President Lincoln recognizes "insurrection" and issues a call for U.S. troops:

04/15/1861 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first casualties of the new Civil War occur:

04/19/1861 (?) Baltimore, MD 39N17 76W37

Richmond, VA, is declared the Capital of the Confederacy:

05/21/1861 (?) Montgomery, AL 32N23 86W19

The first major military action of Civil War occurs at Bull Run Creek:

07/21/1861 0515 LMT Manassas, VA 77W27 38N46

The first Income Tax law is passed to help finance the Civil War:

08/05/1861 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first overland 'Transcontinental Telegraph' begins operation:

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10/24/1861 1940 LMT Sacramento, CA 38N35 121W30

The USS Monitor sails from New York for battle:

03/06/1862 1100 LMT New York City 40N45 73W57

Battle between the first two "iron clads" USS Monitor and CSS Virginia:

03/08/1862 (?) Hampton Roads, VA 36N56 76W19

CSS Virginia (the "Merrimac") withdraws from battle with exhausted crew:

03/09/1862 1400 LMT Hampton Roads, VA 36N56 76W19

Decimated Confederate forces begin to withdraw from Shiloh:

04/07/1862 1430 LMT Pittsburg Lndg., TN 35N12 88W16

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is formed:

05/16/1862 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Homestead Act is passed by U.S. Congress; opens lands of west to settlement:

05/20/1862 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Congress enacts an anti-polygamy measure, aimed at Mormon practices:

07/01/1862 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Confederate forces capture the Federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry:

09/ 15/1862 0900 LMT Harpers Ferry, WV 39N20 77W44

The Emancipation Proclamation becomes effective:

01/01/1863 0000 LMT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First reading of the Proclamation is done at Noon at the Capitol

The first underground mass transit system in the world opens in London, from Paddington to downtown, using steam powered locomotives and trains:

01/10/1863 (?) London, ENG 51N30 00W10

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency is established:

02/25/1863 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first National Conscription Act is passed:

03/03/1863 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Territory of Idaho carved from four existing territories:

03/03/1863 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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Congress authorizes a standard railway gauge (which becomes a world standard):

03/03/1863 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The National Academy of Sciences is created:

03/03/1863 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The battle of Gettysburg begins (skirmishing began as early as 06/27):

07/03/1863 1307 LMT Gettysburg, PA 39N50 77W14

Anti-draft riots in New York City, over the next 3 days; 1000 persons killed:

07/13/1863 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Bushwhacker's raid led by Confederate William Quantrill kills 150 people:

08/21/1863 0430 LMT Lawrence, KS 38N58 95W14

Lincoln delivers his famous "Gettysburg Address":

11/19/1863 1000 LMT Gettysburg, PA 39N50 77W14

Motto of "In God We Trust" appears on U.S. coinage for the first time:

January, 1864 (?) Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W10

The first successful submarine attack is made by the CSS Hunley:

02/17/1864 (?) Charleston, SC 32N42 79W51

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant is appointed as the head of all Federal armies:

03/09/1864 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Confederates send a letter proposing peace to Horace Greeley:

07/05/1864 (?) New York City (?) 40N45 73W57

A Federal naval fleet enters Mobile, AL, bay for a decisive battle:

08/05/1864 0545 LMT Mobile, AL 30N42 88W02

General Tecumseh Sherman orders his Federal troops to "March to the sea":

11/15/1864 0700 LMT Atlanta, GA 34N46 84W23

The Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution is ratified. It prohibits slavery in all states and territories of the U.S.

12/18/1864 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Pres. Abraham Lincoln meets with Confederate peace commissioners:

02/03/1865 (?) Hampton Roads, VA 36N56 76W19

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The final major battle of Civil war occurs at Fort Stedman:

03/25/1865 0400 LMT Petersburg, VA 37N14 77W23

Robert E. Lee's forces begin their withdrawal from around Richmond:

04/02/1865 2000 LMT Petersburg, VA 37N14 77W23

The surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee at Appomattox, VA:

04/09/1865 1545 LMT Appomattox, VA 37N21 78W50

Abraham Lincoln is shot at Ford's Theater (dies around 0722 LMT; 04/15):

04/14/1865 2213 LMT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

2134 people, 1700 prisoners-of-war, die in worst ship disaster ever:

04/27/1865 (?) Mississippi River (?)

The first professional Fire Department is created in New York City:

05/02/1865 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The first railway train robbery takes place:

05/05/1865 Dawn North Bend, OH 39N09 84W45

Jefferson Davis is captured. The Confederacy is formally ended:

05/10/1865 (?) Irwingsville, GA 31N39 83W23

The Mississippi legislature, the first of many, voids the secession ordinance:

08/14/1865 (?) Jackson, MS 32N18 90W12

Alabama becomes the 27th state (giving the required 2/3rds of states to ratify) the anti-slavery amendment (which is adopted by Congress on 12/18):

12/02/1865 (?) Montgomery, AL 32N23 86W19

"Joint Committee on Reconstruction" is appointed by Pres. Johnson:

12/04/1865 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The insurrection in the Southern states is declared over:

04/02/1866 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Civil Rights Act (for all except Indians) passed over Pres. Johnson's veto. (This is to be replaced with the 14th amendment on 07/28/1868):

04/09/1866 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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The "New Freedmans' Bureau Bill" is passed 02/19/1866, authorizes Negroes' Civil rights. Bill is vetoed by President Johnson. Congress over-rides his veto on 07/16/1866.

The first transatlantic telegraph cable becomes operational:

07/27/1866 0800 LMT Heart's Content, NF 47N55 53W26

1867: Patent applied for the first successful efficient typewriter by Christopher L. Sholes.

The "Tenure of Office" act is passed denying the President power to remove officials appointed by Congress. This law was ruled unconstitutional in 1926:

The first Reconstruction Act is passed, imposing martial law on 5 Southern states:

03/02/1867 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Second Reconstruction Act is passed; provided for voter registration:

03/23/1867 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

07/19/1867 Third Recons. Act is passed. This requires the acceptance of the 15th Amendment by any Southern states returning to the Union.

"Seward's Folly"; The U.S. agrees to purchase of Alaska from Russia:

03/30/1867 0400 LMT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

07/14/1868 \$7.2 Million appropriated by Congress for the purchase

The treaty is signed on: 04/09/1867; the territory transferred on 10/18/1867

Edwin M. Stanton is removed from office by President Johnson, who was later impeached by Congress for his violation of the "Tenure of Office" Act:

02/21/1868 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Pres. Andrew Johnson's impeachment hearings begin:

03/13/1868 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

02/24/1868 Pres. Johnson formally impeached on eleven counts

05/16/1868 Acquittal in a test vote by one vote. Rebels face their loss.

05/28/1868 Acquitted again on two other charges. Rest dropped(?)

Congress establishes the 8 hour day for federal workers:

06/25/1868 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Fourteenth Amendment, granting citizenship to Negroes, is adopted:

07/28/1868 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A severe Earthquake occurs in San Francisco:

10/21/1868 (?) San Francisco, CA 37N47 122W26

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The treason trial of Jefferson Davis begins:

12/03/1868 (?) Richmond, VA 37N33 77W27

All charges were dropped on 02/15/1869

President Johnson proclaims unqualified war amnesty to all persons:

12/25/1868 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First caricature of "Uncle Sam" as popularly recognized appears in Harper's:

02/06/1869 (?) New York City (?) 40N45 73W57

The transcontinental railroad is completed (final spike driven at):

05/10/1869 1955 LMT Promontory Point, UT 41N35 112W15

The U.S. faces a financial disaster after the U.S. government refuses to sell gold in the open market. "Black Friday" in Wall Street, as traders try to corner the market, begins. The market panic is at its height as hundreds of firms and individuals are financially ruined:

09/24/1869 (?) New York City 40N41 73W57

The first woman suffrage rights in the U.S. is granted by Wyoming territory:

12/10/1869 (?) Wyoming (?)

The U.S. Weather Bureau is established:

02/09/1870 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first Negro senator (Hiram R. Revels) takes his seat in Congress:

02/25/1870 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The 15th amendment is ratified. It gives the right to vote regardless of race:

03/30/1870 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Justice Department is created:

06/22/1870 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Women vote for the first time in America in an election in Utah:

08/01/1870 (?) Salt Lake City, UT 40N45 111W53

The Indian Appropriation Act passed. This makes the Indians national wards and nullifies all existing treaties with the Indian Nations and people:

03/03/1871 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first Civil Service Commission is established:

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03/04/1871 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Legal Tender Act is declared constitutional by 'new' Supreme Court. President Grant had appointed two new members to the Court and had the decision which declared the Act of 1862 unconstitutional reversed. This became a very important precedent in two respects as the act established the concept of national credit:

05/01/1871 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Treaty of Washington is signed with England and becomes a milestone in Anglo-American relations and the history of diplomacy in the settlement of disputes. The treaty stipulates the conclusion and payment of reparations by Britain for damage done to the U.S. by supporting the Confederate states by building ships for them during the recent U.S. Civil war:

05/08/1871 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A large fire burns for over 3 days in Chicago causing over \$200 million damage:

10/08/1871 (?) Chicago, IL 41N52 87W39

Special rates and rebates (draw downs) help initiate the Standard Oil Trust:

02/26/1872 0800 (?) Cleveland, OH 41N30 81W42

Yellowstone National Park is established as the first of the U. S. National Parks.

03/01/1872 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Congress passes the Amnesty Act which restores civil rights to all citizens of the South except for 500 - 700 former confederate leaders:

05/22/1872 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Christopher L. Scholes provides a commercial keyboard machine, which proves to be the forerunner of the modern typewriter:

06/07/1872 (?) Milwaukee, WI 43N02 87W54

A large fire burns 65 acres in Boston, causing over \$75 million in damage:

11/09/1872 (?) Boston, MA 42N22 71W04

The Coinage Act omits all silver from coins. This is called "The Crime of '73":

02/12/1873 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Salary Act doubles salary of the President and Cabinet members:

An act is passed prohibiting the sending of obscene literature through the mails:

03/03/1873 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Panic of '73 is precipitated by a failure of Jay Cooke & Co.:

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09/18/1873 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57
 The Stock exchange closes for ten calendar days starting on 09/20.

Unemployed workers and labor demonstrators attacked by police:

01/13/1874 1030 LMT New York City 40N45 73W57

The first cartoon to use an 'elephant' as the symbol of Republican party appears:

11/07/1874 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Resumption of specie payments and limiting of greenbacks in circulation:

01/14/1875 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A Civil Rights Act is passed by Congress to guarantee equal rights to Negroes. This Act was overturned in 1883:

03/01/1875 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

An anti-3rd term for President resolution passed by Congress:

12/15/1875 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

1876: The Dewey Decimal System of classification perfected by Mevil Dewey.

1876: The American Library Association founded.

Impeachment proceedings started against Secy. of War William Belknap:

03/02/1876 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first U.S. patent for a telephone is granted to Alexander Graham Bell:

03/07/1876 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first voice transmission by telephone is made:

03/10/1876 1612 LMT Boston, MA 42N22 71W04

The Electoral vote count in Presidential election causes dispute and crisis:

11/07/1876 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The rules for collegiate football are formulated by the Ivy league colleges:

11/23/1876 (?) Springfield, MA 42N06 72W35

The Electoral Vote Count Act passed. It provides for a commission to count:

01/29/1877 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first official observance of "Flag Day" is made:

06/14/1877 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Federal troops dispatched to put down violence with striking rail workers:

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07/17/1877 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Women's Suffrage Amendment is introduced:

01/10/1878 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first regular telephone exchange opens in U.S.:

01/28/1878 (?) New Haven, CT 41N18 72W55

The District of Columbia is given its first permanent Constitution by Congress:

06/11/1878 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The American Bar Association, the first national association of lawyers, formed:

08/21/1878 (?) Saratoga, NY 43N04 73W37

The first Electric Utility, The Edison Electric Company, the forerunner of The General Electric Corporation, is formed by Thomas Edison:

10/15/1878 (?) Menlo Park, NJ 40N34 74W20

1879: Frank W. Woolworth establishes his first successful 5¢ & 10¢ store in Lancaster, PA.

Specie payment resumed by Government, ending currency unrest:

01/01/1879 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Women attorneys given the right to argue before the Supreme Court:

02/15/1879 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first U.S. Patent application for a gasoline driven automobile is made:

05/08/1879 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

awarded: 11/05/1895 to George B. Selden, of Rochester, NY

1880: a Gold strike in Alaska establishes the town of Juneau.

1880: George Eastman patents the first "roll film."

Thomas Edison receives a patent for his incandescent lamp:

01/27/1880 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Light was perfected on 10/21/1879 in Menlo Park, NJ

Wabash, IN become first U.S. city to be all lighted electrically:

03/31/1880 (?) Wabash, IN 40N48 85W49

Chinese Exclusion Treaty is signed, allowing U.S. to limit Chinese immigrants:

11/17/1880 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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The Supreme Court upholds validity of the Income Tax Law of 1862:

01/24/1881	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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President James Garfield is shot by an assassin and then dies:

07/02/1881	0925 LMT	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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Dies: 09/19/1881,	2230 LMT	Elberon, NJ	39N22	74W26
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1881: All "els" (elevated subways) become operational in Manhattan.

1882: The Electric flatiron and electric fan are patented. (Thomas Edison ?)

Standard Oil Trust, a famous oil cartel, is organized by lawyers for Rockefeller:

01/02/1882	(?)	New York City	40N45	73W57
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Chinese Exclusion Act passed by Congress, barring Chinese from U.S. entry:

05/06/1882	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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Principles of the Geneva Convention, for care of war wounded, accepted:

07/26/1882	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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Pendleton Act establishes the Civil Service Comm. (replaces 'spoils system'):

01/16/1883	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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The first foundation of a modern U.S. Navy is authorized by Congress:

03/03/1883	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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Standard time and time zones are established for the U.S.:

11/18/1883	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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Fall, 1884: The first baseball championship of America is won by the Providence, RI, team (National league), at the Polo Grounds in New York City.

1884: The first steel skeleton skyscraper is erected in Chicago for Home Life.

The Washington Monument capstone, made of aluminum, is set:

12/06/1884	1400 EST	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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The Washington Monument is dedicated:

02/21/1885	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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A day of national mourning held as President Grant dies and is buried:

07/23/1885	(?)	New York City	40N45	73W57
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The Presidential Succession Act is passed:

01/19/1886 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Indian Chief, Geronimo, captured, thus ending the last of the Indian wars:

09/04/1886 (?) Arizona Territory

The Statue of Liberty is unveiled in New York harbor:

10/28/1886 1600 LMT New York, NY 40N41 74W00

Cornerstone had been laid: 08/05/1884

The Interstate Commerce Act, giving Gov't right to regulate commerce, passed:

02/04/1887 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first electric railway in the U.S., Union Passenger, begins operation:

02/21/1888 (?) Richmond, VA 37N33 77W28

Blizzard of '88 kills over 400 persons in New York City alone:

03/12/1888 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The poem "Casey at the Bat" is first published in "The San Francisco Examiner":

06/03/1888 (?) San Francisco, CA 37N47 122W25

Touch typing technique noticed as Frank McGurrian wins a speed typing contest:

07/25/1888 (?) Salt Lake City, UT 40N46 111W53

1888: George Eastman perfects the box camera (at Rochester, NY).

1889: First movie film perfected by Thomas A. Edison.

1889: First electric sewing machine marketed by Singer Co.

1889: First Bessemer steel I-beams produced in Pittsburgh.

The Oklahoma land rush begins at noon, but illegal operators open early:

04/22/1889 about 0950 CST Guthrie, OK 35N53 97W25

Johnstown PA flood occurs when dam above town bursts after heavy rains:

05/31/1889 1510 EST Johnstown, PA 40N20 78W55

The last bare-knuckles championship fist fight held. John L. Sullivan beats Jake Kilrain. After this all professional boxing is done using gloves:

07/08/1889 (?) Richburg, MS 31N16 89W17

Four states: North and South Dakota, Montana, and Washington admitted:

Nov. 2 thru 11, 1889 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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Nellie Bly departs on her 'round the world trip' doing so in 72 days, 6 hrs:

11/14/1889 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Chicago chosen to host World's Colombian Exposition Fair in 1892:

02/24/1890 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Sherman Anti-trust Act is passed:

07/02/1890 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

1891: Game of Basketball is invented by Dr. James Naismith, Springfield, MA.

1891: The first zipper is patented by Whitcomb L. Judson.

Lynching of 11 Sicilian immigrants creates U.S. crisis:

03/14/1891 (?) New Orleans, LA 29N58 90W04

The first patent on a motion picture camera is granted to Thomas A. Edison:

08/24/1891 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

An important radio patent issued to Edison for sending signals without wires:

12/29/1891 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

1892: Nikola Tesla develops first alternating current motor.

Sept., 1892: First operational gasoline powered automobile made in the U.S. by Charles and Frank Duryea, is tested in Chicopee, MA 42N09 72W37

See related entries starting 06/11/1895.

Ellis Island is opened in New York Harbor to receive immigrants:

01/01/1892 (?) Ellis Island, NY 40N40 74W00

Pinkerton guards repulsed by 10,000 armed striking steel workers:

07/06/1892 0400 LMT Homestead, PA 40N24 79W54

First heavyweight boxing match under the Marquis of Queensbury rules is held with James J. Corbett knocking out John L. Sullivan in the 21st round:

09/07/1892 (?) New Orleans, LA 29N58 90W04

The World's Colombian Exposition, the first World's Fair, opens:

10/21/1892 1430 CST Chicago, IL 41N52 87W39

The U.S. establishes a protectorate in Hawaii and U.S. Marines land:

02/01/1893 (?) Honolulu, HI 21N19 157W52

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The Financial Panic of 1893, one of worst in U.S. history, unfolds:

05/05/1893	Securities Fall	New York City		
06/05/1893	Financial Panic	Chicago		
06/26/1893	Value of silver plunges dramatically to below 60 cents/oz.			
06/29/1893	Money Panic averted in New York at the last minute			
08/07/1893	President Cleveland calls extra session of Congress to meet			

President Grover Cleveland has secret cancer surgery aboard a yacht:

07/01/1893	1150 EST	Long Island Sound	41N05	72W58
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Brazilian revolutionists fire upon the U.S. Flag:

01/30/1894	(?)	Rio De Janeiro	22S54	43W14
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Great labor unrest all across U.S. 136,000 Coal miners go out on strike:

04/20/1894	(?)	Columbus, OH	39N58	83W00
05/11/1894	(?)	Pullman car workers strike in Chicago		
06/26/1894	(?)	General railway strike across U.S.		
07/03/1894	(?)	Pres. Cleveland order troops out		
07/16/1894	(?)	Negro miners attacked and killed		
09/04/1894	(?)	12000 tailors strike in New York City		
01/14/1895	(?)	Trolley railroad strike in Brooklyn		

Coxey's Army marches into DC, demands help for farmers and unemployed:

04/30/1894	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
04/04/1894	Army formed in Ohio, begins march on Washington, DC			

Thomas Edison's "Kinetoscope" is demonstrated. This is generally recognized as the first public showing of what is now called "motion pictures."

04/14/1894	(?)	New York City	40N45	73W57
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The Hawaiian Republic is officially proclaimed by the U.S.:

07/04/1894	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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Recognized officially on 08/08/1894.

The New York World prints the first Sunday comics section:

11/18/1894	(?)	New York City	40N45	73W57
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1895: George Westinghouse begins first widespread hydro-electric power distribution system, with start of a generation plant at Niagara Falls, NY

1895: Many free silver conventions held across U.S. as fallout from earlier financial panics in various commodity prices (sugar, silver, coffee) continue.

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The Supreme Court declares that the ICC can use injunctions to prevent strikes:

05/27/1895 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first U.S. patent for a gasoline driven automobile is granted to the Duryea brothers, inventors living in (I believe) Chicopee, MA. This was a very narrow patent, and left out important ideas which others later patented:

06/11/1895 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

06/26/1894 Patent granted to Karl Benz of Germany, in Germany, for a gasoline driven automobile.

11/05/1895 Patent also granted to George B. Selden (05/08/1879) -- who, starting in 1903, initiated lengthy litigation for exclusivity of the gasoline driven automobile idea. These lawsuits were finally settled on 01/09/1911 in a hollow victory for Selden, who won the right for his patent, but not the exclusivity to the gas powered automobile concept he sought.

Venezuelan Boundary Dispute arises; President invokes Monroe Doctrine:

07/20/1895 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first professional football game between teams from the cities of Latrobe and Jeannette, PA, is played:

08/31/1895 (?) Latrobe, PA 40N19 79W23

The American Bowling Congress is formed:

09/09/1895 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The first race for gasoline powered vehicles is held (Benz wins as only finisher):

11/02/1895 (?) Chicago, IL 41N52 87W39

1896: Dorothy Dix begins her advice to lovelorn column in New Orleans.

06/06/1896: U.S. athletes dominate in the first modern Olympic Games.

The first underground electric subway system in the world opens for service:

05/02/1896 (?) Budapest, HUN 47N30 19E05

The Jim Crow Car Law of Louisiana, allowing separate but equal facilities for different races, is declared constitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court:

05/18/1896 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Doctrine reversed by Supreme Court: 05/17/1954; 05/31 & 11/07/1955.

First version of the Dow-Jones Industrial Averages (DJIA) reported to the public as a measure of stock market strength. Initially using twelve industrial stocks as a measure, it was expanded to thirty stocks on 10/01/1928.

05/26/1896 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

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Henry Ford completes the assembly of the first of his automobiles:

06/04/1896 0200 CST Detroit, MI 42N20 83W03

Gold is discovered on Klondike creek in the Yukon in Canada, sparks the second big Alaska gold rush after the news reaches the U.S. in June, 1897:

08/12/1896 (?) Dawson, Yukon Terr. 64N04 139W25

Rural Free Postal Delivery established. Before delivery was available only in cities:

10/01/1896 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

G. Marconi makes the first public demonstration of radio wireless technology:

12/12/1896 (?) London, ENG 51N30 00W10

National Monetary Conference meets and endorses a monetary standard. This issues in an era of financial stability and prosperity:

01/12/1897 (?) Indianapolis, IN 39N46 86W09

The forerunner of the present day "PTA," "The National Congress of Mothers," is begun. It changes its name in 1924 to "The National Congress of Parents and Teachers."

02/17/1897 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First running of the Boston marathon.

04/19/1897 (1400?) Boston, MA 42N22 71W04

The first atomic particle smaller than an atom, the electron, is discovered by British scientist J. J. Thompson.

04/30/1897 (?) Cambridge, ENG 52N13 00E08

The greater New York City Charter is signed into law:

05/05/1897 (?) Albany, NY 42N39 73W45

Swiss cutlery maker Carl Elsener invents the Swiss Army knife.

06/12/1897 (?) Zurich, SWI 47N23 08E32

German chemist Felix Hoffmann synthesizes and produces the first aspirin.

08/10/1897 (?) Munich ?, GER 48N08 11E34

Start of a strike by coal miners in PA and OH which eventually put over 75,000 people out of work.

07/02/1897 (?) (?)

Twenty people shot and killed in this strike.

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09/10/1897 (?) Hazelton, PA 40N58 75W59
 09/11/1897 Strike settled with the miners winning an eight hour work day and the end of the company store system.

R. E. Olds incorporates the "Olds Motor Vehicle Company," the first such in the U.S. It is the forerunner of the Oldsmobile division of General Motors.

08/21/1897 (?) Lansing, Michigan 42N44 84W33

The electrically powered Boston subway system opens. The first practical system in the U.S., it was modeled after the Budapest, Hungary, all electric underground railway which had opened on May 2, 1896. Glasgow followed that in Nov., 1896, but it used cables.

09/01/1897 (?) Boston, MA 42N22 71W04

The Battleship MAINE is blown up in Havana harbor:

02/15/1898 2145 LMT Havana, Cuba 23N08 82W22

The Battleship had arrived in Havana harbor on 01/25/1898. Several years of U.S. unrest with Spain and Cuba had preceded this incident.

The battle of Manila Bay, against the Spanish fleet, begins (U.S. victory):

05/01/1898 0500 CCT (-8) Manila, Philippines 14N35 120E50

War with Spain proposed over Cuba:

04/21/1898 1200(?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

04/20/1898 American consul's portfolio returned by Spain

04/22/1898 Blockade of Cuban ports instituted by U.S.

04/22/1898 Volunteer Army Act passed. Established "Rough Riders".

04/24/1898 Spain refuses to comply with U.S. call for Cuban independ.

Hawaii annexed by U.S.:

07/07/1898 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Spanish - American war militarily over:

07/17/1898 (?) Santiago, Cuba 20N01 75W49

07/25/1898 (?) Puerto Rico taken from the Spanish

(Note: Over 90% of war casualties are from sickness -- mainly yellow fever)

Formal peace negotiations begin between Spain and U.S.:

10/01/1898 (?) Paris, France 48N52 2E20

U.S. acquires the Philippines from Spain as part of war reparations:

12/10/1898 (?) Paris, France 48N52 2E20

Terms of Peace between Spain and U.S. accepted:

08/09/1898 (?)

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08/12/1898 Hostilities ended by protocol
 Treaty ending war was signed at 1630, 12/10/1898 in Paris, France
 Peace Treaty signed by the President on 02/10/1899 in Washington
 Insurrection in Philippines militarily ends: 03/23/1901
 Formal ending of hostilities is declared by a Proclamation on 04/19/1901

Gold is established as the basis for American currency:

03/14/1900 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A devastating hurricane hits Galveston, Texas -- the worst U.S. natural disaster ever, and the first to be recorded on the new medium of movie film:

09/08/1900 1700 CST (?) Galveston, TX 29N18 94W48

The first direct election primary in America is held in Minnesota:

09/18/1900 (?) Minneapolis, MN 44N59 93W16

The first great oil strike in Texas is made:

01/10/1901 (?) Beaumont, TX 30N05 94W06

President William McKinley is shot and then dies:

09/06/1901 1607 EST Buffalo, NY 42N53 78W53

Dies, 09/14/1901 in Buffalo, NY -- Theodore Roosevelt succeeds immediately

Theodore Roosevelt sworn in as U.S. President:

09/14/1901 1532 EST Buffalo, NY 42N53 78W53

President T. Roosevelt honors Booker T. Washington at a White House luncheon. This causes a great deal of resentment among Southerners:

10/18/1901 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Hay-Pauncefot Treaty is ratified, giving the U.S. control over Isthmus of Panama, and the Panama canal:

12/16/1901 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Labor unrest starts in the Pennsylvania coal fields. Workers refuse arbitration:

05/12/1902 (?) Wilkes-Barre, PA (?)

07/30/1902 PA Militia called out in Shenandoah, PA, and nearby

10/16/1902 Pres. Roosevelt appoints commission to arbitrate

10/21/1902 In Wilkes-Barre, the United Mine Workers head declares the strike over. This is an important victory for President Roosevelt who gains much popular support for himself and the principles in the Sherman Anti-Trust act.

The U.S. flag is lowered and the Cuban flag raised as Cubans gain independence:

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05/20/1902 (?) Havana, Cuba(?)

The Reclamation Act is passed, begins conservation and the federal park system:

06/17/1902 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Panama canal is authorized and financed in Isthmus Canal Act (See: 11/1903):

06/17/1902 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Philippines Government Act creates a local civil government in the Philippines:

07/04/1902 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Wright brothers perfect practical aerodynamics and fly their new (non-powered) glider at Kitty Hawk. This, their third set of attempts to fly a glider over the past two years, succeeds after previous failures due to prior poor information and calculations on wind flow and wing area ratios, mainly from Otto Lilienthal.

Sept. & Oct., 1902 (?) Kitty Hawk, NC & Dayton, OH

The Departments of Commerce and Labor is instituted as the 9th Cabinet position:

02/14/1903 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

In a landmark decision which allows federal policing power over individual states, the U.S. Supreme Court prohibits the sending of lottery tickets across state lines. This decision opens the way for subsequent federal regulation of food, transportation, narcotics, drugs, etc.

02/23/1903 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First successful gasoline driven automobile trip across country begins:

06/20/1903 (?) San Francisco, CA 37N47 122W26

A Packard auto ends the first successful coast-to-coast automobile trip:

08/22/1903 2040 EST New York, NY 40N45 73W57

Trans-Pacific cable opens, and the first round-the-world message is sent:

07/04/1903 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Pres. Roosevelt orders warships to Panama to ensure the free and uninterrupted transit across the isthmus. A revolt was fomented in Columbia, SA, by American Canal interests, and the Rep. of Panama was declared and created.

02/25/1867 Congress had funded first canal site survey for Darien, Panama

11/02/1903 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

11/03/1903 U.S. recognizes the Republic of Panama as a Nation

11/18/1903 Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty negotiated, giving the U.S. full control over a ten mile strip of Panamanian territory.

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02/29/1904	Panama Canal Commission appointed by President			
04/22/1904	Panama Canal property transferred to U.S., in Paris			
05/10/1904	Chief Engineer, J. F. Wallace named to head canal project			
01/27/1914	Permanent Civil Government established in Canal Zone			
02/04/1914	Canal Zone Government confirmed by U.S. Senate			
05/18/1914	Panama canal opens to barge traffic			
08/15/1914	Formal opening of Panama canal (see subsequent entry)			

The Wright Brothers first successful powered heavier than air flight occurs, after several years of testing non-powered gliders:

12/17/1903	1035 EST	Kitty Hawk, NC	36N04	75W42
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1904: The first automobile speed laws in U.S. are passed in New York state

1904: The first diesel engine in U.S. is exhibited in St. Louis by Herr Diesel

The largest fire in U.S. since Chicago in 1871, occurs in Baltimore, MD:

02/07/1904	(?)	Baltimore, MD	39N17	76W37
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Pres. Roosevelt wins important trust busting case before the Supreme Court. The breakup of The Standard Oil Trust begins (see also the 05/15/1911 entry):

03/14/1904	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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The first use of horse mounted police occurs in a U.S. city:

09/09/1904	(?)	New York City	40N45	73W57
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The New York City subway system opens.

10/27/1904	(?)	New York City	40N45	73W57
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Roosevelt's corollary to Monroe doctrine grants integrity to Santo Domingo:

01/21/1905	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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02/08/1907 (?) Treaty with Santo Domingo on the collection of customs duties signed; ratified by the Senate on 02/25/07

The Supreme Court rules that states can regulate daily working hours:

04/17/1905	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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Pres. Roosevelt initiates arranging a peace treaty between Russia and Japan:

06/08/1905	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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07/11/1905 Peace parley proposal accepted, site is Portsmouth, NH

Hearings into insurance industry abuses begin an investigation of the scandals:

09/06/1905	(?)	New York State		
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Hearings headed by Charles Evans Hughes end on 12/30/1905

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New York legislature passes insurance industry reform on 04/28/1906

1906-1910: Many very bad mining disasters occur throughout U.S.

The Supreme Court rules that witnesses can be made to testify in anti-trust cases:

03/12/1906 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The great San Francisco earthquake occurs, over 500,000 people left homeless:

04/18/1906 051212 PST San Francisco, CA 37N47 122W26

A famous internal Episcopal Church trial for heresy and "rationalism" begins:

04/18/1906 (?) Batavia, NY 43N00 73W11

Ends on 12/05/1906 with a minister ordered defrocked

Railway Rate Bill passes after heated debates. Allows federal gov't to further transgress on state's rights by setting shipping rates across state lines:

06/29/1906 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Pure Food and Drug Act passes; provides for adequate labeling of food, etc.:

06/30/1906 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

06/04/1906 Report on unclean conditions in meat industry sets the stage.

Cuban President requests U.S. troops to help put down election riots:

08/23/1906 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Platt amendment applied to Cuba and U.S. assumes military control: 09/29

October: U.S. troops take over Cuban government for 13 days, restore order

02/28/1909 Military occupation declared over

03/31/1909 Last of U.S. troops leave Cuba

The first Presidential visit out of U.S. occurs when Roosevelt leaves for Panama:

11/09/1906 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Japanese workers are excluded from U.S. immigration by a Presidential order:

03/14/1907 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

02/18/1908 Japan acknowledges the order through their U.S. Ambassador.

U.S. Marines land in Honduras to protect American interests from rioters:

03/21/1907 (?) (?)

11/18/1909 (?) U.S. troops and ships ordered to Nicaragua

12/18/1909 (?) Troops end the hostilities there

The Financial Panic of 1907 begins with run on New York banks. Panic highest:

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10/22/1907 1230 EST New York City 40N45 73W57
 Run on Knickerbocker Trust Bank started on 10/21/1907

The "Great White Fleet" sails in a show of U.S. power to the world:

12/16/1907 0945 EST Newport News, VA 36N59 76W26
 Arrives home (reviewed by President on the next day): 02/21/1909

The Supreme Court rules anti-trust laws apply to labor organization also:

02/03/1908 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Orville Wright crashes his aeroplane and his passenger, Lt. Thomas W. Selfridge, becomes the first casualty of the newly opening air era:

09/17/1908 (?) Fort Myer, VA 38N53 77W02

A riot at a major baseball playoff game results in game being declared a tie:

09/23/1908 (?) Polo Grounds, NY 40N41 73W50

Henry Ford introduces his Model T automobile, selling for \$850:

10/01/1908 (?) (?) Detroit, MI

The death of Mrs. William Waldorf Astor ends old-style society in New York:

10/30/1908 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

1909: First production of Bakelite (plastic like substance) occurs.

1909: First notable animated cartoon, *Gertie the Dinosaur*, is issued.

1909: First wireless message sent between New York and Chicago.

07/25/1909: Louis Bleriot crosses English channel in an airplane.

08/07/1909: First of the Lincoln pennies issued, replaces Indian Head cent.

William E. Peary and his party reaches the North Pole:

04/06/1909 (?) North Pole 90N00 N/A

09/01/1909 Dr. Frederick Cook claims to have reached the pole on 04/21/1908.

This claim was subsequently denied due to insufficient proof and documentation after an investigation by the University of Copenhagen.

Income Tax (16th) Amendment submitted to States for ratification:

07/12/1909 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

02/25/1913 Passed by the required number of states and adopted

01/24/1916 The tax is ruled constitutional by Supreme Court

1910: The religious fundamentalism movement begins.

1910: Agitation for "piece rates" and scientific factory management begins.

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Boy Scouts of America are chartered by William D. Boyce:

02/08/1910	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
03/17/1910	Camp Fire Girls organized by Gulick, Seton, et al.			
03/12/1912	Girl Guides, forerunner of Girl Scouts, formed in Savannah			
06/15/1916	Boy Scouts Incorporated in a bill signed by President Wilson			

Parliamentary rules in House of Representatives are changed and opened:

03/17/1910	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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Many U.S. residents panic at news that Halley's comet may cause disasters:

05/18/1910	(?)	(?)		
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Mann-Elkins act sets the regulation of telegraph, telephone, etc., industries:

06/18/1910	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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The Mann act is passed which prohibits the interstate or foreign transport of women for immoral or illegal purposes. Called the 'White Slave Traffic Act':

06/25/1910	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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President Taft sends a message to the government of Mexico demanding an end to fighting along the Texas border:

04/14/1911	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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A fire at the "Triangle Shirtwaist Factory" occurs and kills 146 workers. Social outrage eventually produces workman's compensation laws, minimum wage laws, and the setting of building fire and safety codes:

03/25/1911	1635 EST	New York City	40N45	73W57
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The Standard Oil Trust, a monopoly, is dissolved by the Supreme Court:

05/15/1911	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
05/29/1911	American Tobacco Company dissolved for the same reason			

President Taft tells Russia that the treaty of 1832 is voided:

12/18/1911	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
12/21/1911	Senate confirms treaty abrogation			

1912: First Vitamins (A & B) discovered.

1912: Swiss patent a process for cellophane; comes to U.S. in 1923

04/14/1912 British ship Titanic strikes an iceberg and sinks in Atlantic.

01/06/1912 New Mexico admitted as 47th state in the Union.

02/14/1912 Arizona admitted as 48th state in the Union.

Famous labor strike in the textile industry begins:

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01/12/1912 (?) Lawrence, MA

Greatest ever demonstration of Women's strength for unity on suffrage occurs:

05/04/1912 1657 EST New York City 40N45 73W57

U.S. Marines land in Cuba to protect American interests:

06/05/1912 (?) (?) Havana

The 8-hour day extended to all workers under Federal contract:

06/12/1912 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Woodrow Wilson is declared a Presidential nominee on the 46th ballot:

07/02/1912 1530 EST Baltimore, MD 39N17 76W37

Theodore Roosevelt is shot by John Schrank and wounded in the chest:

10/14/1912 (?) Milwaukee, WI 43N02 87W55

The use of common drinking cups is prohibited on interstate railroad trains:

10/31/1912 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

1913: The first U.S. auto assembly line is initiated at Ford's plants

Departments of Commerce and Labor are divided, each becoming a Cabinet office;

U.S. Board of Mediation and Conciliation formed to help resolve labor disputes:

03/04/1913 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First international wireless message sent from U.S. to France:

03/22/1913 (?) Arlington, VA 38N54 77W02

08/27/1915 Same, but service initiated with Japan

17th Amendment, calling for the popular election of U.S. Senators, is adopted:

05/31/1913 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Federal Reserve Board is chartered:

12/23/1913 1802 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Woodrow Wilson takes the oath of Office as President:

03/04/1914 1310 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A small detachment of U.S. Marines is detained and arrested in Mexico:

04/09/1914 (?) Tampico, Mexico 22N13 97W51

04/11/1914 U.S. breaks diplomatic relations with Mexico

04/14/1914 Pres. Wilson orders U.S. fleet to Tampico Bay

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04/19/1914 President asks Congress for authority to use armed forces
 04/21/1914 U.S. forces seize custom house in Tampico Bay
 04/22/1914 Both Houses of Congress agree to use of troops
 04/22/1914 Mexico severs relations with the U.S.
 04/25/1914 ABC countries offer for mediation of dispute accepted
 07/15/1914 Crisis resolved when Mexican President Huerta resigns
 11/23/1914 U.S. Forces leave Vera Cruz

Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia:

07/28/1914 (?) Vienna, Austria (?) 48N13 16E20
 07/31/1914 World financial markets close
 08/04/1914 U.S. makes formal declaration of neutrality in European war
 08/05/1914 Proclamation extended in scope

The Cape Cod Canal opens:

07/29/1914 (?) Buzzards Bay, MA 41N45 70W36

The Panama Canal formally opens:

08/15/1914 0700 EST Cristobal, Panama 9N21 79W55

The Federal Trade Commission is established to preserve commercial competition and prevent monopolies:

09/26/1914 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

1915: The concept of the taxicab is established.

1915: Important research establishes a lack of vitamins to certain diseases.

The first trans-continental telephone call is made by Alex. Graham Bell:

01/25/1915 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The U.S. Coast Guard is established combined from several existing services:

01/28/1915 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Germany announces that all waters around the British Isles constitute a war zone and any ship therein attempting to trade with the Allies will be destroyed:

02/04/1915 (?) Germany (?)

Liner "Lusitania" sunk, by a German U-Boat, without warning, off the coast of Ireland, with the loss of 1100 lives overall, and 128 Americans:

05/07/1915 (?) Sunk off Ireland

05/13/1915 U.S. protests sinking to Germany in a note

05/28/1915 Germans state liner was carrying munitions and arms

05/31/1915 British declare Lusitania was not armed when attacked

06/09/1915 U.S. sends 2nd note asking Germany to avoid future attacks

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07/15/1915 Large German propaganda and spy ring uncovered in U.S.
 07/21/1915 3rd Lusitania note is sent warning of future violations

Senate meeting room demolished by bomb planted by Erich Muentner:

07/02/1915 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

U.S. meets with delegations from six South American countries to discuss solutions to ending the unrest in Mexico:

08/05/1915 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Haiti becomes a protectorate of the U.S. under terms of a treaty signed:

09/16/1915 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

02/28/1916 Treaty approved by Senate

U.S. Bankers lend British and French Governments \$500 Million, largest loan ever made in any country to this date:

10/15/1915 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

President Wilson marries Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt:

12/18/1915 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first of the annual "bowl" (the Rose Bowl) football games begins:

01/01/1916 (?) Pasadena, CA 34N09 118W09

Francisco "Pancho" Villa attacks Columbus, NM, and kills 17 Americans:

03/09/1916 (?) Columbus, NM 31N50 107W38

03/15/1916 U.S. troops, under Gen. Pershing pursue Villa

06/16/1916 Gen. Pershing advised by Mexican Gov't not to proceed

06/17/1916 American troops re-enter Mexico

06/20/1916 Diplomatic notes exchanged with Mexico

06/21/1916 Battle with American and Mexican casualties

07/28/1916 U.S. accepts Mexican proposal for arbitration

01/28/1917 Gen. Pershing ordered home after fruitless search

03/01/1916 As part of their extended U-boat campaign, Germany notifies the U.S. that armed merchantmen will be considered to be battle cruisers and torpedoed by their submarines.

The first Professional Golf tournament is held:

04/10/1916 (?) Bronxville, NY 40N56 73W50

Professional Golfers Ass'n (PGA) formed: 01/17/1916

Another strongly worded note on submarine attacks sent to Germany:

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04/18/1916 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03
 05/04/1916 Germany replies and pledges not to attack unarmed ships

Ireland's "Easter Rebellion" begins, but lacks popular support.

04/24/1916 (?) Dublin, IRE 53N20 06W15

American aviation volunteers form the "Espadrille Americaine" (The Lafayette Escadrille) to help the French in their battle against the Germans.

05/15/1916 (?) France
 05/18/1916 (?) First U.S. "kill" made by Kiffin Rockwell.

U.S. Troops land in Santo Domingo to settle internal violence:

May, 1916 The troops stay until 1924

The battle of the Somme, a defining battle in WW I, begins, and lasts for about 140 days. There are over 8000 German casualties on just the first day of this battle. The British number 19,240 dead and 35,493 wounded over the entire battle. This battle ends and forever changes the "romantic notion or attitude" toward war. It also marks and sets the British attitude toward the division of Ireland.

07/01/1916 7:30 AM GMT Eppeville, FRA 49N44 03E03

The first major U.S. highway construction bill signed:

07/11/1916 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Mid-summer, 1916. A polio epidemic strikes the east coast of the U.S. Overall some 28,767 people are affected, including President to be Franklin D. Roosevelt.

German saboteurs destroy munitions dump near Jersey City, NJ:

07/30/1916 (?) Jersey City, NJ 40N44 74W03

A treaty authorizing the purchase of the Danish West Indies is signed by U.S.:

08/14/1916 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

01/17/1917 Treaty ratified by the Senate

President Wilson sends identical "Peace Notes" to European combatants:

12/18/1916 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Women begin formal picketing of the White House and Congress for suffrage:

01/10/1917 1000 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The German Ambassador informs U.S. that submarine hostilities will restart:

01/31/1917 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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The U.S. breaks diplomatic relations with Germany:

02/03/1917	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
02/03/1917	U.S. Liner "Housatonic" sunk by German sub after warning.			

"Zimmermann" telegram from Germany to Mexico previously intercepted and decoded by British intelligence, is given to U.S. The note offered a German alliance with Mexico after hostilities begin with the U.S.:

02/24/1917	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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The Jones Act is passed, makes Puerto Rico a U.S. territory:

03/02/1917	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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The first 'excess profits tax' legislation is enacted to pay for war effort:

03/03/1917	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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U.S. Senate adopts the "cloture" rule for limiting debate length:

03/08/1917	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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President Wilson announces that the Attorney-General of the U.S. had decided that the President has in his own right authority to arm U.S. merchant ships and that he would proceed to do so immediately:

03/09/1917	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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Pres. Wilson addresses Congress and asks for a 'Declaration of War':

04/02/1917	2038 EST	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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President signs declaration of war on Germany and U.S. enters WW1. The reason given for entering the war was "the need to check the might of an arbitrary power" and "to make the world safe for democracy":

04/04/1917	2330 EST	Senate approval of war declaration		
04/05/1917	0312 EST	House approval of war declaration		
04/06/1917	(signed at ?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03

The Committee on Public Information formed for the censorship of news:

04/14/1917	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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President Wilson signs a proclamation starting the draft for WW I:

04/18/1917	2200 EST	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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The Liberty Loan act is passed for \$2 billion financing of war effort:

04/24/1917	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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The first U.S. airfield for military aviator training opens:

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07/04/1917 (?) Rantoul, IL 40N19 88W09
 07/14/1917 House votes first funding for military aviation efforts

The first two-way telecommunication from aircraft to ground conducted:

08/18/1917 (?) Langley Field, VA 37N05 76W21

The first U.S. military engagement in France during WW I begins:

11/03/1917 (?) France

The U.S.S. Fanning forces German submarine U-58 to surface, then sinks same:

11/17/1917 1610 GMT Off Scotland 57N37 8W12

The U.S. declares war on Austria-Hungary:

12/07/1917 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Prohibition, the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, activities:

12/12/1876 Prohibition amendment first introduced into Congress;
 This one was not adopted, but the fight continued ...

08/01/1917 1917 amendment version passes the Senate

12/17/1917 Bill passes the House

12/18/1917 Amendment submitted to the states for ratification

11/21/1918 Wartime Prohibition Act passed, bans manufacture and sale of
 any intoxicating liquors except for export, starting 06/30/1919

01/16/1919 36th state ratifies the 18th amendment

01/29/1919 Secretary of State declares the amendment ratified

02/24/1931 Supreme Court upholds procedure used to adopt amendment

This was the first amendment to have a time limit for ratification (7 years) and the
 first and only amendment to be repealed (Senate voted for repeal on 02/16/1933;
 House on 02/20/1933; 36th state, Utah, approving on 12/05/1933).

President Wilson addresses Congress and states his "14 points" for peace:

01/08/1918 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

10/05/1918 Prince Max of Baden sends note agreeing to '14 points'

10/15/1918 Pres. Wilson replies that any armistice must be arranged by
 military authorities, and arbitrary government must cease in Germany

10/20/1918 German Gov't sends a note accepting Wilson's conditions

10/23/1918 Wilson requests allies' approval to armistice terms

10/28/1918 Wilson rejects Germany's proposal for peace at 2100 EWT

11/04/1918 Austria-Hungary accepts peace terms

11/07/1918 Armistice erroneously reported in New York newspapers

11/09/1918 Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany abdicates

11/11/1918 0300: News of military surrender sent in AP newflash

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- 11/18/1918 Wilson announces he will attend the peace conference in person and receives much criticism from others for his 'ego'
- 01/18/1919 Peace conference opens in Paris
- 02/14/1919 Pres. Wilson presents draft of peace plan to League of Nations which was also formed this day
- 06/28/1919 Peace conference ends in Paris; the Treaty of Versailles is sent to the Senate but is never ratified
- 11/19/1919 Treaty of Versailles fails Senate ratification (more follows)

"Meatless" and "wheatless" days of the week and meals are advocated:

01/26/1918 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Lt. Douglas Campbell becomes U.S.'s first aviator war "ace" with the shooting down of his 5th enemy aircraft: 04/14/1918 (?) (?)

The Sedition Act, aimed at curbing socialists and pacifists, is passed:

05/16/1918 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

03/10/1919 Supreme Court upholds the constitutionality of the law

Between 400,000 and 500,000 persons die in a massive influenza epidemic:

October, 1918 at height First appeared New York (?) in Sept. 1918

WW I over. Subsequent celebration is the greatest mass event to date in U.S.:

11/11/1918 0245 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Germany signs peace treaty at 1700 GMT, in Paris, France; 48N52 2E20

Hostilities formally end at 2300 GMT

Prohibition on the sale of alcohol goes into effect (18th Amendment):

01/16/1919 0001 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The League of Nations is established:

02/14/1919 (?) Paris, France 48N52 2E20

Treaty of Versailles signed (which imposes war reparations and a military and naval disarmament on Germany):

06/28/1919 1514 GDT Versailles, France 48N48 2E08

07/14/1919 Trade between U.S. and Germany resumes

07/02/1921 Congress declares state of war with Germany at an end

08/25/1921 Treaty of Peace with Germany signed in Berlin

The Communist Labor Party of America is formed:

08/31/1919 (?) Chicago, IL 41N52 87W39

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President Wilson travels the country requesting ratification of Peace Treaty:

09/03/1919 Travel starts against Doctor's advice as he was ill
 09/26/1919 Pres. Wilson suffers a stroke near Wichita, KS
 02/03/1924 Dies in DC after years of paralysis and memory loss

The first municipal airport in the U.S. is dedicated:

11/20/1919 (?) Tucson, AZ 32N13 110W58

The 18th Amendment, prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages, begins:

01/16/1920 0001 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote, is ratified:

08/26/1920 0800 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

02/27/1922 Supreme Court unanimously declares law constitutional

The first commercial radio station in the U.S., KDKA, begins experimental broadcasting. KDKA was licensed for operation on 10/27/1920:

11/02/1920 (?) East Pittsburgh, PA 40N24 79W50

The Supreme Court rules that labor unions can be prosecuted for restraining interstate trade: 1/03/1921

Prof. Albert Einstein arrives in U.S.:

04/02/1921 (?) New York City 40N42 74W01

04/15/1921 Introduces 'time' as the 4th dimension in lecture at Columbia

The first generally restrictive immigration act is passed:

05/19/1921 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First military test of concentrated bombing by aircraft held by Gen. Mitchell:

07/21/1921 (?) Hampton Roads, VA 36N56 76W19

Conference on limiting arms held -- sets fixed ratios on naval armaments:

11/12/1921 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

02/06/1922 Treaty signed by U.S. and others; in effect to 12/31/36

1922: First successful test of radar conducted.

1922: First test of the new technicolor process for movie film made.

07/30/28: First color motion pictures shown in Rochester, NY

1922: Lincoln Memorial completed in Washington, DC

1922: First commercially sponsored radio program airs on WEAJ in NYC

05/12/1922 A 20 ton meteor falls near Blackstone, VA

10/14/1922 First mechanical telephone switchboard installed in NYC

11/15/1922 Discovery of white blood cells (leukocytes) announced

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- 03/13/1923 Process for recording sound with motion pictures devised
 1923: Theory of evolution debate begun by William Jennings Bryan
 11/06/1923 Electric shaver patent granted to Col. Jacob Schick
- "Teapot Dome" scandal breaks over leasing of oil lands to private companies:
 04/15/1922 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03
 10/25/1923 First meeting of Senate to investigate scandal -- the 18 months prior
 had been used to study the situation
 06/30/1924 Ex-Sec. of Interior Albert B. Fall, et al., indicted in scandal
 10/10/1927 Supreme Court rules that lease was improperly negotiated
 10/07/1929 Trial begins in Washington, DC
 10/25/1929 Albert B. Fall found guilty as charged
 July, 1931 Albert B. Fall sentenced to jail for one year and fined \$100,000.
 Beginning of the end for prohibition when New York State Assembly passes an act
 repealing the state's prohibition laws:
 05/04/1923 (?) Albany, NY 42N39 73W45
- The first mid-air refueling of aircraft in U.S. is successfully accomplished:
 06/27/1923 0443 PST Coronado, CA 32N41 117W11
- President W. Harding dies in office unexpectedly of a stroke:
 08/02/1923 1930 PST San Francisco, CA 37N47 122W26
 Taken ill reportedly with ptomaine poisoning on 07/28 at Grants Pass, OR
- Calvin Coolidge takes the oath of Presidential Office:
 08/23/1923 0247 EST Plymouth, VT 43N33 72W40
- Soldier's Bonus Bill passes; provides veterans with generous annuities:
 03/18/1924 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03
- 03/18/1924: Worst tornado in U.S. history obliterates 35 towns in midwest.
- Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb sentenced to life imprisonment for the "murder
 for fun" of Bobby Franks, a victim picked at random: 11/21/1924
- The first woman Governor in U.S. history, Mrs. William B. Ross, inaugurated:
 01/05/1925 (?) Cheyenne, WY 41N08 104W49
- The first aerial view of an eclipse is taken from dirigible Los Angeles at 8000 feet:
 01/24/1925 0911 EST Over Long Island 40N45 73W57

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John T. Scopes arrested for teaching evolution. Convicted, fined \$100. Verdict was eventually reversed on a technicality by the Tennessee Supreme Court. This case probably has become the most famous trial law case in American history:

05/05/1925	(?)	Dayton, TN	35N30	85W01
07/10/1925	Trial begins, Clarence Darrow vs. William Jennings Bryan			
07/20/1925	At the high point of the trial, Bryan takes the witness stand and is thoroughly humiliated by Darrow			
07/21/1925	Scopes convicted and fined			
07/26/1925	Bryan dies, probably as a result of the trial ordeal			
10/16/1925	Texas prohibits theory of evolution in its textbooks			
02/09/1926	Georgia prohibits the teaching of the theory of evolution			

First overnight airmail service is inaugurated, between New York & Chicago:

07/01/1925	2047 EDT	New York, NY	40N45	73W57
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Oct., 1925 Florida Land boom becomes greatest business bubble ever

The Court Martial of Gen. William Mitchell begins. He accused superiors of incompetency, criminal negligence, etc. Mitchell was found guilty.:

10/18/1925	(?)	(?)		
03/04/1958	The sentence was re-affirmed by Secretary of the Air Force			

Revenue Act signed by Pres. Coolidge; provided for reduction of taxes:

02/26/1926	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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Detachment of U.S. Marines lands in Nicaragua to help quell rebellion:

05/10/1926	(?)	Bluefields, NIC	12N00	83W45
06/05/1926	Forces withdrawn			

The Army Air Corps is created by an Act of Congress:

07/02/1926	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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First talking movie motion picture opens in New York City:

08/05/1926	(?)	New York City	40N42	74W01
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The Supreme Court rules that the president has the power to remove his own Cabinet members and other appointees; annulling an Act of 1876.:

10/25/1926	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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The first radio network broadcast is made:

11/15/1926	2000 EST	New York City	40N42	74W01
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Supreme Court voids a Texas law prohibiting Negroes from voting in primaries:

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03/07/1927 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

French Minister Aristide Briand proposes that war be permanently outlawed:

04/06/1927 (?)

06/11/1927 Sec. of State Frank Kellogg acknowledges proposal

06/20/1927 Draft of Treaty to outlaw aggression and war submitted

12/28/1927 Suggestion for extension of treaty to all nations of the world

08/27/1928 Signed in Paris by 15 nations this date; later 62 nations

01/15/1929 Kellogg-Briand pact approved by U.S. Senate

First demonstration of television as a communications medium, NY to DC:

04/07/1927 1415 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Charles A. Lindburgh successfully finishes his 3600 mile trans-Atlantic crossing, marking the first solo non-stop air trip across the Atlantic Ocean:

05/21/1927 2224 ECT Paris, France 48N52 2E20

Says "Let's Go!" 0751 AM on 05/20/27 from Roosevelt Field, NY

First ever newsreel with coordinated picture and sound, of Lindburgh's flight:

05/20/1927 0747 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Calvin Coolidge unexpectedly announces he will not run again for President:

08/02/1927 0932 MST Rapid City, SD 44N05 103W13

The Governor of Mass. rejects all pleas and Nicola Sacco and Bartolemo Vanzetti are electrocuted for murder: (Arrested on 05/05/1920; convicted in 1921)

08/23/1927 1214 EDT Springfield, MA 42N06 72W35

Sacco pronounced dead at 1219 EDT; Vanzetti pronounced dead at 1226 EDT

The first talking motion picture, "The Jazz Singer" opens in New York City:

10/06/1927 (?) New York City 40N41 74W04

The Holland tunnel, the first underwater tunnel for automobiles, opens:

11/13/1927 (?) New York City 40N41 74W04

450 people die as the St. Francis Dam collapses in the Santa Clara valley:

03/14/1928 0100 PST (near) Saugus, CA 34N21 119W04

Seven members of the O'Banion gang are executed in the 'St. Valentine's Day' gangland massacre:

02/14/1929 1030 CST Chicago, IL 41N52 87W39

Herbert Hoover takes the Presidential Oath of Office:

03/04/1929 1308 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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The Supreme Court upholds the use of the "pocket veto" by the President:

05/27/1929 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The New York Stock Exchange Dow Jones Index hits its bull market peak:

09/03/1929 1500 EDT New York City 40N41 74W04

The first Speech before Congress by a British Prime Minister is given:

10/07/1929 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

"Black Thursday"; the Stock Market drops precipitously. Drop started at 150 on 10/23/1929, and worst days were 10/28 and 10/29. An intermediate bottom was reached on 11/13/1929. A market bottom reached in mid-1932. This marked the start of the "Great Depression". This panic starts on:

10/24/1929 1000-1500 EST New York City 40N42 74W01

10/03/1929 Decline begins. Panic sets in at opening on 10/24.

10/29/1929 Worst day of the collapse. Hysteria sweeps the country.

The largest bootlegging ring ever is uncovered in Chicago:

02/10/1930 (?) Chicago, IL 41N52 87W39

Pluto discovered in a photograph by Clyde Tombaugh authenticating mathematical calculation predicting its existence in 1914 by Percival Lowell at Harvard. Formal announcement was made to public on 03/13/1930.

01/21/1930 (?) Flagstaff, AZ 35N12 111W39

335 prison inmates die in a large fire at the Ohio State Penitentiary:

04/21/1930 1750 EST Columbus, OH 39N38 83W01

London Naval Treaty signed by U.S. for naval disarmament:

04/22/1930 (?) London, Eng. 51N30 00W10

The Adler Planetarium in Chicago, first in U.S., opens:

05/11/1930 (?) Chicago, IL 41N52 87W39

Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act sharply raised duties, favoring U.S. farmers:

06/17/1930 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

President Hoover asks Congress to appropriate money to start public works projects to assist the 4.5 million unemployed persons:

12/02/1930 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

12/20/1930 Congress allocates \$116 million

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Bank of the U.S., with 400,000 depositors, closes (over 1300 banks fail):

12/11/1930 (?) New York City 40N42 74W01

05/01/1931 Empire State Building dedicated in New York City

06/04/1931 First test of a rocket powered glider in Atlantic City, NJ

10/05/1931 First non-stop trans-Pacific flight lands at Wenatchee, WA

Wiley Post and Harold Gatty begin their record making "round-the-world" flight in their plane, the "Winnie May":

06/23/1931 1656 EDT Queens, NY 40N43 73W52

07/01/1931 2047 EDT Lands at Roosevelt Field, Long Island, NY

Bank panic spreads in the U.S. with 305 bank failures in Sept. alone:

Sept., 1931 305 bank failures

Oct., 1931 522 bank failures. Gold hoarding occurs.

1932: Height of the "Great Depression" with 13 million unemployed

01/22/1932 Reconstruction Finance Corp. established to help failing banks

The kidnapped Charles Lindburgh baby is found dead, less than five miles from their home. Baby had been taken on 03/01/1932:

05/12/1932 1515 EDT Hopewell, NJ 40N24 74W45

Jury finds Bruno Hauptman to be guilty of the murder and kidnapping:

02/13/1935 2245 EST Flemington, NJ 40N30 74W52

The 20th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for the beginning of the Presidential and Vice-Pres. terms on Jan. 20th submitted to states:

03/03/1932 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

02/06/1933 Amendment adopted

"Bonus Army" of 2,000 persons routed and disbanded by Government order:

07/28/1932 1645 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W04

05/29/1932 First of army arrives, grows to 17,000 over the next month

Herbert Hoover concedes presidential election to Franklin Roosevelt:

11/09/1932 2115 PST Palo Alto, CA 37N26 122W10

An assassination attempt on Franklin Roosevelt is unsuccessful:

02/15/1933 2137 EST Miami, FL 25N47 80W11

A three day U.S. bank holiday is ordered by Congress at the President's request:

03/05/1933 2300 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

03/13/1933 Banks allowed to re-open at 1000 EST

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First woman, Amelia Earhart, begins solo flight from Hawaii to California:

01/11/1935 2215 HST Wheeler Field, HI 21N23 157W59

Senate refuses to ratify U.S. participation in World Court:

01/29/1935 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A large dust storm, one of many, covers most of southwestern U.S.:

04/14/1935 1915 CST Oklahoma City, OK 35N28 97W31

First scheduled trans-ocean passenger service, the "Pan-AM Clipper" begins:

04/16/1935 1850 PST San Francisco, CA 37N47 122W26

First ever night professional baseball game is played:

05/24/1935 1930 EDT (?) Cincinnati, OH 39N06 84W31

Supreme Court invalidates NRA as attempt to control trade and prices:

05/27/1935 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Alcoholics Anonymous established:

06/10/1935 (?) New York City 40N45 74W03

Social Security enabled with Social Security Act passage:

08/14/1935 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Louisiana Senator Huey Long is assassinated; this marks the end of a political era:

09/08/1935 2120 CST Baton Rouge, LA 30N26 91W11

1936: Scorching drought creates "dust bowl" effect on farms

1936: First artificial heart perfected

01/11/1936 First sit-down strike occurs at auto plant in Flint, MI

02/03/1936 National Guard called to attack workers, but last minute bloodshed is avoided when General Motors recognizes the UAW as a union

05/09/1936 Airship "Hindenburg" ends first scheduled transatlantic flight

05/06/1937 Airship burns at Lakehurst, NJ from bomb hidden aboard

06/1936 Queen Mary makes her maiden voyage from England to U.S.

Franklin Roosevelt nominated by acclamation to second term:

06/27/1936 0042 EDT Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W08

First U. S. Social Security number is issued.

12/01/1936 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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President and Congress at odds over appointments to the Supreme Court:

02/05/1937 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03
 07/22/1937 Crisis resolved when Justice Van Devanter resigns

President signs the "Neutrality Act" which prohibits shipping armaments:

03/01/1937 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The dirigible "Hindenburg" bursts into flame and explodes (planted bomb):

05/06/1937 1923 EDT Lakehurst, NJ 40N01 74W19

05/06/1937 First coast-to-coast commercial radio broadcast made

Nearly 25,000 people rush through as the "Golden Gate" bridge is opened to commercial traffic and a five cent toll:

05/27/1937 0600 PST San Francisco, CA 37N47 122W26

05/12/1937 First round-the-world radio broadcast made

Amelia Earhart and her navigator Noonan, take off on flight, then disappear:

07/02/1937 1000 (TZ = - 10) Lae, New Guinea 6S45 147E02

12/12/1937 U.S. gunboat "Panay" sunk in Chinese waters by Japanese planes

Financial panic begins anew in the New York markets with decline in prices:

08/01/1937 Financial decline begins
 10/19/1937 Markets nearly demoralized with losses and heavy trading
 March, 1938 Stock market reaches its lowest point

Pres. Roosevelt calls for "collective international sanctions against aggressors" in a radio speech to the Nation:

10/05/1937 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03
 03/31/1938 Herbert Hoover advises against alliances with strongly anti-fascist countries in response to this speech

President F. Roosevelt calls for huge expansion of the Army and Navy:

01/28/1938 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03
 05/17/1938 Congress appropriates billion dollar expansion over 10 years

"Sudetenland" crisis provokes call for peace from Roosevelt. German victory:

09/26/1938 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The American Ambassador to Germany is recalled in mounting crisis:

11/14/1938 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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11/18/1938 German ambassador to U.S. recalled to Germany
 03/14/1939 German military forces march into Czechoslovakia

The "sit-down" strike, a strong labor weapon, declared illegal by Sup. Court:

02/27/1939 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

President Roosevelt opens the New York World's Fair. Coverage is in part provided by NBC's first experimental television unit:

04/30/1939 1512 EDT New York City 40N44 73W52

First British Sovereigns, King George VI & Queen Elizabeth visit U.S.:

06/08/1939 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first commercial passenger flight to Europe, Pan-Am's "Dixie Clipper", traveling via the "southern" route, takes off with 22 passengers:

06/28/1939 1359 EDT New York City 40N43 73W49

Albert Einstein writes President Roosevelt asking for government funds for nuclear fusion research:

08/02/1939 (?) Princeton, NJ 40N21 74W39

10/12/1939 (?) Roosevelt (in DC) authorizes expenditure

08/23/1939 German-Russian non-aggression pact signed.

09/01/1939 German military forces march into Poland

09/03/1939 Great Britain and France declare war on Germany

09/03/1939 30 Americans killed when British passenger ship torpedoed

10/18/1939 All U.S. ports and waters closed to belligerent submarines

11/30/1939 Russia invades Finland

09/03/1940 U.S. gives over 50 destroyer type naval vessels to Great Britain

Pres. Roosevelt calls a special session of Congress and urges repeal of the Neutrality Act of 1937:

09/21/1939 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

11/04/1939 Act repealed by Neutrality Act of 1939

10/25/1939 First nylon stockings for women go on sale in U.S.

First successful helicopter flight in the U.S.:

05/15/1940 (?) Dayton, OH (W-P AFB) 39N47 84W03

First proposed helicopter design: 01/06/1905

First flying demonstration conducted in France on 06/26/1935

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Smith Act, requiring registration and fingerprinting of aliens, passed. This is the first law to sanction guilt by association:

06/28/1940 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first peacetime Selective Service Act passed by Congress:

09/16/1940 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Forty hour work week for most U.S. workers goes into effect:

10/24/1940 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Office of Production Management created to supervise defense production:

01/07/1941 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A wave of defense industry strikes begins:

01/22/1941 (?) Illinois (?)

02/26/1941 Strike begins at Bethlehem Steel

Lend-Lease bill signed by the President, allows lending of munitions to democratic countries in return for services and goods:

03/11/1941 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Ford Motor company signs its first contract with a labor union:

04/11/1941 (?) Detroit (?)

President declares an Unlimited National Emergency in a radio speech:

05/27/1941 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

06/14/1941 Pres. orders freezing of all German and Italian assets

06/16/1941 Pres. orders all German consulates closed

07/25/1941 Pres. freezes Japanese assets and restricts sale of goods

09/11/1941 Pres. orders military to attack on sight any German or Italian vessel found in U.S. waters

10/17/1941 U.S. destroyer "Kearny" torpedoed off Iceland

10/31/1941 U.S. destroyer "Reuben James" sunk (these hostilities were not technically thought of as "war")

Pres. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill formulate the "Atlantic Charter" containing eight articles of agreement and stating their aims in war:

08/09/1941 (?) Off Newfoundland

08/12/1941 Secret meetings end

Largest tax increase in American history signed into law:

09/20/1941 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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First bombs land on Pearl Harbor from Japanese naval aircraft:

12/07/1941 0749 HST (-10.5) Honolulu, HI 21N22 155W57

12/10/1941 Japanese forces invade the Philippines

Pres. Roosevelt signs U.S. war declaration against Germany and Japan:

12/08/1941 1610 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

12/11/1941 Germany and Italy declare war against the U.S.

No-strike policy in war industries adopted by the AFL executive council:

12/15/1941 (?) (?)

12/23/1941 Industry-Labor conference pledges no lockouts or strikes

First of the rationing efforts enacted with rationing order for rubber:

12/27/1941 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Aircraft carrier USS Enterprise sets sail in first US offensive action of war:

01/11/1942 1201 HST Pearl Harbor, HI 21N23 155W58

First draft lottery for WW. II begins, ultimately affects 9 million men:

03/17/1942 1805 EWT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A War Dept. communiqué announces the defeat of U.S. and Filipino forces on Bataan Peninsula by the Japanese:

04/09/1942 0515 EWT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Lt. Col. Doolittle takes off in B-25 from USS Hornet in raid against Tokyo:

04/18/1942 0820 (TZ =-10) Pacific Ocean 35N43 153E25

Major Japanese naval fleet hoists anchor enroute to attack Midway island:

04/28/1942 0800 (TZ =-9) Kure, Japan 34N14 132E34

Japanese launch an attack against island of Corregidor in the Philippines:

05/05/1942 1015 (TZ =-8) Corregidor, Phil 14N29 120E44

US dive bombers begin their attack on second day of the decisive "Battle of Midway." Marks the beginning of the end for the Japanese naval powers:

06/04/1942 1024 HST NW of Midway Island 30N07 178W20

Guadalcanal bombardment naval barrage begins the battle which became a turning point in the Pacific struggle in W.W.II:

08/07/1942 0614 (TZ -11) Tulagi, Guadalcanal 9S06 160E09

First test of a jet powered airplane in the U.S.:

10/01/1942 (?) Muroc Lake, CA 34N54 117W52

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First successful test of the German V-2 rocket:

10/03/1942 1200 EET (?) Peenemunde, GER 54N08 13E46

"Operation Torch," the first Allied landings in North Africa, begin:

11/08/1942 0435 GMT Casablanca, Morocco 33N39 7W35

First sustained and controlled atomic chain reaction made by scientists:

12/02/1942 1525 CWT Chicago, IL 41N52 87W39

President Roosevelt arrives in Casablanca for meeting with Allied leaders:

01/14/1943 (?) Casablanca, Morocco 33N39 7W35

Supreme Court finds American Medical Assn. guilty of anti-trust activities:

01/18/1943 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Japanese Admiral Yamamoto is shot down and killed in planned attack:

04/18/1943 0934 (TZ -11) near Bougainville, New Guinea 6S50 155E43

05/12/1943 North African campaign ends as German forces withdraw
 05/19/1943 Winston Churchill address Congress, urges Germany's defeat
 before the Japanese forces are totally engaged. Sets priority.
 07/10/1943 Sicily invaded by General Patton
 07/25/1943 Mussolini resigns upon insistence of King Victor Emmanuel
 08/15/1943 Kiska, Alaska retaken by American troops

The main group of Allied forces first set foot on Italian soil:

09/03/1943 0430 GMT Reggio di Calabria 38N06 15E39

04/17/1943 27 million essential workers frozen at their jobs by government

Coal mines in U.S. seized after workers refuse a back to work order:

05/01/1943 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

04/17/1943 27 million essential workers frozen at their jobs by government

The "Pay as You Go" Income Tax law signed:

06/10/1943 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Supreme Court rules that under the Bill of Rights, children in school can be compelled to salute the American Flag:

06/14/1943 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Devastating race riots occur throughout the U.S. during the summer:

05/25/1943 Riots in Mobile, AL

06/04/1943 Riots in Los Angeles, CA

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06/19/1943 Riots in Beaumont, TX
 06/20/1943 Riots in Detroit, MI kill 35
 08/01/1943 Riots in Harlem, Manhattan, NY

Italy surrenders unconditionally to Allies. Germany calls it a betrayal:

09/08/1943 1630 GMT Algiers, Algeria 36N47 3E04
 10/13/1943 Italy declares war on Germany

Pres. Roosevelt meets with Chaing Kai-shek & Churchill and they plan future military strategy and after the war handling of Japan:

11/22/1943 (?) Cairo, Egypt 30N03 31E15

Rampant black marketing transactions decried by government:

02/29/1944 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Decision is set to proceed with the invasion of France at Normandy:

06/05/1944 0415 GDT Portsmouth, Eng 50N47 1W05

Serviceman's Readjustment Act, the G.I. Bill of Rights, enacted:

06/22/1944 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

U.S. announces the liberation of Cherbourg, France's third largest seaport:

06/27/1944 0703 GDT Portsmouth, Eng 50N47 1W05

Timetables from World War II:

01/22/1944 Allied landings at Anzio and Nettuno, Italy
 06/06/1944 Allied invasion of France at Normandy, 0640 GDT
 06/15/1944 Systematic bombing of Japan begun with B-29 bombers
 07/18/1944 Gen. Hideki Tojo removed from his post for loss of Saipan
 08/09/1944 Guam falls to Americans; Eisenhower moves his HQ to France
 08/25/1944 Paris liberated
 09/12/1944 U.S. forces enter Germany for the first time
 10/20/1944 American forces land in Philippines
 12/15/1944 Four U.S. Generals elevated to new rank of 5 star General
 12/16/1944 Germans launch the "Battle of the Bulge"
 02/07/1945 General MacArthur re-enters the Philippines
 02/23/1945 American flag raised on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima
 03/07/1945 Americans cross the Rhine river at Oppenheim; these were the first invaders since Napoleon to have done so; 2225 GWT
 06/21/1945 Japanese surrender at Okinawa after 2 1/2 months of fighting

Dumbarton Oaks conference opens for talks on how to handle war's end:

08/21/1944 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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General Douglas MacArthur returns to the Philippines.

10/20/1944	(?)	Leyte Island	10N10	124E50 (?)
01/09/1945	(?)	Luzon Island	14N30	120E40 (?)

Gov. Dewey concedes the election and Pres. Roosevelt wins 4th term:

11/08/1944	0312 EWT	New York, NY	40N45	73W57
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Conference to discuss how to handle war's end in Europe opens:

02/04/1945	(?)	Yalta, Russia	44N30	34E10
02/12/1945	Declarations signed by attendees Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin			

US Marines plant flag on Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima:

02/23/1945	1035 JST (TZ -9)	Iwo Jima, Japan	24N47	141E18
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Nationwide fuel conservation effort started with enforced "dimout":

01/15/1945	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
02/26/1945	Midnight curfew ordered on all places of amusement			
05/08/1945	Such nationwide restrictions begin to be lifted			
12/20/1945	All rationing declared at an end			

In a daring surprise move, US Gen. George Patton crosses the Rhine river:

03/22/1945	2225 GMT	Oppenheim, Germ.	49N47	8E16
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President Franklin Delano Roosevelt dies in office:

04/12/1945	1535 CWT	Warm Springs, GA	32N54	84W40
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Vice-President Harry S. Truman takes the Presidential Oath of Office:

04/12/1945	1909 EWT	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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German forces in Italy surrender unconditionally to Allied Commander:

04/29/1945	1414 CET	Caserta, Italy	41N04	14E20
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Unconditional German surrender signed by General Jodl:

05/07/1945	0241 CET	Rheims, FRA	49N15	4E02
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US Secretary of State signs United Nations Charter for US:

06/26/1945	1515 PWT	San Francisco, CA	37N47	122W26
All nations finished signing by:		1920 PWT		
UN Conference finishes its work:		2039 PWT		

The FCC allocates thirteen channels for television broadcasting:

06/27/1945	(?)	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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General MacArthur reports the liberation of the Philippines:

07/05/1945 (?) (?)

U.S. explodes first Atom Bomb in a scientific test (called: "Trinity"):

07/16/1945 052915 MWT Alamagordo, NM 32N54 105W58

The Communist Political Association votes to disband and become the Communist Party of America: 7/27/1945

An atom bomb explodes over Hiroshima, Japan:

08/06/1945 08:15:17 JT (TZ=-9) Hiroshima, JA 34N24 132E27

B-29 bomber "Enola Gay" takes off from Tinian Island at 0247 (-10 TZ); over 60,000 people are estimated to die in the bomb explosion

Second atomic bomb dropped on Japan; 40,000+ casualties

08/09/1945 1201 JT Nagasaki, JA 15N00 145E38

Japanese government offers to accept terms of unconditional surrender:

08/15/1945 0810 JT (TZ=-9) Tokyo, JA 35N40 139E52

Note accepted at:

08/14/1945 1810 EWT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

08/14/1945 19:00:11 EWT Washington, DC Surrender announced

Japan surrenders to the US in a formal ceremony signed on U.S.S. Missouri:

09/01/1945 0903 JT Tokyo Bay, JA 35N36 139E58

08/31/1945 2203 EWT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

General George S. Patton dies of injuries after an auto accident:

12/21/1945 (?) Heidelberg, Germ. 49N25 8E43

The first transcontinental Pullman sleeping car daily rail service begins, called "The 20th Century Limited," between New York and Los Angeles:

03/30/1946 1730 EST New York, NY 40N45 73W57

The most destructive tidal wave (tsunami) ever hits Hilo, Hawaii; 173 people die:

04/01/1946 0706 HST Hilo, Hawaii 21N19 155W05

Bill providing for a U.S. Government monopoly over atomic energy enacted:

04/11/1946 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Basketball Association of America (BAA) is founded. It changes its name to the National Basketball Association (NBA) in 1948 - 1949.

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06/06/1946 (?) New York City 40N45 74W02

US begins a series of atom bomb tests on Bikini atoll:

07/01/1946 090030 (-11 TZ) Bikini Atoll 12N17 165E25

Independence is granted to the Philippines:

07/04/1946 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Atomic Energy Commission is created:

08/01/1946 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

John D. Rockefeller donates \$8.5 million for U.N. building site purchase:

12/14/1946 (?) New York City 40N45 74W02

State of hostilities from WW II is officially ended by President Truman:

12/31/1946 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

"Truman Doctrine" for foreign aid to Greek & Turkish people signed:

05/22/1947 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Secretary of State George C. Marshall proposes an economic plan for rebuilding war-ravaged Europe. This become known as "The Marshall Plan."

06/05/1947 (?) Cambridge, MA 42N22 71W06

04/03/1948 The plan is funded by Congress and passed, granting aid of \$5.3 billion for a period of five years. Pres. Truman also signs the bill on this date. This plan provided the money but left to the European nations the choice of projects to be financed, as well as their management.

07/12/1947 Conference opens in Paris to draft a proposed economic recovery plan for Europe. Josep Stalin, leader of the USSR, soon declares that the "eastern European" nations will not participate in this plan.

12/01/1953 George C. Marshall receives the Nobel Peace Prize for this.

Peace treaties with Italy, Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria signed:

06/14/1947 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Taft-Hartley Labor Act passed over Pres. Truman's veto:

06/23/1947 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Presidential Succession Act signed into law:

07/18/1947 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

All armed services are unified under the newly created Dept. of Defense:

07/25/1947 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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First supersonic aircraft flight occurs, flown by Air Force Capt. Chuck Yeager:

10/14/1947 (?) Muroc Lake, CA 34N54 117W52

The first experiments with cloud seeding and rain are performed:

10/29/1947 (?) Concord, NH 43N12 71W32

"Meet the Press", the longest running TV show in history, starts:

11/20/1947 2000 EST New York, NY 40N45 73W57

US recognizes the new State of Israel, 20 minutes after it came to be:

05/14/1948 1821 EDT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Milton Berle, "Mr. Television", has his first "Texaco Star Theater" show:

06/08/1948 2000 EDT New York, NY 40N45 73W57

Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town" has its first airing (2nd longest running):

06/20/1948 2100 EDT New York, NY 40N45 73W57

1948: Heated disagreements between Congress and the President

1948: Concern over Communists in Government positions is daily news

05/25/1948 First wage contract with cost of living signed in Detroit

06/03/1948 200 inch telescope at Mt. Palomar, CA dedicated

06/25/1948 Displaced Person's act allows 205,000 Europeans into U.S.

07/20/1948 Twelve Communist leader indicted for overthrow of government

Indicted on 10/14/1949; each fined and/or imprisoned

10/24/1948 The term "Cold War" is characterized by Bernard Baruch

The right of states to ban a "closed shop" upheld by Supreme Court:

01/03/1949 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

U.S. Government institutes an anti-trust suit against A. T. & T.:

01/14/1949 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Hoover Commission recommends streamlining of the Executive Branch:

02/07/1949 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

North Atlantic Treaty signed. Start of the NATO Organization:

04/04/1949 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

07/21/1949 Senate ratifies treaty

Land-link from the city of Berlin re-established as "Blockade" is broken:

05/12/1949 1201 CET Berlin, Germany 52N30 13E23

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James Forrestal, former Secretary of Defense, commits suicide:

05/22/1949 0200 EDT Bethesda, MD 38N59 77W06

Pres. Truman announces that Russia has exploded her first A-Bomb:

09/23/1949 1100 EDT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Nationwide coal strike over pension demands is a long and bitter one:

10/01/1949 Strike begins

11/11/1949 Strike resolved

Permanent U.N. Headquarters dedicated:

10/24/1949 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

\$15 million dollars stolen from Brinks, Inc. in biggest ever robbery:

01/17/1950 1910 EST Boston, MA 42N22 71W04

Alger Hiss found guilty of perjury in a trial where his friend turns on him:

01/21/1950 1450 EST New York City 40N45 73W57

President Truman orders the development of the hydrogen bomb:

01/31/1950 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

President Truman invokes the Taft-Hartley act on striking coal miners:

02/06/1950 1135 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

North Korean troops invade South Korea, by crossing the 38th parallel:

06/25/1950 (?) Korea

06/27/1950 Pres. Truman orders U.S. forces to aid South Korea

06/27/1950 U.N. adopts U.S. resolution for armed intervention

06/30/1950 Naval blockade of Korea set by the U.S.

07/01/1950 First U.S. forces land in Korea

09/08/1950 Pres. Truman granted emergency powers over economy

09/23/1950 Internal Security Act becomes law over Truman's veto

09/26/1950 Seoul recaptured by U.N. troops

09/29/1950 U.N. troops reach 38th parallel

10/07/1950 U.N. troops cross 38th parallel and invade North Korea

11/06/1950 Communist Chinese troops reported in action by MacArthur

11/20/1950 U.N. troops reach Manchurian border on Yalu river

11/29/1950 U.N. forces in rout and retreat in front of Chinese

12/16/1950 State of emergency declared by Pres. Truman

01/01/1951 Chinese forces take Seoul, Inchon, and Kimpo

02/01/1951 U.N. formally accuses China of aggression in Korea

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03/14/1951 Seoul recaptured by U.N. forces

President Truman orders the army to take over the striking railroads:

08/25/1950 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

FCC licenses Columbia Broadcasting System to begin color TV broadcasts:

10/11/1950 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

11/04/1950 Color broadcasts begin

An assassination attempt on President Truman is foiled by his guards:

11/01/1950 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The 22nd Amendment, limiting Presidential terms to two, is adopted:

02/26/1951 1400 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Organized labor withdraws representatives from the administration's defense agencies in protest of the mobilization policies:

02/28/1951 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Gen. Douglas MacArthur relieved of his command. Ridgeway replaces him:

04/11/1951 0100 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First commercial color TV broadcast made by CBS, features known "stars":

06/25/1951 1635 EDT New York City 40N45 73W57

First transcontinental TV broadcast made with Pres. Truman addressing the Japanese peace conference in San Francisco and signing the peace treaty:

09/04/1951 2230 PDT San Francisco, CA 37N47 122W26

09/08/1951 Peace treaty signed with Japan by 48 nations (but not Russia)

03/20/1952 Senate ratifies the peace treaty with Japan

10/10/1951 First transcontinental direct dial telephone service started

12/20/1951 First electricity generated from atomic energy (Arco, ID)

State of war with Germany officially declared to be ended:

10/24/1951 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First underground test explosion of an atomic bomb conducted:

10/24/1951 19:59:59 UT Frenchman's Flat, NV 36N50 115W55

Truce negotiation deadlocked in Korea:

01/24/1952 (?) Panmunjon, Korea 37N59 126E33

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Charges by Russia of U.S. germ warfare in Korea are made:

03/08/1952 (?)
 03/28/1952 After investigation by U.N. these are ruled out of order

President Truman seizes the striking steel mills:

04/09/1952 0000 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03
 04/29/1952 Seizure declared unconstitutional by District Judge
 05/02/1952 Strike canceled by union at President's request
 06/02/1952 Supreme Court affirms lower court decision; strike resumes
 07/24/1952 Strike settled as management and labor reach a settlement

Keel laid for the U.S.S. Nautilus, the first atomic powered submarine:

06/14/1952 (?) Groton, CT 41N21 72W05
 09/30/1954 Commissioned

First thermonuclear device (H-bomb) exploded at Eniwetok Atoll:

11/01/1952 0715 (TZ=-10) Marshall Islands 11N30 162E15
 02/02/1954 Explosion reported by President to people

President Eisenhower begins his victory speech after winning election:

11/05/1952 0235 EST New York City 40N45 73W57

Offshore oil reserves set aside as a national reserve by President Truman:

01/16/1953 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

President Eisenhower takes the Inaugural Oath of Office:

01/20/1953 1232 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Price controls lifted:

03/17/1953 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare is created:

04/01/1953 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Julias and Ethel Rosenberg are executed as spies for Russia:

06/19/1953 2004 (Julias) Ossining, NY 41N09 73W52
 06/19/1953 2011 (Ethel) Ossining, NY 41N09 73W52

Cease fire accords signed in Korean war:

07/27/1953 1001 JT (-9) Panmunjon, Korea 37N59 126E33

First privately owned nuclear reactor placed into operation (at the NC State College of Agriculture and Engineering):

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09/05/1953 (?) Raleigh, NC (?) 35N46 78W38

First anti-polio test inoculations with Salk vaccine held:

02/23/1954 (?) Pittsburgh, PA 40N26 80W01

04/12/1955 Tests declared a success

Five Congressmen shot in Congress by Puerto Rican nationalists:

03/01/1954 1432 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Plans for the first nuclear power plant in the U.S. in Pittsburgh announced:

03/10/1954 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

09/06/1954 Ground breaking from Denver done by Pres. Eisenhower

The U.S. Air Force Academy is authorized:

04/01/1954 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

06/24/1954 Colorado Springs site selected

07/11/1955 Academy officially opens at temporary site nearby

The St. Lawrence Seaway Canal bill signed by President Eisenhower:

05/13/1954 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

01/20/1954 Treaty approved by Senate

The U.S. Supreme Court bans segregation in public schools:

05/17/1954 Shortly after Noon (12:10 PM?) Washington, DC

Membership in the Communist Party declared sufficient grounds for deportation of aliens, according to a Supreme Court decision:

05/24/1954 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

"The Tonight Show," to become the longest running TV show ever, begins its first broadcast. Steve Allen was the first talk show host:

09/27/1954 2330 EST New York City 40N45 73W57

First supersonic bomber, the B-58, is ordered into production:

10/15/1954 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Largest warship ever built, the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Forrestal, is launched:

12/11/1954 (?) Newport News, VA 36N59 76W25

10/07/1955 "Saratoga", about same size, launched in Brooklyn, NY

Financial aid to South Vietnam, Cambodia, & Laos begins:

01/01/1955 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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Pres. Eisenhower announces he would use nuclear weapons in war:

03/16/1955 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The success of the 'Salk' Polio vaccine is announced at Univ. of Michigan:

04/12/1955 1020 EST Ann Arbor, MI 42N17 83W44

Six vaccine manufacturers officially licensed in Washington, DC at 1715.

05/19/1955 An unprecedented number of business mergers noted during the current economic prosperity

Racial segregation is banned in U.S. public schools by the Supreme Court:

05/31/1955 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The town of Arco, ID, is the first to be lit with electricity generated from a nuclear reactor in a one hour experiment, the first of its kind:

07/17/1955 2328 MST Arco, ID 43N38 113W18

The Geneva Conference opens with U.S., Russia, Great Britain, and France:

07/18/1955 (?) Geneva, SWI 46N12 6E09

President Eisenhower suffers the first onset of a heart attack:

09/24/1955 0245 MST Denver, CO 39N45 104W59

Twenty-four year old actor James Dean killed in a head-on car accident:

09/30/1955 1730 PST Cholame, CA 35N38 120W22

Miss Autherine Lucy is enrolled at U. Alabama, and student riots start on 2/7:

02/06/1956 (?) Tuscaloosa, AL 33N12 87W34

03/01/1956 She is suspended and permanently expelled from U. Alabama

President Eisenhower undergoes surgery to correct an intestinal blockage:

06/09/1956 0259 EDT Washington, DC 38N56 77W02

First SOS sent after liner "Andrea Doria" collides with freighter "Stockholm":

07/25/1956 2322 EDT Off Nantucket, RI 40N33 69W45

U.S. Troops ordered to Little Rock to enforce desegregation orders:

09/24/1957 1425 EDT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Soviet Union launches the first ever space satellite, Sputnik I:

10/04/1957 (?) Tyumen, USSR (?) 57N09 65E32

A Vanguard rocket burns on the beach in spectacular U.S. space race failure:

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12/06/1957 1344 EDT Cape Canaveral, FL 28N24 80W37

The first U.S. commercial nuclear power plant begins generating electricity:

12/18/1957 (?) Shippingport, PA 40N38 80W25

The Air Force announces the formation of intermediate range ballistic missile (IRBM) squadron:

01/03/1958 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First U.S. Earth satellite, Explorer I, is launched:

01/31/1958 2248 EST Cape Canaveral, FL 28N24 80W37

Pres. Eisenhower talks down current economic recession:

02/12/1958 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Sherman Adams, denies wrongdoing before a House committee:

06/17/1958 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

09/22/1958 Adams resigns as Presidential advisor, denies any wrong

5000 U.S. Marines land in Lebanon to enforce peace between warring factions:

07/15/1958 1500 EET Beirut, Lebanon 33N53 35E30

Elvis Presley phenomena has begun. First appearance on Ed Sullivan show:

09/09/1958 2030 EDT (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Alaska voted in as 49th state:

06/30/1958 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

07/07/1958 Pres. Eisenhower signs order allowing statehood

01/03/1959 Statehood proclaimed for Alaska at 1202 EST in DC.

First such law granting pensions to ex-presidents becomes effective:

08/25/1958 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Gov. Orville Faubus of Arkansas defies the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the desegregation of high schools:

09/30/1958 (?) Little Rock, AR 34N45 92W17

06/18/1959 Federal Court declares state law unconstitutional

08/12/1959 High Schools re-opened in Little Rock

Hawaii statehood bill signed by Pres. Eisenhower:

03/18/1959 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

08/21/1959 Hawaii officially becomes the 50th state

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The first seven astronauts are picked from the ranks of military people:

04/09/1959 (?) (?)

The St. Lawrence Seaway opens and admits its first ship:

04/25/1959 0845 EST Montreal, Que 45N31 73W34

04/30/1959 1035 CST First ship through reaches Chicago, IL

The Moon is used as a reflector in communication transmission (first instance):

06/03/1959 (?) Westford, MA 42N35 71W26

Premier Khrushchev of Russia arrives in U.S. for his first official State visit:

09/15/1959 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Stimulation of U.S. economy by careful manipulation of federal economic policy to spur growth urged by joint congressional committee:

12/28/1959 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first U.S. weather satellite to transmit pictures from space is launched:

04/01/1960 0640 EST Cape Canaveral, FL 28N24 80W37

02/17/1959 Vanguard satellite launched as first weather station

U.S. issues a stiff protest to Cuba regarding appropriation of U.S. property:

01/11/1960 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First civil rights bill ever to pass a Southern filibuster is approved in Senate:

04/08/1960 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

An American U-2 spy plane piloted by Gary Powers is downed over Russia:

05/01/1960 Takeoff at 0126 UT from Peshawar, Pakistan 34N01 71E33

05/01/1960 Shot down about 0530 UT 1200 miles from takeoff point

05/07/1960 An embarrassed U.S. government admits to spying mission

05/09/1960 U.S. discontinues such future flights

05/16/1960 Russia demands apology from U.S. for spying incident

05/17/1960 at 1700, Russia uses the U-2 to cancel peace conference in Paris

08/19/1960 Pilot Francis Gary Powers sentenced to 10 years in jail

Ted Maiman, of Hughes Aircraft, perfects the first working laser:

05/16/1960 (?) Malibu, CA 34N02 118W41

President Eisenhower's trip to Japan canceled by rioting there:

06/16/1960 (?)

A U.S. reconnaissance B-47 bomber is shot down by Russia:

07/11/1960 (?)

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John F. Kennedy receives the Democratic Convention nomination:

07/13/1960 2207 PDT Los Angeles, CA 34N03 118W15

First successful launching of a Polaris missile by an underwater submarine:

07/20/1960 (?) Off Cape Canaveral

Richard Nixon receives the Republican Convention nomination:

07/27/1960 2313 CDT Chicago, IL 41N52 87W39

First payload from an orbiting satellite recovered in Pacific ocean:

08/11/1960 (?)

Echo I, the first (passive) communication satellite, is launched by U.S.:

08/12/1960 0539 EST Cape Canaveral, FL 28N24 80W37

08/12/1960 0745 EST Satellite achieves proper orbit

First nationally televised Presidential candidate debate occurs:

09/26/1960 2030 CDT Chicago, IL 41N52 87W39

John F. Kennedy becomes winner over Richard Nixon in Presidential vote:

11/09/1960 1345 EST Hyannis, MA 41N39 70W17

The first commercial nuclear powered reactor produces electric power:

11/10/1960 (?) Rowe, MA 42N42 72W54

Pres. Eisenhower states that U.S. and Cuba have broken diplomatic relations:

01/03/1961 2030 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

John F. Kennedy inaugurated as President of U.S.:

01/20/1961 1251 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First U.S. man into space; 15 minute sub-orbital flight by Alan B. Sheppard:

05/05/1961 0934 EST Cape Canaveral, FL 28N24 80W37

Second U.S. manned sub-orbital flight (Gus Grissom for 16 minutes):

07/21/1961 0820 EDT Cape Canaveral, FL 28N24 80W37

Construction of the "Berlin Wall" begins:

08/10/1961 (?) Berlin, GER 52N30 13E23

Major John Glenn becomes the first American to orbit the Earth:

02/20/1962 0947 EST Cape Canaveral, FL 28N24 80W37

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Ranger IV launched; to become first U.S. space hardware to hit Moon:

04/23/1962	1550 EST	Cape Canaveral, FL	28N24	80W37
04/26/1962	074953 EST	Impacts on Moon at a speed of 5,963 mph		

First U.S. commercial telecommunications satellite launched, Telstar:

07/10/1962	0335 EST	Cape Canaveral, FL	28N24	80W37
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Race riots occur at Mississippi State University as a black man, James Meredith, is escorted onto the campus by U.S. Marshals:

09/30/1962	1700 CST	Oxford, MS	34N22	89W31
09/30/1962	1958 CST	Rioting begins, tear gas and shooting starts		
06/06/1966	(?)	J.M. is shot in the back during a peace march		

Johnny Carson makes his first appearance on "The Tonight Show":

10/02/1962	2315 EDT	New York City	40N45	73W57
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U.S. Blockade of Cuba is approved by the Organization of American States:

10/23/1962	1032 EDT	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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Twenty Russian ships are stopped as Cuban missile crisis begins to thaw:

10/24/1962	1032 EDT	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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John F. Kennedy Assassinated:

11/22/1963	1230 CST	Dallas, TX	32N47	96W49
11/22/1963	1300 CST	Pronounced dead as all heart activity stopped		

Lyndon B. Johnson takes the Oath of Office as U.S. President:

11/22/1963	1438 CST	Dallas, TX	32N47	96W49
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Lee Harvey Oswald, suspected killer of President John F. Kennedy, is fatally wounded by Jack Ruby as millions watch the event on TV:

11/24/1963	1121 CST	Dallas, TX	32N47	96W49
01/03/1967	Jack Ruby dies of cancer			

A devastating earthquake of magnitude of 8.5 strikes southern Alaska:

03/27/1964	1736 CAT (+10)	Kodiak Island, AK	61N05	147W50
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Pres. Johnson states that U.S. Destroyers have been attacked in Gulf of Tonkin off of the North Viet Nam coast. This begins the military war in Viet Nam:

08/04/1964	2336 EDT	Washington, DC	38N56	77W03
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A large car bomb explodes outside of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon killing 17:

03/30/1965	1055 CCT (-8)	Saigon, Viet Nam	10N45	106E40
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President L. Johnson signs the Medicare Authorization bill:

07/30/1965 1500 CDT Independence, MO 39N06 94W25

Rioting in the Watts section of Los Angeles begins, eventually 34 die:

08/11/1965 1945 PDT Los Angeles, CA 34N03 118W15

Pope Paul VI, first Roman Catholic pope to visit the Americas, arrives in NYC:

10/04/1965 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

A huge electrical power blackout envelops the nine eastern U.S. states:

11/09/1965 1717 EST Niagara Falls, NY 43N06 79W03

Ferdinand E. Marcos is inaugurated as the Philippine's sixth President:

11/09/1965 (?) (-8 TZ) Manila, Phil. 14N35 121E00

U.S. loses an H-bomb in an aircraft fueling collision:

01/17/1966 (?) Almeria, Spain 36N50 2W27

03/17/1966 H-bomb is found by midget submarine Alvin

U.S. Supreme Court rules and sets "Miranda" decision about obtaining confessions before a defendant's knows his or her legal rights:

06/13/1966 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

The first patient to be accepted under Medicare enters Polyclinic Hospital:

07/01/1966 0001 EDT New York City 40N45 73W57

Edward Brooke of MA, first Negro senator ever elected by popular vote, wins:

11/08/1966 (?) Mass

Under coach Vince Lombardi, the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10, in the first of professional football's "Superbowl" games:

01/15/1967 (?) PST Los Angeles, CA 34N03 118W15

Pres. Johnson and Russian Premier Kosygin meet in Glassboro, NJ:

01/23/1967 (?) EST Glassboro, NJ 39N42 75W07

Apollo I fire kills three astronauts (V. Grissom, Ed. White, and R. Chaffee):

01/27/1967 183105 EST Cape Kennedy, FL 28N24 80W37

The 25th Amendment sets the line of Presidential succession:

02/10/1967 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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Fighting breaks out between Israel and Egypt in a "6 day war":

06/05/1967 (?) (TZ = -3) The Sinai Peninsula 31N18 34E15

Pres. Johnson appoints a commission to study the race riots sweeping U.S.:

07/27/1967 (?) PM EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Thurgood Marshall appointed as first Negro justice to the U.S. Supreme Court:

07/27/1967 (?) PM EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First artificial heart transplant performed:

12/03/1967 (?) EET (-2) Cape Town, USA 33S55 18E22

North Korea seizes and captures U.S.S. Pueblo for alleged spying:

01/23/1968 1345 JST (-10) Near: Wonsan, Korea 39N09 127E53

Tet Offensive in Vietnam begins -- this marks start of the end for U.S.:

01/31/1968 0025 SST (-7) Saigon, Viet Nam 10N47 106E41

Over 6400 sheep killed as nerve gas escapes from U. S. weapons plant:

03/13/1968 (?) PST Dugway, UT 40N14 112W45

U.S. troops wipe out tiny village of Mylai in Vietnam:

03/16/1968 (?) (TZ -7) Songmai, Viet Nam

11/30/1969 Lt. William Calley charged in massacre

03/10/1970 Capt. Ernest Medina et al. charged & indicted

Martin Luther King is assassinated:

04/04/1968 1801 CST Memphis, TN 35N09 90W03

04/04/1968 1905 CST Dies from wounds received

04/08/1968 Major U.S. cities hit by rioting and fires

President Johnson orders combat equipped troops to put down rioting:

04/05/1968 1700 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Robert Kennedy assassinated in a hotel after giving a victory speech:

06/05/1968 0020 PDT Los Angeles, CA 34N03 118W51

06/05/1968 0144 PDT Pronounced dead from wounds received

Richard Nixon nominated at Republican convention for President:

08/08/1968 0150 EDT Miami Beach, FL 25N47 80W08

Spiro Agnew announced as Nixon's Vice-Presidential running mate:

08/08/1968 1240 EDT Miami Beach, FL 25N47 80W08

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Soviet tanks and 300,000+ combat troops invade Czechoslovakia:

08/22/1968 (?) (TZ = -1) Prague, CZE 50N05 14E26

U.S. Ambassador John Gordon Mein is gunned down by terrorists and killed:

08/28/1968 1505 CST Guatemala City, GUA 14N38 90W31

Yasser Arafat announces the formation of the Palestine Liberation Organ.:

02/03/1969 (?) (TZ = -2) Cairo, Egypt 30N03 31E15

U.S. Lands the first humans on the Moon (Apollo 11):

07/20/1969 1618 EDT Moon Tranquility Base

Neil Armstrong's first step on the Moon (epsilon = 5.9 degrees):

07/20/1969 22:56:20 EDT Moon Lat: 0 N 41; Long. 23 E 26

Mary Jo Kopechne killed in an auto accident involving Edward M. Kennedy:

07/30/1969 0045 EDT (?) Chappaquiddick, MA 41N23 70W31

Woodstock rock music festival, the most memorable of the era, begins:

08/16/1969 1000 EDT Bethel, NY 41N39 74W42

Col. Mohamar Khadafy assumes power in Libya in a bloodless coup:

09/01/1969 (?) (TZ = -2) Tripoli, Libya 32N54 13E11

Disabled Apollo 13 lunar bound spacecraft starts successful return to Earth:

04/15/1970 2141 CST Clear Lake City, TX 29N33 95W07

Kent State University students shot by Ohio National Guard members:

05/04/1970 1224 EDT Kent, OH 41N09 81W21

Seaman Simas Kudirka seized by Soviets on a U.S. Coast Guard vessel:

11/23/1970 1530 (EST?) Off Cape Cod 41N00 70W00

Jury returns guilty verdict on Charles Manson for inciting multiple murders:

01/25/1971 1142 EST Los Angeles, CA 34N03 118W15

Second walk on Moon by Alan Shepard and Mitchell begins:

02/06/1971 0949 CST Clear Lake City, TX 29N33 95W07

Worst earthquake since 1933 hits southern California, killing 42 persons:

02/09/1971 060042 PST Sylmar, CA 34N24 118W24

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The radical "Weather Underground" sets off a bomb in the U.S. Capitol:

03/01/1971 (?) EST Washington, DC 38N53 77W01

Ohio becomes the 38th state to ratify the voting age, 26th amendment:

06/ 30/1971 (?) EDT Columbus, OH 39N58 83W00

Supreme Court frees the way for the publication of the "Pentagon Papers":

06/ 30/1971 1430 EDT Washington, DC 38N53 77W01

Pres. Nixon begins a historic trip to the People's Republic of China:

02/21/1972 (?)

The 27th amendment to the Constitution, the Equal Rights amendment, is passed by the Senate and sent to the states for ratification:

03/22/1972 (?) Washington, DC 38N53 77W01

Pres. Nixon orders the mining of Haiphong and other Vietnamese harbors:

05/11/1972 1800 CCT (TZ -8) Haiphong, VN 20N52 106E41

Pres. Nixon begins a historic trip to Moscow, Russia:

05/22/1972 (?)

Democratic Headqtrs. break-in discovered and Watergate "burglars" arrested:

06/17/1972 0230 EDT Washington, DC 38N55 77W04

The last remaining U.S. ground combat forces leave Viet Nam:

08/12/1972 (?) Camh Ran Bay, VN (?)

U.S. Court of Appeals rules that Pres. Nixon must turn over Watergate tapes:

10/13/1972 1800 EDT Washington, DC 38N55 77W04

George McGovern concedes 1972 presidential election to Richard Nixon:

11/08/1972 2240 CST Sioux Falls, SD 43N33 96W44

Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew are sworn in to their second terms:

01/20/1973 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Viet Nam peace accords signed in an eleven minute ceremony:

01/27/1973 1557 CET Paris, France 48N50 2E20

Officials of the American Indian Movement (AIM) occupy govt. buildings:

02/28/1973 (?) MST Wounded Knee, SD 43N08 102W22

05/08/1973 (?) MST Group surrenders after promises ...

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Nixon, Haldeman, and Dean meet to decide to invoke "Executive Privilege":

03/13/1973 1242 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Universal Product Code (UPC), originated by N. Joseph Woodland in 1948, is adopted by an ad hoc committee of IBM, RCA and corporate counsel Stephen Brown as a way to uniquely identify all commercial products.

04/03/1973 (?) San Francisco, CA 37N47 122W26

President Nixon announces the resignations of his aides: Haldeman, etc.:

04/30/1973 2100 EDT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Judge in "Pentagon Papers" case declares a mistrial due to lack of a case:

05/11/1973 1407 PDT Los Angeles, CA 34N03 118W15

Archibald Cox sworn in as special prosecutor in the Watergate case:

05/25/1973 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Pres. Nixon reveals the existence of tape recordings made of conversations:

07/16/1973 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Spiro Agnew resigns as Vice-President of U.S.:

10/10/1973 1405 EDT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

12/06/1973 (?) Gerald R. Ford sworn in as Vice-President

The so called "Saturday Night Massacre" (mass resignations) of Watergate fame occurs when the Attorney General refuses a Presidential order:

10/20/1973 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Congress passes "The War Powers Act" over President Nixon's veto:

11/07/1973 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The infamous 18 1/2 minute gap in the Nixon recorded tapes is revealed:

11/21/1973 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

An impeachment inquiry against Pres. Nixon is approved the House:

02/06/1974 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Heiress Patty Hearst is kidnapped from her home by members of a radical group called "The Symbionese Liberation Army" (SLA):

02/06/1974 2120 PDT Berkeley, CA 37N52 122W16

A Federal Grand Jury opens hearings and indicts Nixon aides Haldeman, et al:

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03/02/1974 1100 EDT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

01/01/1978 (?) Three top aides convicted of crimes

02/21/1978 (?) Haldeman, et al. sentenced to prison

President Nixon announces he will pay a \$465,000 back IRS tax assessment:

04/03/1974 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

500 police offices storm a suspected hideout of the Symbionese Liberation Army:

05/17/1974 1750 PDT Los Angeles, CA 34N03 118W15

As a Wrigley Spearmint Gum is passed by the newly installed laser equipment, the UPC's (Universal Product Code) sees its first use at Marsh's Supermarket.

06/26/1974 (?) Troy, OH 40N02 84W12

Former Chief Justice Earl Warren dies of cardiac arrest:

07/09/1974 2010 EDT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The Supreme Court rules that Presidential privilege does not apply to evidence involving the so called Watergate crimes:

07/24/1974 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Richard Nixon resigns as President of U.S. by signing a letter of resignation:

08/09/1974 1135 EDT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

09/08/1974 (?) Pres. Ford pardons former Pres. Nixon

Charges against Russell Means, et al., of A.I.M. are dismissed in Federal Court:

09/16/1974 (?)

Charges against the 8 National Guardsman involved at Kent State are dropped:

11/08/1974 (?)

The Freedom of Information Act is passed over President Ford's veto:

11/08/1974 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A fire at the Brown's Ferry nuclear reactor causes much panic:

03/22/1975 (?) Decatur, AL 34N36 86W59

In a panic, U.S. evacuates its final troops and forces from Viet Nam:

04/30/1975 0652 SST (TZ=-7) Saigon, VN 10N47 106E41

The U.S. merchant ship "Mayaguez" is seized off Cambodia:

05/12/1975 (?)

05/14/1975 A U.S. military operation rescues ship and crewmen

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The company MITS introduces their Altair 8800. This is the first commercial "PC," or personal computer.

06/10/1975 (?) Albuquerque, NM 35N05 106W39

U.S. and Soviet astronauts link-up and share a symbolic handshake in space:

07/17/1975 1109 CDT Clear Lake City, TX 29N33 95W07

James Hoffa is last seen, then disappears, in union and crime war:

07/30/1975 1445 EDT Bloomfield, NJ 42N31 83W17

Lynette 'Squeaky' Fromme attempts to shoot Pres. Ford:

09/05/1975 0957 PDT Sacramento, CA 38N35 121W29

Patty Hearst is arrested by FBI ending a long and bizarre manhunt:

09/18/1975 1425 PDT San Francisco, CA 37N47 122W26

09/24/1976 (?) Sentenced to nine years in jail

The so called "Halloween Massacre" has many high government officials, including Security Council head Henry Kissinger, resigning:

09/18/1975 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Pres. Ford announces a fiscal bail-out plan for bankrupt New York City:

11/06/1975 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The ore carrier "Edmund Fitzgerald" departs "shortly after 2:00 PM".

11/09/1975 1405 CST (?) Duluth, MN 46N47 92W06

Ship sinks in ravaging storm. Is eventually memorialized in a famous song.

11/10/1975 1915 EST (?) nr Whitefish Pt, MI 46N52 85W15

Descendants of American Revolutionaries symbolically ceremonially lay hands on the Liberty Bell as part of America's celebration of its bicentennial:

07/04/1976 1400 EDT Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W08

Jimmy Carter wins the Democratic Party's nomination for President:

07/14/1976 2343 EDT New York, NY 40N45 73W57

Viking mission lands on Mars and returns its first photos of the planet:

07/20/1976 0453 PDT Pasadena, CA 34N09 118W09

The first televised Presidential debates occur between an incumbent and a challenger, Pres. Ford and Democratic nominee Jimmy Carter:

09/23/1976 (?)

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Nearly one-half of the U.S. TV audience tunes into the show "Roots, Part 8":

01/30/1977 2100 EST New York, NY 40N45 73W57

Over 570 people die when two Boeing 747 jet planes collide on a runway:

03/27/1977 1640 GMT Santa Cruz, Canary Isl 28N27 16W14

New York City power blackout's first surges are recorded:

07/13/1977 2130 EDT New York, NY 40N45 73W57

The U.S. Senate votes to give up control of the Panama Canal:

04/18/1978 1800 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

First regular live television coverage of the House of Representatives begins:

03/19/1979 1200 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Egypt and Israel sign a peace treaty ending 30 years of armed conflict:

03/26/1979 1400 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The "fail-safe" system at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant fails:

03/28/1979 0353 EST Middletown, PA 40N12 76W44

A Gallup poll shows that Pres. Carter only holds a 29% confidence rating:

06/04/1979 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

President Carter ends ten days of enforced isolation:

07/14/1979 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

07/15/1979 Pres. Carter makes his "Crisis of the Soul" speech about a serious lack of confidence in America and issues a call to sacrifice and spiritual renewal. Dubbed 'A Crisis in Leadership' speech by the media.

07/17/1979 President Carter requests all Cabinet Officers resign.

07/18/1979 Congressional reaction to the President is critical, saying that his actions are unprecedented, poorly timed, and destroying any remaining public confidence in his Administration.

07/19/1979 Wholesale Presidential Cabinet changes announced.

07/26/1979 Paul Volcker is appointed as Head of the Federal Reserve Board

The House Assassination's Committee releases a report citing possible conspiracies in the Kennedy and M. L. King assassinations:

07/17/1979 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Iranian Premier Mendi Bazargan agrees to share government power with the Ayatollah Kohmeni and his Islamic Revolutionary Council:

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07/19/1979 (?) (TZ -3:30) Tehran, Iran 35N40 51E26

"Students" in Iran seize the U.S. Embassy and take and hold hostages:

11/04/1979 1215 (TZ=-3:30) Tehran, Iran 35N40 51E26

01/20/1981 Hostages freed. Plane leaves Tehran at 2055 NFT (TZ -3:30)

The market price of gold plummets \$153. in one trading day. Markets close:

01/22/1980 1600 EST Manhattan, NY 40N45 73W57

Mount St. Helens' initial eruptions occur in a spectacular way:

05/18/1980 083241 PDT Olympia Park, WA 45N52 122W48

John Lennon is shot and killed near his apartment living residence:

12/08/1980 2245 EST Manhattan, NY 40N45 73W57

Ronald Reagan is inaugurated to his first term as President:

01/20/1981 1157 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

An unsuccessful assassination attempt on President Reagan is made:

03/30/1981 1425 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

"Columbia" completes the first space shuttle flight and its maiden voyage:

04/14/1981 1021 EST Edwards AFB, CA 34N52 117W51

IBM announces its first version of the personal computer:

August, 1981 New York City 40N45 73W57

AT&T announces an agreement with the Justice Dept. to split into separate parts:

01/08/1982 Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A "World's Fair," first of its kind in the U.S. south, opens for 184 days:

05/01/1982 (?) Knoxville, TN 35N58 83W55

Pres. Reagan announces he is ordering 800 U.S. Marines to Lebanon as part of a multi-national force supervising the withdrawal of Palestinian and Syrian fighters from the city of Beirut. The original idea is for a 30 day stay.

08/20/1982 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The first U.S. Marines land in Beirut:

09/19/1982 (?) (-2:00) Beirut, LEB 33N53 35E30

Shortly after dawn, a car loaded with over 2500 lbs. of explosives drives into the U. S. Marine compound and explodes, and killing 243 U.S. servicemen; another similar blast in a different location about the same time kills 47 French soldiers.

10/23/1983 0622 EET (-2) Beirut, Lebanon 33N54 35E28

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Walt Disney opens its EPCOT World:

10/01/1982 0900 EDT (?) Orlando, FL 28N22 81W23

Barney Clark, a retired dentist, receives the first mechanical (plastic and metal) heart in a transplant operation. Surgical team headed by Dr. William C. DeVries.

12/02/1982 (?) Salt Lake City, UT 40N45 111W53

The first black person, Harold Washington, is elected mayor of a major American city, in a very close race and with a narrow margin:

04/13/1983 (?) Chicago, IL 41N52 87W39

The U. S. Embassy is demolished by a car bomb. Dozens killed, over 100 wounded.

04/18/1983 mid-day Beirut, LEB 33N53 35E30

First sex-bias case won by Christine Craft, a TV news anchor.

08/08/1983 afternoon Kansas City, MO 39N07 94W38

Responding to a formal request by the Organization of Eastern Caribbean states to restore order, U.S. Marines land on the island of Grenada. 16 Marines die and 77 are wounded, over 640 Cuban troops are captured.

10/23/1983 (?) St. Georges, GRE 12N03 61W46

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) announces a \$4.5 Billion rescue payout to the Continental Illinois Bank:

07/26/1984 (?) Chicago, IL 41N52 87W39

President Reagan's name placed in nomination for a second term:

08/22/1984 2143 CDT Dallas, TX 32N47 96W49

President Reagan conducts a privately held Presidential inauguration:

01/20/1985 23:56:40 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

The public inauguration is held: 01/21/1985, Noon.

The Coca-Cola Company introduces the "New Coke," a product failure:

05/03/1985 1158 PDT Los Angeles, CA 34N03 118W15

"MOVE" Headquarters is bombed and burned by the police; 11 persons die:

05/13/1985 17:27:42 EDT Philadelphia, PA 39N57 75W08

TWA flight 847, carrying 153 persons, is hijacked by two Shiite terrorists:

06/14/1985 1010 EET Athens, Greece 37N59 23E43

06/30/1985 1440 UT 39 American hostages freed in Beirut, Leb.

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Pres. Reagan undergoes surgery to remove a rectal (colon) cancer growth:

07/13/1985 1148 EDT Bethesda, MD 38N59 77W06

Space probe "I.C.E." goes through the tail of a comet. A first occurrence:

09/11/1985 0653 EDT Greenbelt, MD 39N00 76W53

The U.S. Commerce Department announces that the U.S. has become a debtor nation. This is the first time since 1914 that the U.S. will owe foreigners more than foreigners owe to the U.S.

09/16/1985 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

A "superpower" summit between U. S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev begins. This summit features discussions centering on arms control and human rights:

11/21/1985 (?) Geneva, SWI 46N12 06E09

A chartered aircraft carrying American soldiers home, crashes:

12/12/1985 0845 UT Gander, Newfdld. 48N57 54W37

The space shuttle "Challenger" explodes, and seven crew members die:

01/28/1986 11:39:12 EST Cape Canaveral, FL 28N24 80W37

U.S. Bombers attack and bomb in Libya in retaliation for the bombing of a disco in Germany which killed several U.S. servicemen:

04/15/1986 0157 CEDT (-1) Tripoli, Libya 32N54 13E10

The most complete revision of the U.S. tax code in 70 years is agreed to:

04/16/1986 2135 EDT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Ivan Boesky pleads guilty to fraud and insider trading in stocks:

11/18/1986 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

Iran/Contra activities:

11/13/1986 The Reagan administration confirms that it has illegally been shipping weapons to Iran.

O. North destroys important documents before U.S. investigators appear:

11/21/1986 1830 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

"Probable diversion of funds" statement made to press by Attorney Gen.

11/25/1986 1200 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Oliver North sworn in to testify in this affair:

07/07/1987 0908 EDT Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

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05/04/1989 (?) Oliver North is convicted in federal court of destroying evidence, but acquitted of lying to Congress.

12/23/1986 The U. S. experimental airplane, Voyager, is the first to circumnavigate the world without refueling.

The stock market falls 508 DJI points, almost causing a "financial meltdown."

10/18/1987 1600 EDT New York City 40N45 73W57

02/02/1988 Rules changes are announced to prevent such future problems.

Pres. Reagan and Gen. Sec'y Gorbachev sign the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF). Treaty was ratified in May, 1988:

12/08/1987 140230 EST Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

USS Vincennes shoots down Iranian Air commercial air flight #655:

07/03/1988 0654 UT Straits of Hormuz 26N34 56E15

Based on the best interest of the republic, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini agrees to a U.N. cease fire plan to end the Iran - Iraq war.

07/20/1988 (?) -3:30 TZ Teheran, IRA 35N40 51E26

U.S. space shuttle "Discovery" resumes the U.S. space program:

09/29/1988 1137 EDT Cape Canaveral, FL 28N24 80W37

An estimated 24,000 U.S. troops sweep into Panama to topple the country's corrupt dictator Manuel Noriega.

12/20/1989 (?) Panama, PAN 08N58 79W32

01/04/1990 (?) Trial starts in Miami for Manuel Noriega

A major design flaw is revealed in the Hubble Space telescope's mirror:

06/27/1990 (?) Houston, TX 29N48 95W22

A "line in the sand" is drawn by Pres. George Bush over Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on 08/02/1990. Iraqi armor massing on Saudi Arabia's northern borders:

08/08/1990 evening (time ?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

01/17/1991 before dawn Operation Desert Storm begins.

02/28/1991 The so called "Gulf War" is declared over. In an evening television announcement, Pres. Bush announces that Kuwait has been liberated.

Michael Millkin is convicted of securities violations and tax fraud. This case involved improprieties with "junk bonds" and corporate financing:

11/21/1990 (?) New York City 40N45 73W57

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Four police officers were indicted today for the beating of Rodney King.

03/15/1991 (?) Los Angeles, CA 34N03 118W15

Pres. Bush is hospitalized for a heart problem.

05/06/1991 evening Bethesda, MD 38N59 77W06

Clarence Thomas was confirmed by Congress to the U.S. Supreme Court in a vote made close by allegations of sexual harassment by Anita Hill.

10/15/1991 (?) Washington, DC 38N56 77W03

Riots start in Los Angeles over the acquittal of four white police officers in the beating of Rodney King. By 05/02 thirty-seven people have been killed and over 1500 wounded, with damage estimated at over \$600 million.

04/30/1992 (?) Los Angeles, CA 34N03 118W15

U.S. troops land in Somalia to help restore peace to a war ravaged land.

12/09/1992 dawn, -3 TZ Mogadishu, SOM 02N04 45E22

A very large car bomb blast, "shortly after noon," rocks the World Trade Center Buildings in New York City, killing five and injuring over 650 people.

02/27/1993 1202 EST (?) New York City 40N42 73W58

A bomb blast at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building kills 168 people.

04/19/1995 0902 CDT Oklahoma City, OK 35N28 97W31

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