

## SECESSION OF CONFEDERATE STATES AND TERRITORIES



State or Territory	Ordinance Passed (*Interim Periods)	Admitted to Confederacy
Alabama	January 11, 1861	February 4, 1861. Montgomery Convention
Arizona Territory	April 3, 1860. Provisional Government *March 16, 1861. Mesilla Secession Conv. *March 23, 1861. Tucson reaffirms Secession *August 1, 1861. Military proclamation	*January 13, 1862. Congressional bill passed effective upon declaration President *January 18, 1862. Pres. Davis signed bill February 14, 1862. Presidential proclamation
Arkansas	May 6, 1861	May 18, 1861
Florida	January 10, 1861	February 4, 1861. Montgomery Convention
Georgia	January 19, 1861	February 4, 1861. Montgomery Convention
Indian Territory		November 22, 1861. Dept. Ind. Terr. formed
Kanawha	*Aug. 20–Nov. 26, 1861. West Va. Renamed	*November 26, 1861. Reverted to West Va.,
Kentucky	Neutrality proclaimed May 20, 1861. *Secession ordinance November 18, 1861. Both Union & Confederate governments.	December 10, 1862
Louisiana	January 26, 1861	February 4, 1861. Montgomery Convention
Mississippi	January 9, 1861	February 4, 1861. Montgomery Convention
Missouri	May 21, 1861. Neutrality proclaimed *October 31, 1861. Legislature remnants Both Union and Confederate governments	*August 19, 1861. “Alliance” formed November 28, 1861
New Mexico Territory	July 23, 1861. Confederate invasion and occupation of Mesilla commences	*August 1, 1861. Military proclamation for Territory of Arizona (see Arizona)
North Carolina	May 20, 1861	May 27, 1861
South Carolina	December 20, 1860	February 4, 1861. Montgomery Convention
Tennessee	*May 6, 1861. Secession referendum *June 8, 1861. Popular vote June 24, 1861. Ratification election	May 16, 1861 (contingent upon June 24 vote)
Texas	*February 1, 1861. Secession referendum *February 23, 1861. Popular vote, effective March 2, 1861.	March 6, 1861
Virginia	*April 17, 1861. Secession referendum May 23, 1861. Popular vote	May 7, 1861
West Virginia	*June 11, 1861. Second Wheeling Convention *June 19, 1861. “Restored government” *October 24, 1861. Popular vote	*December 31, 1862. President Lincoln signed West Va. State Act Proclaimed April 20, effective June 20, 1863

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## TIMELINE OF HISTORICAL EVENTS

This page outlines many dates of major events during The War Between the States. Contributions of additional dates are always welcome.

### 1860

Dec. 20: South Carolina is the first state to secede

### 1861

Feb. 4: Provisional Confederate Government formed at Montgomery, Ala

Feb. 9: Election of Jefferson Davis as Provisional President, and Alexander H. Stephens of Georgia as Vice-President

Feb. 21: Confederate post office established

Mar. 6: John H. Reagan appointed Postmaster-General

April 2: First proposal for postage stamps advertised

April 12: First shots of the War fired on Fort Sumter, S.C

Apr. 19: H. St. George Offutt appointed Chief of Contract Bureau; B. N. Clements of Appointment Bureau, and John N. Harrell, Chief of Finance Bureau

May 31: Last day of use of U.S. stamps in Confederacy

June 1: Severance of postal service between the Confederate and the United States

Act establishing the letter rate of five cents for 500 miles, and double that for distances exceeding 500 miles

June 5: Earliest known use of press-printed entire, Lynchburg, Virginia

June 7: Earliest known use of adhesive provisional stamps, Hillsboro, North Carolina, and Marion Virginia

July 1: First Battle of Manassas (Bull Run)

July 29: Act permitting officers, musicians and privates in the army of the Confederacy to send letters without prepayment of postage, but such postage to be collected upon the delivery of such letters

Oct. 16: Hoyer & Ludwig's 5c Green issued

Nov. 7: Port Royal, S.C. occupied by U.S. troops as permanent base

Nov. 8: Hoyer & Ludwig's 10c Blue issued

### 1862

Feb. 6: Fall of Fort Henry, Tenn

Feb. 23: Nashville, Tenn. occupied by U.S. troops

Feb. 28: Hoyer & Ludwig's 5c Blue issued

Mar. 10: Hoyer & Ludwig's 10c Rose issued

Mar. 11: St. Augustine, Fla, captured by Federal troops

Mar. 12: Jacksonville, Fla. evacuated by Confederates

Mar. 14: New Bern, N.C. occupied by Federal troops as permanent base

Mar. 14: New Madrid, Mo. captured by Federal troops

Mar. 21: Hoyer & Ludwig's 2c Green issued

Apr. 6-7: Battle of Shiloh

Apr. 16: Thos. de la Rue & Co. 5c Blue EKV

May 1: Fall of New Orleans, La

May 7: Fall of Baton Rouge, La

May 10: Fall of Pensacola, Fla

May 10: Norfolk, Va. occupied by Federal troops as permanent base

June 6: Fall of Memphis, Tenn

June 26: Beginning of the Seven Days Battles

July 1: Letter rate raised from 5c to 10c

July 25: J. T Paterson & Co., 10c Blue EKV

1862 (Continued)

Aug. 13: 5c Richmond Print EKU  
 Aug. 23-25: Second Battle of Manassas  
 Sept. 16-17: Battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam)  
 Oct. 4: Fall of Galveston, Tex  
 Dec. 13: Battle of Fredericksburg

1863

Apr. 19: Archer & Daly's 10c Frameline EKU  
 Apr. 21: Archer & Daly's 2c Red and 10c Die A EKU  
 Apr. 23: Archer & Daly's "TEN" Cents EKU  
 May 1: Archer & Daly's 10c Die B EKU  
 May 1-4: Battle of Chancellorsville  
 May 14: Fall of Jackson, Miss  
 June 1: Archer & Daly's 20c Green EKU  
 June 27: The farthest north of the Confederacy. Ewell's Second Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, reaches Carlisle, Pa  
 July 1-3: Battle of Gettysburg, Pa  
 July 4: Fall of Vicksburg, Miss  
 July 9: Fall of Port Hudson, La. From this date communications between the States east and west of the Mississippi were cut and the Confederate postal service west of the river was directed from the Texas sub-office at Marshall, Tex  
 Sept. 9: Chattanooga, Tenn. evacuated by the Confederates  
 Sept. 19-20: Battle of Chickamauga, Tenn  
 Sept. 23-25: Bragg's army driven from the heights around Chattanooga, Tenn

1864

Mar. 16: Alexandria, La. evacuated by the Confederates  
 May 5-7: Battle of the Wilderness  
 May 8-18: Battles around Spottsylvania Courthouse, Va  
 July 1: Siege of Petersburg, Va. begins, continuing to the end of the war  
 Sept. 2: Fall of Atlanta, Ga  
 Sept. 15: Federal troops begin march from Atlanta to the sea  
 Nov. 7: Keatinge & Ball's 10c EKU  
 Dec. 21: Fall of Savannah, Ga

1865

Feb. 17: Columbia, S.C. captured and burned. Stamp plates sunk in Congaree River  
 Feb. 18: Charleston, S.C., evacuated by Confederates  
 Feb. 22: Fall of Wilmington, N.C  
 Apr. 3: Fall of Richmond and Petersburg, Va  
 Apr. 9: Surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox, Va  
 Apr. 12: The City of Mobile, Ala. falls, a full year after the battle in the Bay  
 Apr. 13: Raleigh, N.C. occupied  
 Apr. 26: Surrender by Gen. Johnston of the Army of Tennessee, near Durham, N.C  
 May 4: Surrender by Gen. Taylor of Alabama and Mississippi Department at Citronelle, Ala  
 May 10: Jefferson Davis and Postmaster-General Reagan captured at Irwinsville, Ga

1865 (Continued)

May 26: Surrender by Gen. Kirby Smith of the troops of the Trans-Mississippi Department, the last armed forces of the Confederacy

June 2: Galveston, Tex., finally occupied by Federals

June 28: The last shot of the war fired by the Confederate Cruiser Shenandoah, isolated in the North Pacific