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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 EKU
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 EKU
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 Chickamaugua, 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: Keating & 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
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