

DATES OF SOME REMARKABLE EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF  
THE NORTH AMERICAN COLONIES AND UNITED STATES.

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| 1606    | First Charter of Virginia.                             |
| 1607    | First Settlement in Virginia.                          |
| 1620    | First Settlement in Massachusetts.                     |
| 1664    | Taking of New Amsterdam (New York).                    |
| 1759    | Battle of Heights of Abraham and taking of Quebec.     |
| 1775    | Beginning of the Revolutionary War.                    |
| 1776    | Declaration of Independence.                           |
| 1781    | Formation of the Confederation.                        |
| 1783    | Independence of United States recognized.              |
| 1787    | Constitutional Convention at Philadelphia.             |
| 1788    | The Constitution ratified by Nine States.              |
| 1789    | Beginning of the Federal Government.                   |
| 1793    | Invention of the Cotton Gin.                           |
| 1803    | Purchase of Louisiana from France.                     |
| 1812-14 | War with England.                                      |
| 1812-15 | Disappearance of the Federalist Party.                 |
| 1819    | Purchase of Florida from Spain.                        |
| 1819    | Steamers begin to cross the Atlantic.                  |
| 1820    | The Missouri Compromise.                               |
| 1828-32 | Formation of the Whig Party.                           |
| 1830    | First Passenger Railway opened.                        |
| 1840    | National Nominating Conventions regularly established. |
| 1844    | First Electric Telegraph in operation.                 |
| 1845    | Admission of Texas to the Union.                       |
| 1846-48 | Mexican War and Cession of California.                 |
| 1852-56 | Fall of the Whig Party.                                |
| 1854-56 | Formation of the Republican Party.                     |
| 1857    | Dred Scott decision delivered.                         |
| 1861-65 | War of Secession.                                      |
| 1869    | First Trans-Continental Railway completed.             |
| 1877    | Final withdrawal of Federal troops from the South.     |
| 1879    | Specie Payments resumed.                               |