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1658. First authentic notice of the Falls.
 1678. They were visited by Father Hennepin.
 1679. Stockade Fort built by De la Salle, on the present site of Fort Niagara.
 1711. Earliest date found on the rocks at the Falls.
 1712. A part of the Tuscarora tribe of Indians emigrated from Carolina.
 1742. Earliest date found on the trees on Iris Island.
 1759. Battle of the Devil's Hole. Fort Niagara taken from the French. French Vessels burnt at Burnt Ship Creek.
 1770. Goats placed on Iris Island, by Mr. Stedman, an Englishman.
 1795. A shock of an earthquake at Niagara Falls.
 1796. Fort Niagara delivered up to the Americans. The British inhabitants move to Canada. At this time there was but one white family, exclusive of those at Fort Niagara and Schlosser, in the territory that now forms the county of Niagara.
 1801. Village of Lewiston surveyed out.
 1805. The mile reserve, a strip of one mile along the Niagara river, from Fort Niagara to Buffalo, sold by the State of New-York, at a public sale, at Albany. Augustus Porter, Esq. settles near the Falls, and lays out Manchester, afterwards Niagara Falls village.
 1810. Mr. Valentine and another person go over the Falls.
 1811. John Downing drifts out in the Whirlpool, and gets out safe.
 1812. October 13. Battle of Queenston.
 1813. May 27. Battle of Fort George.
 June 5. Battle of Stony Creek.
 June 24. Battle of Beaver Dams.
 Dec. 19. The British take Fort Niagara by surprise, burn all the frontier villages, and lay waste and depopulate the country.
 1814. July 6. Battle of Chippewa.
 July 25. Battle of Lundy's Lane.
 1817. First bridge built to Iris Island, and was the next winter carried off by the ice.
 1818. Second bridge to the Island, built lower down than the first. A portion of Table Rock falls, with much noise. Gen. P. Whitney builds the first stairs down the bank, establishes the first ferry.
 1820. Two men, in a scow, go over the Falls.
 1822. Two men, from Grand Island, go over the Falls.
 1825. William Chambers and another man, in a canoe, go over the Falls. Cave discovered by Mr. Catlin, which bears his name.