

Tennessee Timeline

YEAR	EVENT
1763	Britain takes control of French land east of the Mississippi after the French & Indian War. King George forbids settlement.
1768	Permanent white settlement begins along Watauga River (William Bean of Virginia).
1775	Upper East Tennessee became Washington District, North Carolina.
1776 - 1781	Revolutionary War
1779	Fort Nashborough established.
1784 - 1788	State of Franklin
1789 - 1790	North Carolina ceded it's claim to the Federal government, reserving the right to issue Revolutionary War Bounty Land. Congress created the "Territory South of the Ohio River", aka the Southwest Territory, capital at Knoxville.
1791	The Knoxville Gazette became Tennessee's first newspaper.
1796	Statehood – Tennessee becomes the 16 th state.
1811	New Madrid Earthquake.
1815	Andrew Jackson leads Tennessee troops to victory in the Battle of New Orleans.
1818	US purchased land between the Tennessee River and the Mississippi River from the Chickasaw.
1826	Nashville is made the capital.
1828	Andrew Jackson is elected President of the United States.
1834	Revision of State Constitution.
1837-1838	Trail of Tears.
1844	James K Polk is elected President of the United States.
1859	Final survey of boundary between Kentucky and Tennessee.
1861	Tennessee is the last state to secede from the Union.
1866	Tennessee is the first Confederate state to rejoin the Union.
1878	Yellow Fever Epidemic.
1883	Ida B. Wells challenges "separate but equal" railroad laws.
1891	Tennessee Enumeration of Male Voters.
1896	Shiloh National Military Park created.
1897	Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition in Nashville.
1908	Statewide registration for birth and death records begins (ex. 1913). Spotty early adoption.
1920	Tennessee vote tips the scale for women's suffrage.
1933	First hydroelectric dam built by the Tennessee Valley Authority.
1940	President Franklin Roosevelt dedicates the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.
1945	Statewide registration of marriages begins.