



A Union soldier from the Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry holds a torn flag that had been carried into battle. (Library of Congress)



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TIMELINES OF THE UNITED STATES AND LDS / UTAH TERRITORY



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UNITED STATES

NOV
South Carolina
threatens to secede



21 AUG
Nat Turner starts
slave rebellion in
Virginia

FEB
Congress passes a tariff
satisfactory to South Carolina

MAR
South Carolina
repeals the Nullification
ordinance

MAR
Martin Van Buren
inaugurated



1830

1831

1832

1833

1837

1838

1839

6 APR
Joseph Smith organizes
the Church of Christ
(Fayette, New York)



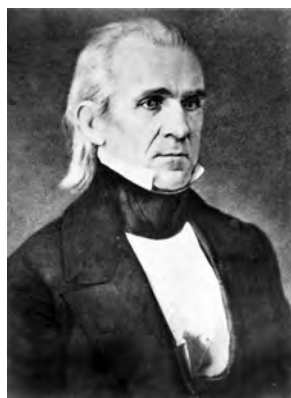
25 DEC
Joseph Smith receives a
revelation and prophecy
on war (D&C 87)

29 NOV
Van Buren tells Joseph
Smith that nothing
can be done to help
persecuted Saints

28 NOV
Joseph Smith and others
imprisoned in Liberty Jail



LDS / UTAH TERRITORY



5 JUN

President Polk asks
for 500 Mormon
volunteer soldiers

13 MAY

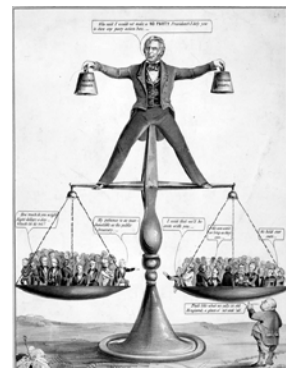
Mexican-American
War begins

2 FEB

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
is signed; Mexico gives up
land rights north of the Rio
Grande (including Utah)

SEP

Compromise of 1850
passes after heated debate



1841 1844 1846 1847 1848 1849 1850

4 FEB

Nauvoo Legion
organized (Illinois)

13 JUL

First volunteer
companies of Mormon
Battalion enlisted

MAY

"Miracle of the
seagulls" saves
pioneer crops

5 MAR

Provisional state of
Deseret proposed

29 JAN

Joseph Smith
nominated as a
presidential candidate
(Nauvoo, Illinois)

22 JUL

Pioneer advance party
enters the Salt Lake Valley

30 DEC

First Mormon-Ute
treaty signed

27 JUN

Joseph and Hyrum
Smith killed by mob at
Carthage Jail (Illinois)

24 JUL

Brigham Young
and main body of
pioneers enter the
Salt Lake Valley



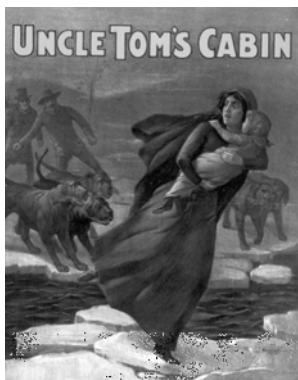
9 SEP

Utah Territory
established





UNITED STATES



20 MAR

Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* is published

4 MAR

Pres. James Buchanan inaugurated



6 MAR

U.S. Supreme Court decides Dred Scott case

21 APR–15 OCT
Lincoln-Douglas debates



28 MAY

Pres. Buchanan sends army to put down reported rebellion in Utah, starting the Utah War

16–18 OCT

Abolitionist John Brown captures Harper's Ferry Armory in Virginia; his rebellion is suppressed by federal forces commanded by Col. Robert E. Lee

30 MAY

Kansas-Nebraska Act becomes law

11 JUL

President Buchanan appoints Alfred Cumming governor of Utah

1851

1852

1854

1857

1858

1859

3 FEB

Brigham Young becomes governor of Utah Territory and superintendent of Indian affairs



28–29 AUG

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints publicly announces its doctrine of plural marriage



11 SEP

Mountain Meadows Massacre

15 SEP

Utah militia sent to prevent federal soldiers from entering Salt Lake Valley



24 FEB

Thomas L. Kane arrives in Salt Lake City to help negotiate an end to the Utah War

26 JUN

U.S. Army marches through Salt Lake City essentially ending the Utah War



LDS / UTAH TERRITORY



3 APR
Pony Express begins

6 NOV
Abraham Lincoln elected

20 DEC
South Carolina secedes
in response to Lincoln's
election

9 JAN 1861
Mississippi secedes;
Star of the West fired
upon

10 JAN 1861
Florida secedes

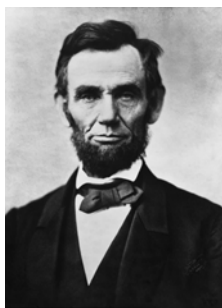
11 JAN 1861
Alabama secedes

19 JAN 1861
Georgia secedes

21 JAN 1861
Five Southern U.S.
senators leave the senate

26 JAN 1861
Louisiana secedes

29 JAN 1861
Kansas gains statehood
and prohibits slavery



2 MAR
Nevada Territory formed

4 MAR
Abraham Lincoln
inaugurated



4-8 FEB
Confederate States of
America organized in
Montgomery, Alabama,
with Jefferson Davis as
provisional president

18 FEB
Davis inaugurated as
president of Confederacy
at Montgomery, Alabama

23 FEB
Texas voters approve
secession

12 APR
South Carolina fires on
Fort Sumter in Charleston
Harbor, South Carolina

13 APR
Fort Sumter surrenders

15 APR
Pres. Lincoln calls
for militia

17 APR
Virginia secedes

1860

1861



FEB
Joseph Morris,
prophet and leader
of the Morrisites, is
excommunicated

6 FEB
Camp Floyd renamed
Fort Crittenden after
Secretary of War John B.
Floyd aligns with the
Confederacy

6 APR
Joseph Morris organizes
a new church in South
Weber (Utah Territory)





UNITED STATES



1 JUN
Skirmish at Fairfax
Courthouse, Virginia

3 JUN
Battle of Philippi
(in western Virginia)

6 MAY
Arkansas secedes

20 MAY
North Carolina secedes

20 MAY
Baltimore occupied
by Union soldiers

24 MAY
Union troops capture and
occupy Alexandria, Virginia

8 JUN
Tennessee secedes

28 NOV
Missouri admitted to the
Confederacy (even though it
did not formally secede)



6 FEB
Union captures Fort
Henry, Tennessee

16 FEB
Union captures
Fort Donelson,
Tennessee



8–9 MARCH
Battle of Hampton
Roads, first battle
between ironclads
(USS Monitor and
CSS Virginia) fought
inconclusively in
Virginia

1861

17 MAY
Gov. Cumming leaves
Salt Lake City

JUL
U.S. Army stationed at
Fort Crittenden recalled
east for Civil War service

3 OCT
John W. Dawson appointed
governor of Utah

18 OCT
Telegraph reaches Salt
Lake City from the east

24 OCT
Overland Telegraph Line
reaches Salt Lake City from
California, making the Pony
Express obsolete



4 DEC
Pioneers called to found
St. George

7 DEC
Gov. Dawson arrives
in Salt Lake City

31 DEC
Gov. Dawson flees Salt Lake
City, Secretary Frank Fuller
becomes acting governor

20 JAN
Utah statehood
convention convenes
in Salt Lake City

6 MAR
Salt Lake Theatre
dedicated



1862



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6 APR

Battle of Shiloh (Tennessee); Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston killed

7 APR

After heavy casualties, Union victory at Battle of Shiloh

8 APR

Morrill Anti-Bigamy Act introduced in House of Representatives

25 APR

Union captures New Orleans, Louisiana



8 MAY

Confederate victory at Battle of McDowell (Virginia)



3 JUN

Morrill Act passed in the Senate, the House accepts its revisions

9 JUN

Constitution of State of Deseret introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and the following day in the U.S. Senate

25 JUN – 1 JUL

Confederacy repels Union troops from Richmond, Virginia following Seven Days Battles



1862

26 APR

Nauvoo Legion militia troops, under command of Colonel Robert T. Burton, depart Salt Lake City to protect mail routes

28 APR

Brigham Young receives request for a U.S. cavalry company to protect the Overland Trail

30 APR

Lot Smith Utah Cavalry volunteers enlisted to protect the Overland Trail



MAY

Col. Patrick Edward Connor and California Volunteers ordered to Utah

1 MAY

Lot Smith Utah Cavalry leave Salt Lake Valley

24 MAY

Utah Territory Chief Justice Kinney issues a writ of habeas corpus commanding Morrisites to release any prisoners

12 JUN

Robert T. Burton, deputy marshal, leads a posse of several hundred men to capture Joseph Morris

13 JUN

Two Morrisites and one posse member killed

15 JUN

Joseph Morris and other Morrisites killed in a skirmish; ninety Morrisites arrested

16 JUN

Morrisites brought to Salt Lake City to stand trial



7 JUL

Stephen G. Harding, Utah's new governor, arrives in Salt Lake City

8 JUL

Pres. Lincoln signs Morrill Anti-Bigamy Act

25 JUL

Private McNichols, a member of Capt. Smith's expedition, drowns in the Snake River



UNITED STATES



17 SEP

Battle of Antietam (Maryland) ends following the bloodiest day in U.S. history with nearly 23,000 casualties



13 DEC

Confederate victory at Battle of Fredericksburg (Virginia)

17–23 AUG

Sioux uprising in Minnesota

22 SEP

Pres. Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation

28–30 AUG

Confederate victory at Second Battle of Manassas (Virginia)

8 OCT

Battle of Perryville (Kentucky) fought inconclusively

1 JAN

Emancipation Proclamation takes effect



1862

14 AUG

Lot Smith Utah Cavalry released from active duty



17 OCT

Col. Connor's troops arrive at Fort Crittenden

20 OCT

Col. Connor's troops arrive at Salt Lake City and establish Camp Douglas nearby



1863

29 JAN

Bear River Massacre

MAR

Tensions rise between federal troops and Utahns; Seven Morrisites convicted of second degree murder, 62 convicted of resistance

3 MAR

Utahns petition removal of Gov. Harding; Idaho Territory created

4 MAR

Utah delegates ask Gov. Harding to resign; he refuses

10 MAR

Brigham Young arrested for bigamy but not brought to trial

22 MAR

Native Americans attack mail coach near Eight Mile Creek Station

31 MAR

Gov. Harding pardons Morrisites



LDS / UTAH TERRITORY



JUN
Confederate victory
at Battle of Brandy
Station (Virginia)

20 JUN
West Virginia separates
from Virginia and joins the
Union as the 35th state

10 MAY
Confederate Gen.
"Stonewall" Jackson
dies of pneumonia

18 MAY
Siege of Vicksburg,
Mississippi begins

7 APR
Confederate victory
at Charleston, South
Carolina



17 AUG
Fort Sumter
bombarded by
Union artillery

1–3 JUL
Battle of Gettysburg
(Pennsylvania)

4 JUL
Union captures Vicksburg, Mississippi,
securing control of the Mississippi River

13–15 JUL
Draft riots in
New York City

19–20 SEP
Confederate
victory at Battle
of Chickamauga
(Georgia)



19 NOV
Lincoln delivers
Gettysburg Address

23–25 NOV
Union captures
Chattanooga, Tennessee

3 DEC
Pres. Lincoln issues
his Ten-Percent Plan,
beginning Reconstruction

1863

12–15 APR
Fights occur
between federal
troops and Native
Americans

5 APR
Troops defeat Native
American band near
Spanish Fork

10 JUN
Native American band attacks
stagecoach in Utah County, killing
two people

11 JUN
Gov. Harding leaves
Salt Lake City



22 JUN
James D. Doty becomes
governor of Utah

8 MAY
Native American band
raids Box Elder Valley

3 JUL
Native American band
attacks Canyon Station,
killing five people

30 JUL
Peace treaty signed
with Shoshone tribe
at Brigham City

20 NOV
First issue of the *Union
Vedette*, an Army newspaper,
issued at Camp Douglas



1 OCT
Peace treaty signed
with Native Americans
at Ruby Valley





UNITED STATES

5–6 MAY

Battle of the Wilderness (Virginia) fought inconclusively

7 MAY

General Sherman's Atlanta Campaign begins (in Tennessee)

8–21 MAY

Battle of Spotsylvania Court House (Virginia) fought inconclusively

11 MAY

Union victory at Battle of Yellow Tavern (Virginia)

15 MAY

Battle of New Market (Virginia)

7 MAR

Five Utah Territory Indian treaties ratified by U.S. Senate

1–3 JUN

Confederate victory at Battle of Cold Harbor (Virginia)

18 JUN

Union siege of Petersburg, Virginia begun

28 JUN

Fugitive slave laws repealed

30 JUL

Battle of the Crater (Petersburg, Virginia)



5 AUG

Union victory at Battle of Mobile Bay (Alabama)

2 SEP

Union captures Atlanta, Georgia

31 OCT

Nevada gains statehood as the 36th state

8 NOV

Abraham Lincoln reelected

16 NOV

Union Gen. William T. Sherman begins "march to the sea" campaign

16 DEC

Union victory at Battle of Nashville (Tennessee)



21 DEC

Union captures Savannah, Georgia

1864

5 JAN

The *Daily Vedette* replaces the *Union Vedette* as the Camp Douglas newspaper.

4 JUL

First issue of the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper issued in Salt Lake

12 DEC

The 14th annual session of the Utah legislature convenes in Great Salt Lake City

28 APR

The ship *Monarch of the Sea*, sails from Liverpool, England, with 973 Saints.



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3 MAR
Freedmen's Bureau created

4 MAR
Abraham Lincoln inaugurated for second term

29 MAR
Union begins Appomattox campaign

17 FEB
Columbia, South Carolina destroyed by fire

31 JAN
Thirteenth Amendment passed

3 APR
Union forces capture Richmond, Virginia

9 APR
General Robert E. Lee surrenders the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox (Virginia)

12 APR
Mobile, Alabama surrenders to Union forces

14 APR
John Wilkes Booth assassinates Pres. Lincoln, co-conspirator Lewis Powell attempts assassination of Secretary of State William H. Seward

15 APR
Abraham Lincoln dies; Andrew Johnson inaugurated president

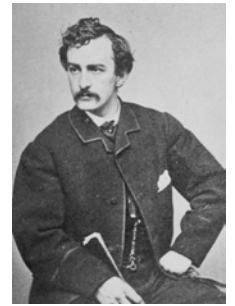
21 APR
Mosby's Rangers disbanded

26 APR
John Wilkes Booth killed by Union soldiers in Virginia; Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston surrenders at Durham Station, NC

4 MAY
Confederate Lt. Gen. Richard Taylor surrenders Confederate departments of Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana at Citronelle, Alabama

5 MAY
Maj. Gen. Dabney Maury surrenders the Confederate District of the Gulf at Citronelle, Alabama

9 MAY
Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest surrenders at Gainesville, Alabama



1865

4 MAR
Celebration of Pres. Lincoln's Inauguration



9 APR
Utah's Black Hawk War begins (and continues until October 1872)

10 APR
LDS Church agrees to build telegraph line between Utah settlements (completed in 1867); Native Americans attack men near Twelve Mile Creek

12 APR
Troops pursue Native American band, killing several

15 APR
Utah mourns Pres. Lincoln's assassination





UNITED STATES

10 MAY

Confederate President Jefferson Davis captured; Maj. Gen. Samuel Jones surrenders Confederate departments of Florida and South Georgia



12 MAY

Brig. Gen. William T. Wofford surrenders the Confederate forces of North Georgia

12–13 MAY

Battle of Palmito Ranch, Texas (last battle of the Civil War)

26 MAY

Confederate Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner surrenders at New Orleans, Louisiana

22 JUN

CSS Shenandoah fires upon Union whaling ships (the last shots of the Civil War)

23 JUN

Confederate Brig. Gen. Stand Watie (a Cherokee Indian) surrenders at Doaksville, Indian Territory



7 JUL

Lincoln conspirators hanged in Washington, DC



6 NOV

CSS Shenandoah surrenders

18 DEC

Thirteenth Amendment adopted, abolishes slavery in all states

1865

26 MAY

Native American band kills family of six

29 MAY

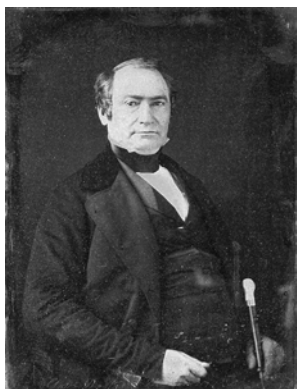
Native American band kill a man near Fairview

11 JUN

Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Schuyler Colfax visits Salt Lake City

13 JUN

Gov. Doty dies in Salt Lake City



14 JUL

Native American band kills two people near Salina

15 JUL

Charles Durkee appointed governor of Utah

18 JUL

Militia attacks Native American band, killing twelve people

26 JUL

Native American band attacks Glenwood, Sevier County

21 SEP

Militia engages Native American band near Fish Lake killing seven people

22 SEP

Native American band attacks immigrating Mormons near Ft. Laramie

30 SEP

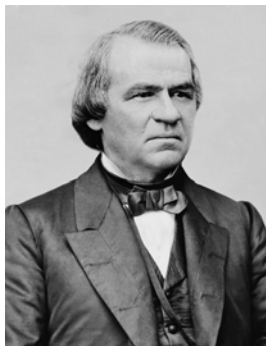
Gov. Durkee arrives in Salt Lake City



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6 APR
Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) organized at Decatur, Illinois



20 AUG
U.S. President Andrew Johnson signs Proclamation 157 (Declaring that Peace, Order, Tranquillity [sic], and Civil Authority Now Exists in and Throughout the Whole of the United States of America) proclaiming the official end of the Civil War

20 NOV
First G.A.R. National Encampment held in Indianapolis, Indiana

NOV
Republicans win overwhelming control of Congress and begin a period of Radical Reconstruction



26 MAY
President Johnson acquitted by one vote

24 FEB
President Andrew Johnson impeached by U.S. House of Representatives

9 JUL
Fourteenth Amendment adopted, defines citizenship (overturns the Dred Scott case)

MAR–MAY
President Johnson tried by the U.S. Senate

1866

1867

1868



8 DEC
Brigham Young asks bishops to reorganize Relief Societies (which were disbanded during the Utah War)

29 JAN
Great Salt Lake City is renamed Salt Lake City





UNITED STATES

3 FEB

Fifteenth Amendment ratified, defines voting rights for all American citizens



4 MAR

Ulysses S. Grant inaugurated President; Schuyler Colfax Vice President



1-2 MAR

Democratic and Republican Congressmen unofficially agree to the Compromise of 1877, allowing Rutherford B. Hayes to win the presidency while removing federal troops from Southern states, ending Reconstruction



1869 1870 1877 1878 1879 1887 1890

10 MAY

Transcontinental railroad completed at Promontory Summit, Utah Territory



12 FEB

Utah Territorial legislature passes women's suffrage law

FEB

Robert T. Burton tried and acquitted for the murder of Isabella Bowman, one of two Morrisite women killed in 1862 at South Weber

29 AUG

Brigham Young dies



5 MAY

U.S. Supreme Court announces decision in Reynolds v U.S. polygamy case

6 OCT

LDS Church accepts "The Manifesto" (Official Declaration #1)

3 MAR

Edmunds-Tucker Act becomes law, disincorporating the LDS Church and excluding polygamists from politics



18 SEP

First documented Utah G.A.R. post organized in Salt Lake City



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2 AUG

Albert Henry Woolson—last surviving Union Army veteran, G.A.R. member, and undisputed Civil War veteran—dies

28 AUG–1 SEP

Last National Encampment of the G.A.R. held in Indianapolis, Indiana

1896 1909 1911 1926 1949 1956 1969

4 JAN

Utah becomes the 45th state

7 JUL

Lot Smith Utah Cavalry Civil War veterans declared eligible to join the G.A.R.

The Church of Jesus of Saints of the Most High (an offshoot of the Morrisites) officially disbanded

9–14 AUG

Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) National Encampment held in Salt Lake City

9 OCT

John Quincy Knowlton G.A.R. post organized in Salt Lake City for veterans of the Lot Smith Utah Cavalry

29 JAN

Harvey Coe Hullinger (reported as the oldest LDS Civil War veteran and oldest practicing physician in the U.S.) dies in Vernal, Utah

