

# Kennebec County Timeline

Title	Acession Number
1492 - USA - Columbus lands in the Americas	2015.0225.0286
1604 -- Maine -- Kennebec River discovered by Pierre du Guast and Samuel de Champlain.	2015.0225.0001
1606 - Kennebec County, ME - Plymouth Company Chartered by King James I	2015.0225.0288
1607 -- Augusta, ME -- Raleigh Gilbert sailed up the Kennebec and landed at Koussinoc, Indian name for present-day Augusta.	2015.0225.0002
1625 -- Augusta, ME -- First trade with Indians of the Kennebec and the Plymouth Colony started by Edward Winslow	2015.0225.0003
1629 -- Augusta, ME -- The Plymouth Colony established a trading post on the site of what was later Fort Western.	2015.0225.0005
1629 -- Kennebec County, ME -- William Bradford and others received a grant of land on the Kennebec River.	2015.0225.0004
1646 -- Augusta, ME -- Jesuit mission founded by Father Druillettes.	2015.0225.0006
1652 -- Augusta, ME -- Trade at Kennebec Patent declines and rights were leased to private traders.	2015.0225.0007
1654 -- Augusta, ME -- Civil government instituted in the Kennebec Patent	2015.0225.0008
1661 - Augusta, ME -- The new Kennebec Proprietors abandoned Cusnoc Post; the area remained dormant for nearly 75 years.	2015.0225.0011
1661 10 27 -- Augusta, ME -- The Plymouth Colony sold the Kennebec Patent to the Kennebec Proprietors on 27 Oct 1661	2015.0225.0009
1675 -- Maine -- King Phillip's War	2015.0225.0012
1688 -- Maine -- King William's War	2015.0225.0013
1703 -- Maine -- Queen Anne's, or Third Indian, War	2015.0225.0014
1708 06 29 - Gardiner, ME - Dr. Sylvester Gardiner born in South Kingston, RI	2015.0225.0289
1733 -- Maine -- Lovewell's, or Fourth Indian, War.	2015.0225.0015
1749 -- Augusta, ME -- The heirs of the Kennebec Proprietors established their claim to the grant at Cushnoc	2015.0225.0016
1754 -- Augusta, ME -- First Settler: James Howard, commander of Fort Western, is considered the first settler in Augusta.	2015.0225.0010
1754 -- Augusta, ME -- Fort Western erected on the site of the old Cushnoc trading post.	2015.0225.0017
1761 -- Augusta, ME -- Survey of the Augusta-Hallowell region made by John Winslow	2015.0225.0018
1762 -- Augusta, ME -- First grants to lots made to induce settlement around Fort Western	2015.0225.0019

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1762 05 - Hallowell, ME - Deacon Pease Clark and his wife and son Peter are the first family to settle in what is present day Hallowell, ME	2015.0225.0354
1763 -- Augusta, ME -- First minister, Jacob Bailey, preached at Fort Western	2015.0225.0020
1769 -- Augusta, ME -- first industry in the area.	2015.0225.0022
1770 -- Augusta, ME -- First frame structure in the settlement.	2015.0225.0023
1771 04 26 - Hallowell, ME - Hallowell Incorporated	2015.0225.0337
1771 04 26 - Vassalborough, ME - Vassalborough Incorporated	2015.0225.0335
1771 04 26 - Winslow, ME - Winslow Incorporated	2015.0225.0336
1771 04 26 - Winthrop, ME - Winthrop Incorporated	2015.0225.0334
1775 04 18 -- Augusta, ME -- Battle of Lexington and Concord initiates the American War for Independence [18 Apr 1775].	2015.0225.0024
1775 09 19-- Augusta, ME -- Benedict Arnold and his army of 1100 men set out for an attack on Quebec	2015.0225.0025
1778 -- Augusta, ME -- Conveyance of real estate by Tories prohibited by the town.	2015.0225.0026
1779 -- Augusta, ME -- At town meeting it was voted to appropriate 200 pounds "to procure preaching."	2015.0225.0027
1779 - Pittston, ME - Pittston Incorporated	2015.0225.0284
1780 -- Augusta, ME -- A severe winter and scarcity of provisions caused great suffering. The General Court requisitions 10000 pounds of beef from Hallowell for the Continental Army.	2015.0225.0028
1781 -- Augusta, ME -- Lumber was received in payment of taxes.	2015.0225.0029
1782 -- Augusta, ME -- Construction on the first meetinghouse started.	2015.0225.0030
1784 -- Augusta, ME -- First appropriation for the support of the poor made at town meeting. First public inn, "a house of entertainment," was built by Isaac Clark.	2015.0225.0031
1785 -- Augusta, ME -- Daniel Cony was chosen by Hallowell as its representative to the Falmouth convention to consider separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts	2015.0225.0032
1786 -- Augusta, ME -- First public whipping post in town erected at The Fort	2015.0225.0033
1787 -- Augusta, ME -- Convention to ratify the U. S. Constitution	2015.0225.0035
1787 -- Augusta, ME -- Old Hallowell was divided into eight school districts	2015.0225.0034
1790 -- Augusta, ME -- Construction of first Courthouse began in Market Square.	2015.0225.0037

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1794 -- Augusta, ME -- The Eastern Star, first newspaper printed in the area published by H.S. Robinson	2015.0225.0039
1794 -- Augusta, ME -- The Old Hallowell's first postmaster, James Burton, commissioned	2015.0225.0038
1796 -- Augusta, ME -- First Free Mason lodge, Kennebec Lodge, No. 5, chartered	2015.0225.0041
1796 -- Augusta, ME -- Old South Congregational Church built.	2015.0225.0042
1796 02 08 -- Augusta, ME -- A charter for the construction of the first bridge across the Kennebec River at The Fort was issued. 8 Feb 1796	2015.0225.0040
1797 02 18 -- Augusta, ME -- Rivalry between The Fort and The Hook reached a climax when the two communities became separate towns on 18 Feb 1797	2015.0225.0043
1799 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec County was established.	2015.0225.0044
1800 -- Augusta, ME -- State Street laid out.	2015.0225.0299
1800 -- Augusta, ME -- Stone Street laid out.	2015.0225.0046
1802 -- Augusta, ME -- Mansion House Hotel built	2015.0225.0048
1802 -- Augusta, ME -- New courthouse completed and occupied	2015.0225.0047
1803 -- Augusta, ME -- A brick grammar school was erected on the corner of Bridge and State Streets.	2015.0225.0049
1803 -- Augusta, ME -- Cushnoc House Hotel built	2015.0225.0298
1803 - Gardiner, ME - Gardiner was incorporated as a Town	2015.0225.0290
1803 11 14 - Hallowell, ME - Jacob Abbott, author of 180 novels for young people, born in Hallowell 14 Nov 1803	2015.0225.0347
1805 -- Augusta, ME -- The selectman authorized to procure a town poorhouse.	2015.0225.0050
1806 -- Augusta, ME -- First brick stores erected on Water Street	2015.0225.0052
1806 -- Augusta, ME -- First stage to Augusta, started by Col. T.S. Estabrook, gave biweekly service between the town and Brunswick.	2015.0225.0051
1806 - Gardiner, ME - First paper mill.	2015.0225.0291
1807 -- Augusta, ME -- South Parish Congregational meetinghouse built.	2015.0225.0053
1808 -- Augusta, ME -- A new stone jail was erected on the site of the old one.	2015.0225.0055
1808 -- Augusta, ME -- First granite quarried in Augusta.	2015.0225.0056
1808 -- Augusta, ME -- The "Malta War" starts	2015.0225.0054

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1808 - Gardiner, ME - Property Descriptions developed by Solomon Adams	2015.0225.0301
1809 -- Augusta, ME -- Climax of the "Malta War" came with the trial and acquittal of seven persons accused of the murder of Paul Chadwick, a surveyor.	2015.0225.0057
1812 -- Augusta, ME -- President Madison hanged in effigy by Augusta Federalists.	2015.0225.0059
1812 -- Augusta, ME -- The Kennebec Bank chartered.	2015.0225.0060
1813 -- Augusta, ME -- Business was so seriously crippled by the embargoes that all stores but one were forced out of business.	2015.0225.0062
1813 -- Augusta, ME -- The privateer, Dart, built for use against British	2015.0225.0061
1814 - Gardiner, ME - First Bank, The Gardiner Bank, was established	2015.0225.0302
1815 -- Augusta, ME -- Cony Female Academy founded.	2015.0225.0063
1816 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec River Bridge at Augusta collapsed.	2015.0225.0064
1816 -- Augusta, ME -- The town was the rallying point for emigrants leaving for Ohio	2015.0225.0065
1817 -- Augusta, ME -- A reading room and social library established by the young men of the town.	2015.0225.0066
1818 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec River Bridge at Augusta rebuilt.	2015.0225.0067
1819 -- Augusta, ME -- The town vote was 293 to 49 in favor of separation of Maine from Massachusetts.	2015.0225.0068
1820 -- Augusta, ME -- Bridge Street laid out	2015.0225.0344
1820 -- Augusta, ME -- Pleasant Streets laid out.	2015.0225.0071
1820 -- Augusta, ME -- The Augusta Union Society formed	2015.0225.0070
1820 03 15 -- Maine -- Maine became a state on 15 Mar 1820	2015.0225.0278
1821 -- Augusta, ME -- First local Masonic society, Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, constituted.	2015.0225.0072
1821 - Gardiner, ME - Ice harvesting industry begins	2015.0225.0303
1822 -- Augusta, ME -- First organ in town placed in use in the South Parish meetinghouse.	2015.0225.0073
1822 - Gardiner, Me - The Lyceum was founded.	2015.0225.0304
1824 - Gardiner, ME - The Common contributed to the city.	2015.0225.0305
1825 -- Augusta, ME -- The Kennebec Journal was established by Luther Severance and Russell Easton	2015.0225.0074

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1826 -- Augusta, ME -- East Parish incorporated.	2015.0225.0075
1827 -- Augusta, ME -- On February 24 the act making Augusta the capitol of Maine signed.	2015.0225.0076
1828 -- Augusta, ME -- The U.S. Arsenal on east bank of Kennebec erected.	2015.0225.0077
1829 -- Augusta, ME -- July 4 the cornerstone of Maine's capitol laid	2015.0225.0078
1829 -- Augusta, ME -- Myrtle Street laid out.	2015.0225.0080
1829 -- Augusta, ME -- Stone county court house built.	2015.0225.0079
1831 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta House built	2015.0225.0082
1832 -- Augusta, ME -- On January 4 the Legislature convened for the first time in the new statehouse.	2015.0225.0083
1833 -- Augusta, ME -- Captain James Hall built a home that later became the Blaine House.	2015.0225.0085
1833 -- Augusta, ME -- Freeman's Bank and Citizen's Bank chartered	2015.0225.0084
1833 11 18 - Hallowell, ME - Maines's first Anti-Slavery Society founded in Hallowell, 18 Nov 1833	2015.0225.0346
1834 -- Augusta, ME -- First Freewill Baptist Church formed	2015.0225.0087
1834 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec Dam Company incorporated	2015.0225.0086
1835 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta High School established.	2015.0225.0090
1835 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta Village Corporation organized for the purpose of maintaining an efficient fire department.	2015.0225.0089
1835 -- Augusta, ME -- Mount Pleasant and Forest Grove cemeteries purchased by the town.	2015.0225.0091
1835 -- Augusta, ME -- Universalist church built on Court Street	2015.0225.0088
1835 01 02 - Augusta, ME - Joseph L. Sager Hung, the last capital execution in Maine	2015.0225.0343
1836 -- Augusta, ME -- First regular steamboat service between Kennebec ports and Boston started.	2015.0225.0095
1836 -- Augusta, ME -- Granite Bank incorporated	2015.0225.0093
1836 -- Augusta, ME -- Roman Catholics acquired a place of worship	2015.0225.0094
1836 - Gardiner - Oakland mansion constructed	2015.0225.0306
1837 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec Dam, first on the river, completed	2015.0225.0096
1838 -- Augusta, ME -- Contracts made for 10 sawmills, and a canal and basin were constructed for their accommodation.	2015.0225.0097

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1839 -- Augusta, ME -- A flood caused much damage to Kennebec Dam; mills were carried away, and land was destroyed.	2015.0225.0099
1839 -- Augusta, ME -- The town was the center of operations during the "Aroostook War," and Major General Winfield Scott and his suite were located here at the time	2015.0225.0098
1839 10 30 -- Augusta, ME -- Aquaduct built to move water from Nason Farm to Mansion House Hotel	2015.0225.0279
1840 -- Augusta, ME -- Dam across the Kennebec rebuilt by Alfred Redington	2015.0225.0101
1840 -- Augusta, ME -- First local Episcopal Church formed	2015.0225.0102
1840 -- Augusta, ME -- Work completed on the Maine Insane Hospital after a number of years of planning and construction	2015.0225.0103
1840 - Hallowell, ME - Row House built by Isaac Gage	2015.0225.0349
1841 - Gardiner, ME - The first Library formed	2015.0225.0307
1842 -- Augusta, ME -- St. Mark's Episcopal Church and two new schoolhouses erected	2015.0225.0104
1843 -- Augusta, ME -- A cotton mill, the forerunner of the Edwards Manufacturing Co., was built.	2015.0225.0108
1843 -- Augusta, ME -- Six sawmills were erected by the Kennebec Locks and Canals Co., formerly the Kennebec Dam Co., also a large flour mill "with six runs of stones."	2015.0225.0107
1843 -- Augusta, ME -- The Maine Farmer, inaugurated by Ezekiel Holmes in Winthrop, was purchased by Russell Eaton and moved to Augusta.	2015.0225.0105
1845 -- Augusta, ME -- St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church erected on State Street	2015.0225.0106
1847 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec Locks and Canals Co. becomes Augusta Water Power Co.	2015.0225.0109
1848 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta Savings Bank organized	2015.0225.0110
1848 -- Augusta, ME -- Seven died when the steamer Halifax blew up in the Kennebec dam lock on 22 May 1848.	2015.0225.0111
1849 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta receives city charter	2015.0225.0112
1849 - Gardiner, ME - Gardiner incorporated as a city.	2015.0225.0308
1850 - Farmingdale, ME - Farmingdale Incorporated	2015.0225.0352
1850 - Gardiner, ME - Laura E. Richards, children's book author, born	2015.0225.0327
1850 - Manchester, ME - Manchester incorporated	2015.0225.0353
1850 - West Gardiner, ME - West Gardiner incorporated as a community separate from Gardiner, ME	2015.0225.0309

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1850 08 17 - Chelsea, ME - Chelsea incorporated as a town	2015.0225.0351
1851 - Gardiner, ME - First railroad train arrived in Gardiner.	2015.0225.0311
1851 12 15 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec and Portland Railroad Co. completed its line to Augusta; the first train arrived 15 Dec 1851.	2015.0225.0114
1852 - Farmingdale, ME - Farmingdale incorporated as a community separate from Gardiner, ME	2015.0225.0310
1852 - Gardiner, ME - Construction of the Gardiner-Pittston bridge	2015.0225.0312
1852 02 17 - Hallowell, ME - Hallowell incorporated as a city on 17 Feb 1852	2015.0225.0342
1853 -- Augusta, ME -- A \$75,000 fire destroyed 6 sawmills, a flour mill, a kyanizing plant, and a dwelling house on 2 Sep 1853. Rebuilding started immediately,	2015.0225.0115
1853 -- Augusta, ME -- Construction of the Somerset and Kennebec Railroad began on the east side of the river at Augusta.	2015.0225.0116
1853 -- Augusta, ME -- The Augusta Gas Light Co. incorporated.	2015.0225.0117
1854 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec Journal was sold to James G. Blaine and Joseph Baker	2015.0225.0118
1855 -- Augusta, ME -- Flood swept away 100 feet of the Kennebec dam	2015.0225.0120
1855 02 22 -- Augusta, ME -- The Republican Party held its first State convention on 22 Feb 1855	2015.0225.0119
1857 -- Augusta, ME -- First railroad bridge over the Kennebec built.	2015.0225.0123
1857 -- Augusta, ME -- Lot M. Morrill was the first local man elected Senate president.	2015.0225.0122
1857 -- Augusta, ME -- Through the resignation of Hannibal Hamlin to become U.S. Senator, Sate President of the Senate, Joseph H. Williams, was the first Augustan to become Governor.	2015.0225.0121
1858 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec County Jail erected.	2015.0225.0124
1859 -- Augusta, ME -- Gas street lamp introduced	2015.0225.0125
1860 - Hallowell, ME - Bridge built linking Hallowell and Chelsea, ME	2015.0225.0350
1860 -- Maine -- Additions made to the statehouse	2015.0225.0127
1860 04 25 - Gardiner, ME - Disastrous fire destroys businesses and manufacturing plants along Cobbossee stream	2015.0225.0313
1861 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta Lumber Company organized.	2015.0225.0129
1861 -- Augusta, ME -- During the Civil War this city was the mobilization point of the Kennebec Valley troops en route to war areas.	2015.0225.0128
1861 04 12 - USA - Start of Civil War - Confederate Troops bombard Fort Sumter, SC	2015.0225.0281

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1863 07 01 - USA - Battle of Gettysburg 1 Jul 1863 - 3 Jul 1863	2015.0225.0280
1864 -- Augusta, ME -- South Parish Church struck by lightning and destroyed	2015.0225.0131
1864 -- Augusta, ME -- The State Bank of Augusta surrendered its charter and organized the First National Bank of Augusta; the Freeman's Bank became the Freeman's National Bank; the Granite Bank became the Granite National Bank.	2015.0225.0130
1864 - Gardiner, ME - The Johnson Block was constructed	2015.0225.0314
1865 -- Augusta, ME -- Fire swept Water Street causing a half-million dollars damage on 17 Sep 1865.	2015.0225.0133
1865 -- Augusta, ME -- The South Parish Congregational Society erected a granite church.	2015.0225.0132
1865 04 09 - USA - General Lee surrenders his Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant at Appomattox Courthouse	2015.0225.0282
1865 04 14 - USA - President Abraham Lincoln assassinated	2015.0225.0283
1866 -- Augusta, ME -- Home for Civil War veterans established at Togus.	2015.0225.0135
1866 -- Augusta, ME -- Prominent business buildings completed were the Granite National Bank Building, Meonian Block, North Block, and the Granite Block.	2015.0225.0134
1867 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec Dam property sold to A. & W. Sprague Company.	2015.0225.0136
1867 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec Passenger Bridge freed from tolls.	2015.0225.0137
1868 -- Augusta, ME -- St. Catherine Hall, a church school for girls, founded.	2015.0225.0138
1869 -- Augusta, ME -- James G. Blaine elected speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.	2015.0225.0139
1869 - Gardiner, ME - Edwin Arlington Robinson (1869-1935), poet, born	2015.0225.0325
1870 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta Water Company established	2015.0225.0141
1870 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec Savings Bank organized	2015.0225.0142
1873 -- Augusta, ME -- P.O. Vickery established publishing business.	2015.0225.0143
1874 - Augusta, ME - First Issue of Vickery's Fireside Visitor printed	2015.0225.0345
1875 - Gardiner, ME - Civil War monument erected on the Common	2015.0225.0315
1875 - Hallowell, ME - Industrial School for Girls opened	2015.0225.0348
1876 03 10 - USA - Telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell	2015.0225.0338
1881 -- Augusta, ME -- Cony Free High School completed.	2015.0225.0145



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1881 -- Augusta, ME -- Local Y. M. C. A. organized in April	2015.0225.0146
1882 -- Augusta, ME -- Lithgow Library and Reading Room opened on Water Street.	2015.0225.0147
1883 -- Augusta, ME -- Edwards Manufacturing Company purchased the properties of A. & W. Sprague Co.	2015.0225.0148
1884 - Gardiner, ME -The Coliseum, the largest exhibition hall in the state, was built	2015.0225.0316
1884 -- Maine -- James G. Blaine defeated for the U.S. Presidency.	2015.0225.0149
1885 -- Augusta, ME -- A company established to supply the city with water from the Kennebec River.	2015.0225.0150
1885 - Gardiner, ME - The Gardiner Board of Trade was organized	2015.0225.0318
1885 - Gardiner, ME - The Gardiner Water Works were established	2015.0225.0319
1887 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta Board of Trade organized.	2015.0225.0151
1887 - Randolph, ME - Randolph incorporated	2015.0225.0320
1888 -- Augusta, ME -- Comfort magazine published by the Gannett and Morse concern; becomes the largest circulating magazine in the World.	2015.0225.0152
1888 -- Augusta, ME -- St. Augustine's Church erected on Washington Street.	2015.0225.0153
1888 - Gardiner, ME - The Gardiner-Augusta Electric and Trolley Car Line was established	2015.0225.0321
1890 -- Augusta, ME -- New Augusta Post Office opened.	2015.0225.0156
1890 -- Kennebec County, ME -- Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner electric car service inaugurated.	2015.0225.0157
1890 -- Maine -- A three story wing was added to the rear of the Statehouse.	2015.0225.0155
1890 - Randolph, ME - The 24-inch gauge Kennebec Central Railroad operated between Randolph and Togus	2015.0225.0322
1890 05 01 -- Augusta, ME -- A new iron passenger bridge across the Kennebec completed on 1 May 1890.	2015.0225.0158
1891 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta General Hospital chartered.	2015.0225.0159
1891 05 07 Kennebec County, ME -- Kennebec Historical Society established as the Kennebec Natural History and Antiquarian Society on 7 May 1891.	2015.0225.0160
1892 - Gardiner, ME - First Gardiner telephone directory. 24 subscribers. [2002.0249.0001]	2015.0225.0323
1894 06 14 -- Augusta, ME -- Cornerstones of Masonic Temple and Lithgow Library laid.	2015.0225.0161
1896 -- Augusta, ME -- The City Hall dedicated on 4 Jul 1896.	2015.0225.0163

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1896 02 03 -- Augusta, ME -- Lithgow Library erected and dedicated. 3 Feb 1896	2015.0225.0162
1897 -- Augusta, ME -- Centennial celebration of the incorporation of Augusta held.	2015.0225.0164
1898 -- Augusta, ME -- First hospital opened at Crosby Street	2015.0225.0165
1898 02 15 - USA - U.S.S Maine Explodes in Havana harbor	2015.0225.0340
1898 04 25 - USA - Spanish American War started	2015.0225.0339
1900 -- Augusta, ME -- St. Catherine's Hall completed its last school year and was acquired by the Augusta General Hospital.	2015.0225.0167
1901 -- Augusta, ME -- Trolley service extended to Togus.	2015.0225.0168
1902 -- Augusta, ME -- Local trolley line became the Augusta, Winthrop and Gardiner Street Railway.	2015.0225.0169
1904 -- Augusta, ME -- Most disastrous fire since 1865 started in Meonian Hall and swept the east side of Water Street.	2015.0225.0170
1906 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta Yacht Club built.	2015.0225.0172
1906 -- Augusta, ME -- The City of Augusta added to the Eastern Steamship Company's Kennebec line.	2015.0225.0171
1907 -- Augusta, ME -- An attempt to move the State capital to Portland was unsuccessful.	2015.0225.0173
1910 -- Augusta, ME -- Wing added to the post office.	2015.0225.0176
1910 -- Maine -- Statehouse completely remodeled.	2015.0225.0175
1911 -- Maine -- An act declaring Augusta to be the permanent seat of government adopted by the Legislature.	2015.0225.0177
1913 - Augusta, ME - New Maine Central Railroad Station Opened	2015.0225.0285
1914 -- Augusta, ME -- A double-track railroad bridge constructed across the Kennebec River.	2015.0225.0179
1914 -- Augusta, ME -- Y. M. C. A. building erected.	2015.0225.0178
1916 -- Augusta, ME -- Present St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church erected.	2015.0225.0180
1918 -- Augusta, ME -- Edgar Jones Productions, Inc. opened a motion picture studio.	2015.0225.0181
1918 - Gardiner, ME - Gardiner General Hospital was established	2015.0225.0324
1920 -- Augusta, ME -- Blaine Memorial, honoring James G. Blaine, dedicated.	2015.0225.0184
1920 -- Augusta, ME -- Hartford Fire Station, a gift of the George Hartford family, completed.	2015.0225.0185
1920 -- Augusta, ME -- The Blaine Mansion became the official residence of Maine governors.	2015.0225.0183

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1921 -- Augusta, ME -- Assisted by his father, William H. Gannett, Guy P. Gannett restored Fort Western and presented it to the city as a memorial to his mother, Sadie Hill Gannett.	2015.0225.0186
1921 - Augusta, ME - William H. Gannett runs Maine's First Winter Carnival at Ganeston Park.	2015.0225.0355
1923 -- Kennebec County, ME -- May flood waters cause extensive damage.	2015.0225.0187
1924 -- Augusta, ME -- The city's first clinic for crippled children held at Augusta General Hospital.	2015.0225.0188
1925 -- Augusta, ME -- The Fuller Memorial Fund and homestead bequeathed to the city for development as a home for self-sustaining girls.	2015.0225.0189
1926 -- Augusta, ME -- Kennebec Legion Park dedicated.	2015.0225.0191
1926 -- Augusta, ME -- New 10,000 gallon reservoir built.	2015.0225.0190
1927 -- Augusta, ME -- St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church constructed.	2015.0225.0192
1928 -- Augusta, ME -- Macomber Playground presented to the city by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Macomber.	2015.0225.0193
1928 -- Augusta, ME -- R. P. Hazzard Shoe Co. located in the city.	2015.0225.0194
1929 -- Augusta, ME -- The World War I Memorial, designed by Frances Loring, presented to the city by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Macomber.	2015.0225.0195
1930 -- Augusta, ME -- City voted \$50,000 for completion of Cony High School; it was dedicated in November.	2015.0225.0198
1930 -- Augusta, ME -- Ganneston Park declared a State game preserve and bird sanctuary.	2015.0225.0197
1932 -- Augusta, ME -- Motorbuses replaced electric cars.	2015.0225.0199
1932 -- Augusta, ME -- Radio Station WRDO, first in Kennebec Valley, inaugurated.	2015.0225.0200
1934 -- Augusta, ME -- Typhoid fever epidemic threatened the city.	2015.0225.0201
1936 -- Kennebec County, ME -- The Great Flood	2015.0225.0202
1937 -- Augusta, ME -- Reuel Williams Athletic Field at Cony High School dedicated.	2015.0225.0203
1937 -- Augusta, ME -- The Augusta Players organized.	2015.0225.0204
1937 - Gardiner, ME - Gardiner Armory was constructed	2015.0225.0326
1938 -- Augusta, ME -- In December, the Kennebec Pulp and Paper Company's sulphite plant and storehouse suffered \$500,000 in fire damage.	2015.0225.0205
1939 -- Augusta, ME -- Construction on a \$400,000 modern sulphite plant by Kennebec Pulp and Paper Company started.	2015.0225.0206
1939 -- Augusta, ME -- The first completed U.S. Airways Communication Station in Maine was placed in service at the Augusta airport.	2015.0225.0207

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1940 -- Augusta, ME -- Annex to post office started.	2015.0225.0209
1941 -- Augusta, ME -- National Guard to Camp Blanding for World War II service.	2015.0225.0210
1941 12 07 - USA - Pearl Harbor attacked by Japanese	2015.0225.0341
1942 -- Augusta, ME -- Military Police Battalion Stationed at Camp Keyes.	2015.0225.0211
1943 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta Planning Board organized.	2015.0225.0212
1944 -- Augusta, ME -- Togus Domiciliary Veterans transferred.	2015.0225.0213
1945 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta celebrates end of World War II	2015.0225.0214
1946 -- Augusta, ME -- House City's worst problem.	2015.0225.0215
1947 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta Parking District formed.	2015.0225.0217
1947 -- Augusta, ME -- City celebrates sesquicentennial.	2015.0225.0218
1947 -- Augusta, ME -- New Bridge Bill passed	2015.0225.0216
1949 -- Augusta, ME -- Memorial Bridge and Rotaries completed.	2015.0225.0219
1950 -- Augusta, ME -- Reuel Williams house destroyed.	2015.0225.0221
1955 -- Augusta, ME -- Maine Turnpike extended to Augusta; off ramp built on Western Avenue.	2015.0225.0222
1955 - Gardiner, ME - A War Monument was placed on the Common	2015.0225.0329
1955 - Gardiner, ME - Gardiner institutes a City Manager form of government	2015.0225.0328
1955 -- Maine -- Construction on new State Office building begins.	2015.0225.0223
1956 - Augusta, ME - Augusta Hardware Company moves from Water Street to a new store on residential Western Avenue.	2015.0225.0224
1958 -- Augusta, ME -- Zoning defeated.	2015.0225.0225
1961 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta Plaza, first shopping mall in city, completed on site of the Haynes Estate, inaugurating major commercial development on Western Avenue.	2015.0225.0227
1961 -- Augusta, ME -- First computers installed at City Hall.	2015.0225.0228
1961 07 - Augusta, ME - New Kennebec Journal Building opened on outer Western Avenue	2015.0225.0356
1962 - Gardiner, ME - New Gardiner High School constructed	2015.0225.0330

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1964 -- Augusta, ME -- New Federal building built on Western Avenue.	2015.0225.0229
1965 -- Augusta, ME -- Construction of new Cony High School wing completed.	2015.0225.0231
1965 -- Augusta, ME -- Construction on new Augusta General Hospital begins.	2015.0225.0232
1965 -- Augusta, ME -- University of Maine at Augusta established.	2015.0225.0230
1966 -- Augusta, ME -- Construction begins on Capitol Shopping center, on site of the Gannett estate.	2015.0225.0233
1968 -- Augusta, ME -- Construction on new State Cultural Center begins. Fifty residences demolished in the process.	2015.0225.0235
1968 -- Augusta, ME -- New district court house built on rotary.	2015.0225.0234
1969 -- Augusta, ME -- First building on UMA campus complete.	2015.0225.0237
1969 -- Augusta, ME -- Third shopping center, Turnpike Mall, opens.	2015.0225.0236
1971 -- Augusta, ME -- Major YMCA addition completed.	2015.0225.0239
1972 -- Augusta, ME -- Hudson Pulp & Paper changed to Statler Tissue	2015.0225.0240
1973 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta Civic Center built in north end. Commercial development in the immediate area ensues.	2015.0225.0241
1973 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta House bankrupt.	2015.0225.0242
1974 -- Augusta, ME -- Augusta House demolished.	2015.0225.0243
1974 -- Augusta, ME -- State Parking garage built.	2015.0225.0245
1974 -- Augusta, ME -- Taylor Shoe closes.	2015.0225.0244
1975 -- Augusta, ME -- Construction on Vocational-Technical school begins.	2015.0225.0246
1978 -- Augusta, ME -- Downstreet '82, a downtown revitalization effort, begins.	2015.0225.0247
1980 - Gardiner, ME - The buildings on Water St. from Brunswick Ave. to the Library were placed on the National Register of Historic Places	2015.0225.0332
1981 -- Augusta, ME -- Facing rising heating costs, Winthrop Street Universalist Church demolished.	2015.0225.0251
1981 -- Augusta, ME -- Lipman Poultry closes.	2015.0225.0250
1981 -- Augusta, ME -- Manufacturing ends at Edwards Mill.	2015.0225.0249
1982 -- Augusta, ME -- Capitol Theater demolished.	2015.0225.0254
1982 -- Augusta, ME -- Digital Equipments opens in new Augusta Business Park.	2015.0225.0252

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1982 -- Augusta, ME -- Downstreet '82 ends with little success.	2015.0225.0253
1983 -- Augusta, ME -- Water Street fire kills four people	2015.0225.0256
1983 -- Augusta, ME -- Zoning passes	2015.0225.0255
1983 11 19 - Gardiner, ME - Dedication of the Downtown Revitalization project	2015.0225.0333
1986 -- Augusta, ME -- \$10 Million renovation of Edwards Mill for offices, shops etc. proposed. Proposal later dies due to a lack of funds.	2015.0225.0261
1986 -- Augusta, ME -- Construction begins on new City Center.	2015.0225.0257
1986 -- Augusta, ME -- Historic restoration of Fort Western began.	2015.0225.0259
1986 -- Augusta, ME -- Key Plaza, tallest building in Augusta, built on Water Street	2015.0225.0258
1986 -- Augusta, ME -- Mill Street fire kills four, including two children.	2015.0225.0260
1989 -- Augusta, ME -- Edwards Manufacturing Co. plant destroyed in a spectacular fire.	2015.0225.0262
1991 -- Augusta, ME -- Major new regional shopping center proposed for Civic Center Drive.	2015.0225.0264
1995 -- Augusta, ME -- Statler Tissue Closes	2015.0225.0265
1997 -- Augusta, ME -- City celebrates its bicentennial	2015.0225.0266
1997 -- Augusta, ME -- Tree Free Fiber, successor of Statler Tissue, closes.	2015.0225.0267
1998 -- Augusta, ME -- Capitol Riverfront Improvement District established.	2015.0225.0268
1998 -- Maine -- Restoration of State House and reconstruction of State Office building begins.	2015.0225.0269
1999 -- Augusta, ME -- After 162 years, the Edwards Dam is removed to help restore fisheries.	2015.0225.0270
2000 -- Augusta, ME -- Envisonet opens Augusta office.	2015.0225.0273
2000 -- Augusta, ME -- Tree Free plant reopens under American Tissue.	2015.0225.0272
2006 -- Augusta, ME -- New Cony High School opens.	2015.0225.0274
2006 -- Augusta, ME -- New YMCA opens.	2015.0225.0275
2007 02 28 -- Augusta, ME -- KHS purchases 107 Winthrop Street as its headquarters; its first permanent home after 115 years. [28 Feb 2007]	2015.0225.0276
2015 -- Augusta, ME -- Lithgow Library expansion began	2015.0225.0277

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