

1796 Tennessee Territory also known as "the Southwest Territory" becomes a state.
 1796-1818 Settlers come into Indian Territory.
 1800 Fever in Knoxville (yellow fever probably)
 1800 Thomas Jefferson & Elected President of the United States
 1800 19 Counties existed in state boundaries
 1800 Library of Congress established
 1801 Anderson County & Created from Knox and Granger Counties
 1801 Jackson County & Created from Smith County and Indian lands
 1801 Roane County & Created from Knox County and Indian lands
 1801 Claiborne County & Created from Granger and Hawkins Counties
 1801 23 counties existed in state
 1803 Louisiana Purchase
 1804 Second Treaty of Tellico & Signed October 24 & Formal agreement to open first roads in area
 1804-1806 Lewis and Clark Expedition
 1805 Indian Treaty & Chickasaw Cession & Signed July 23 & Land transferred & Creek Treaty &
 1806 Indian Treaty & Dearborn's Treaty & Signed January 7 & Land transferred
 1806 Campbell County & Created from Anderson and Claiborne Counties
 1806 Overton County & Created from Jackson County and Indian lands
 1806 White County & Created from Jackson and Smith Counties
 May 24 1807 Tornadoes hit Roane, Knox, Sevier, Jefferson and Cocke counties
 1807 Bledsoe County & Created from Roane County and Indian lands
 1807 Rhea County & Created from Roane County
 1808 TN river floods-- Knoxville
 December 1812 Severe Winter
 1812-1814 War of 1812
 1814 -1815 Andrew Jackson & Defeated the British at the Battle of New Orleans
 1815-1821 Joseph McMinn is Governor 1816 "Cold Plague"
 1816 Chickasaw Treaty & Signed September 20
 Summer 1816 Unusually low temperatures state wide
 1819 Financial Panic Hits entire country
 1819 Drought
 1819 The first steamboat reached Nashville.
 1819-February Hiwassee Purchase Treaty makes Indian Lands available for settlers
 1819 McMinn Co opened for settlement
 1819/1820 Monroe Co opened for settlement
 1819/1820 Polk Co opened for settlement
 1819 Land transferred Hamilton County & Created from Rhea County and Indian Lands
 1820 Judge Keith held Circuit Court in Calhoun

1821 Pumpkintown renamed Athens. Merchant Eli Hurst is credited with commenting how the hills around the town looked like the town in Greece thus the Name Athens.
 February 1823 Severe Winter statewide
 1823 Monroe Doctrine
 1823 Athens designated County Seat.
 1823 Calhoun Presbyterian Church erected.
 1823 Joseph McMinn Indian Agent in Calhoun
 1824 Joseph McMinn dies at his desk. Buried in Presbyterian Graveyard of Calhoun (Now known as the Shiloh Presbyterian Cemetery) 1824 Gold in Coker Creek Monroe Co TN
 1826 Forrest Hill Academy established
 March 1826 TN river floods
 1830 Ephraim Slack builds Mill on Mossy Creek
 May 1830 Drought
 1832-1833 Cholera epidemic statewide
 Nov 13-15? 1833 Meteor shower- heavy, general panic statewide
 1834 Reaper invented by Cyrus Hall McCormick
 1834 First Newspaper published in Athens *Valley Freeman*
 1834 John Walker Jr murdered by James Foreman
 Feb 1835 Severe Winter East Tennessee
 1835 Indian Treaty & Treaty of Removal & Resulted in the Trail of Tears & Signed December 26
 1835 Dahlonega GA Gold rush starts
 1835 Planters Bank opened in Athens
 1837 Panic of 1837
 1837 *Hiwassee Patriot* a whig newspaper established
 1838 State bank opened in Athens
 1838 Cherokee Removal Starts known as "the Trail of Tears"
 1838 Cholera epidemic Knoxville
 June-winter 1838 Malarial fever epidemic-Knoxville
 May 1840 TN river floods
 1840 Underground railroad
 1842 TN river floods
 1844 *Tennessee Journal* succeeds *Valley Freeman*
 Nov 28 1844 Earthquake- Knoxville
 March 1847 TN river floods
 Dec 19 1847 TN river Floods
 1848 Gold Located at Sutter's mill in California
 1848 *Athens Post* started
 June-Aug 1849 Cholera epidemic
 Mid April 1849 Severe cold and snow statewide
 June 1850 Cholera epidemic
 about 1850 Spinning Mill built in Mt Verd area
 Apr 29 1852 Earthquake- VA, NC, and TN
 Aug 28-30 1852 TN river flood

1854 Cholera Epidemic
 1857 Judge Charles Fleming Keith dies
 July 17 1859 Tornado Decatur TN
 1861 Abraham Lincoln becomes president
 1861-1865 American Civil War Several Units formed here both Confederate
 & Union
 Feb 1862 TN river flood
 May 20 1862 Homestead act
 1863 Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves
 1864-1873 National Trade union Movement
 Apr 27 1865 Sultana explodes on Mississippi river
 September 1866 Cholera Epidemic
 1866 Tennessee first state readmitted to the union
 1867 Yellow Fever epidemic
 Mar 1-7- 1867 TN river floods
 Mar 6-14 1867 TN river floods Knoxville and Chattanooga
 1869 Riverboat wreck on TN river near Dayton "RP Converse" and
 "Last Chance"
 1869 First Transcontinental Railroad
 1870 TN river near Chattanooga riverboat "Mary Byrd" wrecks
 1871 Major fire in Chattanooga
 Apr 20 1871 TN river floods
 1872 Franklin Association Bank founded becomes Bank of Athens
 1873 Yellow Fever Epidemic
 Jan 22 1873 Blizzard in Middle TN
 May-Aug 1873 Cholera Epidemic
 1875 TN river riverboat wreck near Chattanooga "Hugh Martin"
 Mar 1875 TN river floods Knoxville
 Mar 3 1875 TN river floods Harriman
 November 2 1875 Earthquake N GA and SC
 Mar 17 1876 TN River floods
 Jun 17 1876 TN River floods
 Dec 1876-1877 Severe cold statewide
 1877-1878 Drought
 Aug-Oct 1878 Yellow Fever epidemic
 Jan 1882 TN river floods
 1882 *The Athenian* started
 Winter 1882-1883 Smallpox epidemic- Chattanooga Cleveland and Morristown
 1883 TN river floods
 Feb 1884 TN river floods
 Feb 9 1884 Tornadoes throughout TN
 Mar 1885 TN river floods
 1885 Bank of Athens becomes First National Bank
 Mar 1886 TN river floods
 1886 *McMinn Citizen* started
 1887 Drought

Mar 11-14 1888 Great Blizzard (largest before March 1993)
 Mar 1890 TN river floods
 1893 Financial panic statewide
 Jan 1893 TN river wreck near Chattanooga "JC Warner"
 Jan 1893 severe cold statewide
 Feb 18 1893 TN river floods
 1894 earthquake Knoxville
 1894-1896 drought
 Dec 20 1895 Coalmine disaster Dayton Rhea Co
 Apr 1896 TN river flood
 1897 Niota fire
 Feb 1897 TN river flood
 Mar 1897 TN river flood
 1897 Goldrush in the Klondykes
 1898 Spanish American War
 1898-1899 Cerebro-Spinal meningitis epidemic Knoxville
 Oct 1900 TN river flood
 Nov 26 1900 TN river flood
 1901 Trew's open Cotton Gin in Dentville
 May 18-21-1901 TN river flood
 Aug 14 1901 TN river flood
 Dec 1901 TN river flood
 Feb 28 1902 TN river flood
 Mar 1902 TN river flood
 Jul 5 1902 TN river flood
 1903 RFD service begins in Athens
 Feb 27 1903 TN river flood
 Feb 3 1905 Severe cold statewide
 1906 San Francisco Earthquake (Many McMinn Countians were there at the time)
 Apr 30 1909 Tornadoes statewide
 May 31 1909 TN river floods Knoxville
 Mar 28 1913 Earthquake Knoxville
 Apr 17 1913 Earthquake Ducktown
 1913-1914 drought
 1914 tornado
 1916 polio epidemic statewide
 1916 influenza epidemic
 Jul 15-16-1916 TN river floods
 Mar 1917 TN river floods
 1917 America enters WWI ends Nov 1918
 Winter 1917-1918 Winter storm statewide
 1914- Nov 1918 WWI (rest of World except America)
 Jan 27-28 1918 TN river floods
 Fall 1918 Influenza pandemic statewide
 Mar 16-17 1919 TN river floods

Apr 3-4- 1920 TN river floods
 April 12 1920 TN river floods
 Dec 24 1921 severe storms statewide
 1923 Measles statewide
 1925-1926 drought
 1925 Forest fires statewide
 March 1925 "Scopes Monkey Trial" in Dayton Rhea Co
 Oct 4 1926 Rockwood Roane co coalmine disaster
 Nov 25-26 1926 Tornado
 Dec 31 1926 TN river floods
 Feb 3 1929 TN river flood
 Mar 22 1929 Severe Storm east TN
 May 2 1929 TN river flood
 Oct 29 1929 Stock Market crash-- beginning of great depression
 1930-1931 drought
 Mar 19-1933 Flood TN river
 1933 Measles epidemic statewide
 Jan 21 1935 TN river floods
 Mar 25 1935 TN river floods
 Dec 1935 Forest fires statewide
 1936 Meningitis statewide
 Jan 1936 TN river floods
 Summer-Fall 1936 Polio epidemic statewide
 Winter 1936-1937 Influenza and pneumonia epidemic
 1936-1937 Knoxville "Black death"; probably yellow fever
 Jul 21 1938 TN river floods
 Jul 8-10-1939 TN river floods
 1940 severe winter
 1940-1942 drought
 Jun 7 1940 TN river floods
 Aug 1940 TN river floods
 1941 Whooping cough statewide
 Summer -fall 1941 Polio epidemic Hamilton co
 Aug 1941 TN river floods
 1941-1945 WWII
 1941-1943 Measles epidemic statewide
 Feb 5-6 1942 Tornado TN
 Dec 1942 TN river floods
 1943 whooping cough statewide
 1943 meningitis statewide
 1944 D-Day Normandy
 Sep 29 1944 TN river floods
 1945 VE Day victory Europe VJ Day victory Japan
 1945 United Nations formed
 1945 Diphtheria epidemic statewide
 1945-1946 Polio epidemic statewide

1945 TN river flood
Jan 7 1946 TN river flood
Aug 1 1946 Battle of Athens
Feb 13 1948 TN river floods
Dec 31-Jan 1 1948-1949 Tornado TN
Jan 1949 TN river floods
1950-1951 Infectious hepatitis outbreak Knox co
Jan -Feb 1951 Severe winter
1951 Bowater's expands to include Calhoun TN
Sep 1 1951 TN river floods
Mar 1952 Tornado
1950-1953 Korea
Feb 29 1952 Tornado McMinn Co
Jun-Jul 1952 Heat wave Statewide
May 2 1953 Tornado McMinn and Meigs county's
1954 drought
Apr 28 1954 TN river floods
Aug 9 1954 TN river floods
Mar 1955 TN river floods
1957 Influenza statewide
Jan 23-31 1957 Severe ice storm statewide
Jan 28 1957 TN river floods
Nov 18-19 1957 Flood Spring city Rhea co
Nov 18 1957 TN river floods
Mar 27 1959 TN river floods
1960-1961 Infectious hepatitis epidemic statewide
Mar 2 1960 Ice storm statewide
Dec 12-18 1961 TN river floods
March 19 1963 Tornadoes Bradley and McMinn County's.
April 28 1964 TN river floods
Oct 5-6 1964 TN river floods
Oct 16 1964 TN river floods
1964 McMinn County Courthouse Burns
Mar 16 1965 TN river floods
Apr 15 1965 Tornado Bradley co
1966-1967 drought
1967 New McMinn Courthouse finished
1969-1971 drought
Feb 21 1971 tornado
Jan 7-8 1973 ice storm SE TN
Feb 8-11 1973 winter storm
1973 Major Flood hits East Tennessee
Apr 3 1974 Tornado Knox, Polk, Bradley, McMinn co
Feb 4 1976 earthquake Conasauga
1977 winter storm
Apr 4 1977 TN river floods

1979 TN river floods
1980-1981 drought
May-Sep 1981 weather related deaths--lightning strikes across state
Dec6 1981 Chattanooga coal mine disaster
Apr 2-12 1983 TN river flood
May 27 1983 Explosion- Benton fireworks factory
1985 President Ronald Reagan Visits Athens
1985-1986 drought
May-Sep 1986 Weather related deaths- lightning strikes across state
Fall 1987 Forest fires statewide
1991 Gulf War
March 1993 Greatest Blizzard in over 100 years
Feb 16 2003 Knoxville and East TN have several major waterway floods and mudslides.
March 19 2003 new war
April 30 2003 earthquake 4.9 centered in North east Alabama but felt all the way to KY
May 5-8 2003 Severe rainstorms and floods