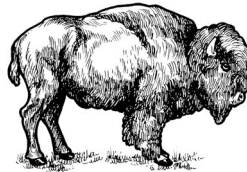




Sutter's Mill

January 24, 1848 A.D. James Marshall's first discovery of gold in a stream at John Sutter's sawmill inspired the gold rush that followed in 1849.



The Near Extinction of the American Bison

1850s-1900 A.D. Also called the "buffalo," this bovine was hunted nearly to extinction. They were saved primarily due to efforts of park refuges and ranchers.



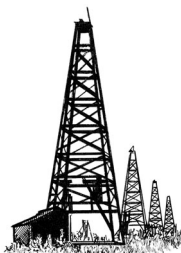
Jan Matzeliger

1852-1889 A.D. An inventor and immigrant from Dutch Guiana, Jan's invention of a machine that could attach soles to shoes in one minute revolutionized the shoe manufacturing industry. This allowed construction of 150-700 pairs a day rather than the 50 constructed by hand.



Orphan Trains

1854-late 1800's A.D. Overcrowded orphanages and lack of parental care in the Northeast brought on the transport by train of children to homes in the Midwest.



The World's First Successful Oil Well Drilled

1859 A.D. While conducting drilling operations in Pennsylvania, Edwin L. Drake struck oil, leading to the first producing oil well in the United States.



Ft. Sumter Fired Upon

April 12, 1861 A.D. The first tragic conflict igniting what was to become the American Civil War. With South Carolina's Brig. Gen. Beauregard demanding surrender of the Union garrison in Charleston Harbor, garrison commander Anderson's refusal led to a Confederate onslaught. Not being able to defend itself, Ft. Sumter was relinquished on April 13.



The Battles at Bull Run

July 21, 1861 / August 28-30, 1862 A.D. Also known as "The Battles of Manassas," both important Civil War conflicts were won by the Confederates.



The Monitor and the Merrimac

1862 A.D. The first ironclad sailing vessels, used in battle during the American Civil War.



Battle at Vicksburg

May 18-July 4, 1863 A.D. The scene of a Civil War battle along the Mississippi River, ending with the entrapment of a Confederate army under Lt. Gen. John Pemberton by troops led by Ulysses S. Grant. With the loss of both the Confederate army and stronghold on the Mississippi, the Confederacy was successfully split in two.