1755 - April. Stephen Nash and John Stark camp at mouth of Moose River - having traveled up Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers.

1770 - Bessborough granted by Governor General Cadwallader Colden of New York (March 20)

1786 - November 1. Governor Thomas Chittenden grants to Jonathan Arnold of Rhode Island and associates, the Township of St. Johnsbury.

1787 - Jonathan Arnold comes to St. Johnsbury and established saw mill at present site of Arnold Falls. He builds first frame house in town. Lord's Inn established.

1790 - First town meeting held in St. Johnsbury

1791 - Vermont granted statehood. - end of Republic of Vermont.

1793 - Jonathan Arnold dies

1795 - Town votes to district for schools.

1798 - A. D. Barber establishes first store in town.

1804 - First meeting house established which also serves for public worship - Universalists major pew owners

1807 - First school built in Plain District

1808 - Old First Church established (Congregational, ancestor of North Church

Huxham Paddock established iron works.

1812 - War of 1812. First tavern in town - French's.

1815 - Major Joseph Fairbanks established mills on future site of E. & T. Fairbanks Scale Works.

1827 - First meeting house on Plain - on site of present North Church.

Thaddeus Fairbanks patents Diving Flue Cook Stove.

1828 - St. Johnsbury Female Academy founded.

St. Johnsbury Temperance Society founded.

The Farmer's Herald - Dr. Luther Jewett, editor.

1829 - St. Johnsbury Hemp Works

Infant School founded.
1830 - Daniel Webster speaks in St. Johnsbury.
          Passumpsic Hotel opens.
          Canal talk in St. Johnsbury - connecting Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers with Lake Memphremagog.

1832 - The Weekly Messenger and Connecticut & Passumpsic Valley Adver

1834 - Caledonia Cattle Fair established (held for first time in St. Johnsbury 1838).

1837 - The Caledonian

1842 - St. Johnsbury Academy founded by Joseph, Thaddeus and Erastus Fairbanks.

1844 - Franklin Fire Company - First in St. Johnsbury.
          Caledonia Agricultural Society founded.

1846 - Universalist Meeting House - first public observance of Christmas in town.

1850 - Old Passumpsic Bank - 1st bank in St. J.
          Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad arrives in St. J.
          St. Johnsbury House established.

1851 - Telegraph comes to St. Johnsbury.

1852 - State-wide prohibition goes into effect - billsigned by Governor Erastus Fairbanks. Lasts until 1902 when local option goes into effect.

1853 - Passumpsic Savings Bank
1855 - Caledonia County Fairgrounds Company started.

1854 - St. Johnsbury Aqueduct Company - supplies town water.

1856 - St. Johnsbury becomes shire town of Caledonia Co. Court House established. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery established.

First police force in town.


1860 Governor Erastus Fairbanks.

1863 - Mt. Calvery - 1st Catholic cemetery.

1864 - First National Bank.


1868 - Civil War Monument dedicated.
1860 - Vermont International Telegraph founded in St. J. - Franklin Fairbanks president.

1860 - St. Johnsbury Times

1871 - The Athenaeum dedicated - Horace Fairbanks.

1875 - Merchants Bank established.

1875 - "Great Awakening" in St. Johnsbury churches (Protestant)

1876 - Horace Fairbanks elected Governor

1877 - Telephone lines in St. Johnsbury.

1884 - Music Hall - given by Horace and Franklin Fairbanks

1885 - YMCA Building given by Henry Fairbanks

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1887 - Citizens Savings Bank.

Observatory Knob built

1889 - First electric street lighting

1890 - St. Johnsbury Merchants Association established.

1891 - Natural Science Museum - Franklin.

Howe Opera House established.

St. Johnsbury Board of Trade Established.

President Harrison visits St. Johnsbury.

Arnold Park established.

1892 - St. Johnsbury Women's Club established.

1893 - Sunset Home for Aged Women established.

Stanley Opera House established.

1895 - St. Johnsbury Hospital - operated by Sisters of Providence.

1897 - DAR established in St. Johnsbury

1899 - Brightlook Hospital established.

Jonathan Ross appointed to fill out unexpired term of US Senator Justic Morrill.

1902 - St. Johnsbury becomes a city.

1910 - Randall Clock put in place.