



APPENDIX B

Chronology of Important Events

- 1679 Mahlon Stacy settles at the Falls of the Delaware and builds a grist mill.
- 1684 Chesterfield Monthly Meeting, Society of Friends, formed.
- 1703 April 20. Deed given for property, Hopewell Episcopal Church (Breese farm), of which St. Michael's Church is the successor.
- 1704 April 3. Death of Mahlon Stacy.
- 1714 Hunterdon County created.
- 1714 August 16 and 17. Mahlon Stacy, Jr., sells 800 acres to William Trent.
- 1719 Bloomsbury Court built by William Trent.
- 1719 Hunterdon County Court House erected; first public building in Trenton.
- 1719 The name of Trenton first comes into general use about this time.

- 1719 Township of Trenton formed.
- 1719 March. County courts held at Trenton for the first time.
- 1724 December 25. Death of William Trent, at Bloomsbury Court.
- 1726 First Presbyterian Church built.
- 1732 September. First stage line runs from Trenton to Philadelphia.
- 1739 November. Friends' Meeting House on Hanover Street completed.
- 1745 First steel mill in New Jersey operated by Benjamin Yard.
- 1746 September 6. Trenton becomes a borough under the Crown.
- 1747 February 8. Union Fire Company organized.
- 1747-48 St. Michael's Church erected.
- 1750 Trenton Library Company established by gift of Dr. Thomas Cadwalader.
- 1750 April 7. Royal charter surrendered to the Crown.
- 1753 First common school erected on present site of First Presbyterian Church.
- 1758-59 Old Barracks erected.
- 1773 First Methodist Church building erected, corner of Broad and Academy Streets.
- 1775 May 23. First Provincial Congress of the Colony of New Jersey assembles in Trenton.
- 1776 July 2. Provincial Congress of New Jersey, meeting at Burlington, proclaims Colony's independence of Great Britain and adopts constitution.
- 1776 July 8. Declaration of Independence and Constitution of New Jersey read from steps of Court House.
- 1776 December 12-14. British and Hessian troops occupy Trenton.
- 1776 December 25. Washington and his troops cross the Delaware.
- 1776 December 26. Battle of Trenton and defeat of the Hessians.
- 1777 January 2. Second Battle of Trenton; Washington withdraws to Princeton.

- 1778 March. Isaac Collins establishes first printing press in Trenton.
- 1782 Trenton Academy opened.
- 1784 November 1 - December 24. Continental Congress meets in French Arms Tavern.
- 1784 December 10 - 13. Lafayette in Trenton. Takes leave of Continental Congress, December 11.
- 1786 July 27. John Fitch operates first boat to be propelled by steam on the Delaware.
- 1787 July 4. Trenton Lodge No. 5, of the Masonic Order, granted dispensation.
- 1789 April 21. Washington's reception by the people of Trenton.
- 1790 November 25. Trenton becomes capital of New Jersey.
- 1792 September 4. *State Gazette* first published.
- 1792 November 13. Trenton incorporated as a city.
- 1793 Original State House first used by Legislature.
- 1793 August 26. Cornerstone of first Masonic Temple laid.
- 1799 August 26 - November. Public offices of the United States removed to Trenton.
- 1801 March 10. *True American* first issued.
- 1803 November 26. First Baptist meeting house opened for worship.
- 1804 Trenton Banking Company organized.
- 1804 February 29. Trenton Water Works incorporated.
- 1806 January 30. First bridge over the Delaware opened for travel.
- 1814 June 12. First Roman Catholic Church, "Chapel of St. John the Baptist," dedicated.
- 1824 September 25 - 27. Lafayette's second visit to Trenton.
- 1829 First public schools organized and opened.
- 1834 Delaware and Raritan Canal between Trenton and New Brunswick completed.

- 1837 Horse cars first run from Hanover Street Railroad .Station to Morrisville, connecting with trains to Philadelphia.
- 1837 Old City Hall, northeast corner of State and Broad Streets, built.
- 1837 Trenton township incorporated with city of Trenton.
- 1837 April 1. New city charter adopted.
- 1838 Camden and Amboy railroad station built at East State Street and the canal.
- 1838 February 22. Mercer County created; Trenton selected as County seat.
- 1839 Mercer County Court House erected.
- 1839 January 1. Camden and Amboy line between New York and Philadelphia opened.
- 1847 Trenton Iron Works incorporated.
- 1848 John A. Roebling erects a mill for the manufacture of wire rope.
- 1849 First Lutheran Church organized (German Evangelical Lutheran Trinity).
- 1851 Borough of South Trenton, consisting of Mill Hill and Bloomsbury, annexed to Trenton.
- 1852 Taylor and Speeler's pottery established.
- 1856 Lambertton annexed to Trenton.
- 1856 Young Men's Christian Association organized.
- 1859 March 9. Trenton Horse Railroad Company incorporated.
- 1860 Calhoun Street Bridge opened for travel.
- 1860 First Jewish Synagogue organized.
- 1867 March 18. Taylor Opera House opened.
- 1874 May 31. St. Francis', Trenton's first hospital, dedicated.
- 1874 October. First high school building on Mercer Street opened.
- 1876 Postoffice building, at State and Montgomery Streets, completed.

- 1882 *Trenton Times* established.
- 1883 *Sunday Advertiser* first issued.
- 1884 June 25. Calhoun Street Bridge destroyed by fire.
- 1888 Cadwalader Park acquired.
- 1888 March 30. Borough of Chambersburg and township of Millham annexed to Trenton.
- 1888 July. Inter-State Fair Association organized.
- 1891 December 26. Cornerstone of Trenton Battle Monument laid.
- 1892 May 22. First electric railway in Trenton.
- 1893 October 19. Trenton Battle Monument dedicated.
- 1898 February 28. Borough of Wilbur annexed to Trenton.
- 1899 September 20. New city reservoir opened.
- 1900 Part of Hamilton township annexed to Trenton.
- 1900 March 23. Portion of Ewing township annexed to Trenton.
- 1901 April 8. New High school building at Hamilton and Chestnut Avenues dedicated.
- 1901 December 26. Woodrow Wilson speaks at the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Battles of Trenton.
- 1902 Old Barracks Association formed.
- 1902 May 14. Cornerstone of new Court House laid.
- 1902 June 9. Free Public Library dedicated.
- 1903 State armory built.
- 1903 Young Women's Christian Association organized.
- 1910 November. New City Hall opened for official use.
- 1911 Municipal Colony established.
- 1911 March. School of Industrial Arts occupies new building at State and Willow Streets.

- 1911 June 20. Commission government adopted. Five commissioners elected, August 15, 1911.
- 1914 Filtration plant placed in operation.
- 1916 October. Junior High School No. 1 opened.
- 1917 March 28. First Trenton troops, Second Regiment, National Guard, mobilized for World War.
- 1919 March 29. Trenton Historical Society organized.
- 1919 May 11. Municipal wharf and warehouses dedicated.
- 1921 Portion of Hamilton township annexed; site of sewage disposal plant.
- 1921 September 21. Stacy-Trent Hotel formally opened.
- 1924 Junior High School No. 3 opened.
- 1926 Junior High School No. 4 opened.
- 1926 October 9. Cornerstone of New Masonic Temple, South Willow Street, laid.
- 1926 December 29. President Calvin Coolidge makes address at dinner of the Trenton Historical Society in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battles of Trenton.