Miscellaneous Happenings between 1791 and 1961
With selected events relating to Rutland and its Water System

1791  Vermont becomes 14th state in United States
1799  George Washington dies at age 67
1800  "Rutland Aqueduct Company" incorporated – gets water from spring in Mendon
1829  Andrew Jackson inaugurated as President
1841  Samuel Slocum patents the stapler
1849  Walter Hunt invents the safety pin
1856  Rutland Village installs water system taking water from East Creek
1858  Woodstock Ave cast iron water main (still in use 2011) replaces wooden pipe
1861  Abraham Lincoln inaugurated as President
1862  Civil War begins
1866  Alfred Nobel invents dynamite
1867  Barbed wire invented
1868  Major fire in Rutland exposes inadequacy of water system
1872  Dorr Bridge, a new covered bridge on River St over Otter Creek opened to traffic
1873  Typewriter invented
1876  Custer’s defeat at Little Big Horn
1876  Telephone patented
1878  12" water main from reservoir to city installed (still in use 2011)
1878  Reservoir built on Woodstock Ave (Site of Godnick Center)
1879  Edison invents electric light bulb
1881  Rutland Village switches from East Creek to Mendon Brook for water supply
1881  3" water main on Killington Ave installed (still in use 2011)
1886  Geronimo surrenders
1886  John Pemberton invents Cocoa Cola
1888  First paper drinking straws developed
1888  6" water main installed on North Main St (still in use 2011)
1889  Benjamin Harrison inaugurated as President
1890  Massacre at Wounded Knee
1891  Rutland 5 ½ million gallon reservoir constructed (no longer in use)
1891  16" water main from reservoir to city installed (still in use 2011)
1892  Rutland City established
1893  Zipper introduced
1893  3" water main installed on Chase Ave (replaced in 2010)
1893  12" water main installed on West St (still in use 2011)
1895  X-rays discovered
1895  Rutland purchases wet tap machine to tap water mains under pressure
1895  6" water main on Oak St installed (still in use 2011)
1898  Spanish American War begins
1898  First water meter installed in Rutland
1900  Rutland City Clerk begins copying deeds by typewriter instead of longhand
1901  McKinley assassinated – T. Roosevelt becomes President
1901  Rutland City Hall destroyed by fire

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1902  President Theodore Roosevelt visits Rutland
1902  6” water main on Melrose Ave installed (still in use 2011)
1903  Wright Brothers first airplane
1903  First World Series
1906  Kellogg’s starts selling corn flakes
1907  First Electric Washing Machine
1907  8” water main on Crescent St installed (still in use 2011)
1908  Electric toaster patented
1908  6” water main on lower Adams St installed (still in use 2011)
1909  Start of Typhoid epidemic in Rutland
1910  Disinfection of Rutland water by “bleaching powder” initiated
1912  The Titanic sinks
1914  Panama Canal opened
1916  Disinfection of Rutland water by chlorine gas initiated
1917  U.S. enters World War I
1920  First regular commercial radio broadcast
1922  Rutland switches from iron to copper for water services
1925  Hitler publishes Mein Kampf
1925  Calvin Coolidge inaugurated as President
1927  Lindbergh flies solo across the Atlantic
1927  Dorr Bridge, the covered bridge on River St over Otter Creek destroyed by flood
1928  Bubble gum invented
1930  Great Depression begins
1931  Empire State Building completed
1932  Air conditioning invented
1933  6” water main installed on Dorr Dr (still in use 2011)
1937  Amelia Earhart vanishes
1937  First ski chair lift
1938  Nylon invented
1943  Richard James invents the Slinky
1945  Atomic bomb invented
1947  Polaroid camera introduced
1948  Electric guitar introduced
1951  First UNIVAC computer sold (to US Census Bureau)
1954  Rutland 90 million gallon reservoir constructed (current water supply 2011)
1956  T.V. remote control invented
1958  Hula hoops become popular
1958  12” water main to “new Hospital” installed on Stratton Rd (still in use 2011)
1960  Laser invented
1961  John Kennedy inaugurated as President