

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 Model T Ford introduced
- 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