



# Becoming Alabama

During the next five years, Alabama will be celebrating many special anniversaries that helped create and shape our state. *Becoming Alabama* is a state-wide celebration of these events. Check out the dates below, watch for special events through-out the state, and have fun completing the activities in this book!

Key: **CW**= event was part of the [Civil War](#) (includes events leading up to and immediately after)

**CREEK**= event was part of the [Creek War of 1813-14](#)

**CRM**= event was part of the [Civil Rights Movement](#)

*Events in italics happened through-out the United States*



## 2010

**February 1960** - [Lunch counter sit-ins in North Carolina](#) spread to Alabama (CRM)

**March 1960** - [Alabama State University students protest at state Capitol](#). (CRM)

*November, 1860* - *election of Abraham Lincoln* (CW)

**December 1860** - Alabama elects delegates to Secession Convention (CW)



## 2011

**Jan. 11, 1861** - Alabama Secession Convention passes [Ordinance of Secession](#) and becomes the 4<sup>th</sup> state to secede from the Union (CW)

**Feb. 1861** - [Confederate States of America \(CSA\) organized in Montgomery](#), Jefferson Davis inaugurated as president of the CSA (CW)

**March 1861** - Confederate flag and [permanent Confederate Constitution](#) adopted (CW)

*April 12, 1861* - *firing on Ft. Sumter* (CW)

**May 14, 1961** - [Freedom Riders](#) attacked in Anniston and Birmingham and bus burned in Anniston (CRM)

**May 20, 1961** - [Freedom Riders attacked and beaten in Montgomery](#) (CRM)

**May 21, 1861** - Confederate Congress meets in Montgomery for last time before the capital is moved to Richmond (CW)

**September 30, 1811** - [Tecumseh](#) speaks at the Council Oak at Tukabatchee urging Creeks to join other Native Americans to fight white expansion (CREEK)

## 2012

**Feb. 11, 1862** - Huntsville occupied by Federal troops (CW)

**May 2, 1862** - [Federal troops attack Athens](#)(CW)

*April 1862* - *Confederate conscription act* (CW)

*June 1812* - *U.S. declares war on Great Britain* (CREEK)



Summer 1862 – [Confederate arsenal moved to Selma](#) (CW)

August 1862 - [CSS Alabama](#) commissioned (CW)

## 2013

Jan. 1, 1863 - *Emancipation Proclamation issued* (CW)

April 11, 1813 - U.S. troops seize Mobile from the Spanish (CREEK)

April 12, 1963 [Martin Luther King](#), [Ralph David Abernathy](#), and others arrested in Birmingham (CRM)

May 1813 - Creeks make first of three visits to Spanish-held Pensacola to obtain supplies (CREEK)

May - June, 1863 - [Streight's Raid](#) to destroy railroad lines in Alabama(CW)

May 2-3, 1963 - [Birmingham Children's Campaign](#) marches (CRM)

May 19, 1963 - Martin Luther King's [Letter from Birmingham Jail](#) issued to the public as a press release (CRM)



June 11, 1963 – George Wallace's "[Stand in the School House Door](#)" to prevent integration of the University of Alabama (CRM)

July 1863 - *Battle at Gettysburg* (CW)

July 27, 1813 - skirmish at Burnt Corn Creek (CREEK)

July 27, 1863 - [William Lowndes Yancey](#) dies (CW)

August 30, 1813 – Creeks attack [Fort Mims](#) (CREEK)

Sept. 1, 1813 – Creeks attack Kimball-James families in Clarke County (CREEK)

Sept. 2, 1813 – Creeks attack Ft. Siquelield (CREEK)

Sept. 2, 1963 – Governor Wallace postpones opening of Tuskegee High to prevent integration (CRM)

Sept. 9, 1963 - Huntsville schools successfully integrated (CRM)

September 15, 1963 – Birmingham's [16th Street Baptist Church](#) bombed, killing 4 children (CRM)

October 1813 - *Gen. Andrew Jackson and Tennessee volunteers depart from Fayetteville, TN for the Mississippi Territory to fight hostile Creeks* (CREEK)

November 12, 1813 - [Canoe Fight](#) (CREEK)

November 3, 1813 - [Battle of Tallushatchee](#) (CREEK)

November 9, 1813 - [Battle of Talladega](#)(CREEK)

November 18, 1813 - Hillabee Massacre (CREEK)

November 29, 1813 - Battle of Autossee (CREEK)

December 23, 1813 - [Battle of Holy Ground](#) (CREEK)



## 2014

Jan. 12, 1814 - Battle of Emuckfau Creek (CREEK)

Jan. 24, 1814 - Battle of Entichopco (CREEK)

Jan. 27, 1814 - Battle of Calabee Creek (CREEK)



**Feb. 17, 1864** – [H.L. Hunley](#), Confederate submarine built in Mobile, sinks (CW)  
**March 27, 1814** - [Battle of Horseshoe Bend](#) (CREEK)  
**April 1814** - Andrew Jackson establishes Ft. Jackson at the site of the French [Fort Toulouse](#) (CREEK)  
**June 11, 1864** - [CSS Alabama](#) sunk by Kearsage (CW)  
**July 1864** - Rousseau's Raid (CW)  
**August 1814** – Andrew Jackson moves headquarters to Mobile to prepare for British attack (CREEK)  
**August 5, 1864** - [Battle of Mobile Bay](#)(CW)  
**August 9, 1814** - Treaty of Ft. Jackson officially ends the Creek War (CREEK)  
**Sept. 15, 1814** - British attack on Mobile Bay's Ft. Bowyer repulsed (CREEK)  
**Sept. 15, 1964** – 1<sup>st</sup> African-American elected officials since Reconstruction elected to Tuskegee City Council (CRM)  
**December 24, 1814** - [Treaty of Ghent](#) signed, ending the War of 1812 (CREEK)

## 2015

*Jan. 8, 1815* – Americans defeat the British at the Battle of New Orleans (CREEK)  
**Feb. 11, 1815** - British capture Ft. Bowyer, unaware that the Treaty of Ghent had been signed. (CREEK)  
**Feb. 26, 1965** - [Jimmie Lee Jackson](#) killed in Marion (CRM)  
**March 1865** – Union generals John Croxton and [James Wilson](#) initiate “raids” into Alabama to destroy coal and iron industries (CW)  
*March 3, 1865* - U.S. Congress establishes the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (CW)  
**March 7, 1965** – Marchers beaten in Selma on [Bloody Sunday](#) (CRM)  
**March 21-25, 1965** - [Selma to Montgomery March](#) (CRM)  
**April - May 1865** - news of emancipation reaches most Alabama slaves (CW)  
*April 9, 1865* - surrender at Appomattox Court House (CW)  
**May 4, 1865** - Confederates surrender at Citronelle (CW)  
**May 25, 1865** - [powder explosion at Mobile](#) kills hundreds (CW)  
**May 30, 1965** - Vivian Malone becomes first African-American graduate of the University of Alabama (CRM)  
**July 1865** - [Wager T. Swayne](#) arrives in Alabama as assistant commissioner of the [Freedmen's Bureau in Alabama](#) (CW)  
*August 6, 1865* - President Lyndon Johnson signs the [Voting Rights Act of 1965](#) (CRM)  
**August 20, 1965** - [Jonathan Daniels](#) killed in Hayneville (CRM)  
**September 7, 1865** - 1<sup>st</sup> circular issued by Freedman's Bureau Montgomery headquarters (CW)

