

June 1, 1870 - the 1870 census indicates a national population of 38,558,371 an increase in the United States count of 22.6 % over the 1860 census. This lower than normal increase of population in the 1800's shows the effect of the national strife of the Civil War and the tragic losses during that campaign. The geographic center of the U.S. population, for the second decade in a row, is in Ohio, 48 miles east by north of Cincinnati.

July 15, 1870 - The last former state of the Confederacy, Georgia, is readmitted into the Union, and the Confederate States of America is officially dissolved.

January 1, 1875 - The first electric dental drill was patented by George F. Green. Green's invention revolutionized dentistry in the United States.

June 25-26, 1876 - The Battle of Little Big Horn occurs when Lt. Colonel George Custer and his 7th U.S. Cavalry engage the Sioux and Cheyenne Indians on the bluffs above the Little Big Horn River. All 264 members of the 7th Cavalry and Custer perish in the battle, the most complete rout in American Military History.

January 6, 1878 - American poet, Carl Sandburg, is born. He would win two Pulitzer prizes for poetry and one for his biography of Abraham Lincoln.

February 22, 1879 - The first five and dime store is opened in Utica, New York by Frank W. Woolworth with \$300 of borrowed money, priced all items at five cents and pioneered the concept of fixed prices vs. haggling. It would fail weeks later. Woolworth opened a second store in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, including ten cent items, making the second store a success. With the assistance of brother Charles Sumner Woolworth and other syndicate partners, by their 1911 incorporation, they had over five hundred stores.

March 14, 1879 - Albert Einstein, who would later revolutionize modern Physics, is born in Germany.

May 18, 1886 - Invented by John Pemberton, Coca-Cola was first intended to be a patent medicine. This means that it was advertised to cure many things, such as morphine addiction, when it in fact did not cure as advertised.

February 20, 1895 - Frederick Douglass, the ex-slave who rose to prominence in national politics as a civil rights advocate and abolitionist during Civil War times died at his home in Washington D.C.

September 3, 1895 - The first professional football game is played in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

- 1880 - University of Southern California founded.
- 1881 - Clara Barton creates the American Red Cross
- 1881 - First vaccination for anthrax
- 1882 - First vaccination for rabies
- 1890 - Emil von Behring discovers antitoxins and uses them to develop tetanus and diphtheria vaccines.
- 1884 - Washington Monument completed
- 1886 - Statue of Liberty (Liberty Enlightening the World) dedicated
- 1889 - Oklahoma Land Rush (April 22, 1889)
- 1891 - James Naismith invents basketball

Medical Imaging (1895)

The first medical machines were X-rays. The X-ray, a form of electromagnetic radiation, was 'accidentally' invented in 1895 by German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen when experimenting with electrical currents through glass cathode-ray tubes. The discovery transformed medicine overnight and by the following year, Glasgow hospital opened the world's first radiology department.

Happenings and Events Between 1870-1895

History of Immanuel Lutheran Congregation, Seymour, IN

Feb. 3, 1870 - The First German Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel congregation of Seymour, IN organized.

First Trustees of congregation: Henry Buse, Ephraim Ahlbrand, John Rapp

1871 - Dedication of new church building, June 4. Dedication sermon by Pastor H. Juengel.

Cost of building \$3500.00

On the day of the dedication of the first church Ephraim H. Ahlbrand and Margaretha Reichel were united in marriage. George Hallow was baptized. Pastor F. Wendt was called to serve the congregation from Waymansville.

1873 - Candidate Henry Fischer, graduate of St. Louis Seminary, called as first resident pastor.

1874 - School Building erected. (Oak St. east of church)

July 5 - Resolution by congregation to purchase site for cemetery

November 8 - Two acres purchased for cemetery site (\$50.00)

In the year 1874 the first class was confirmed. Members were Louis Deppert, George Deppert, Henry VonDielingen, and Anna Meyer.

1877 - Church bell donated by Nicolaus Deppert

1879 - Congregation joins Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and other states.

1881 - Pastor Fischer accepts call to Columbus, Nebraska. Pastor Philip Schmidt of Wanatah, IN, was installed as pastor. Parsonage purchased south of church.

1882 - C.H.M. Wagner installed as first teacher of school. (February)

1888 - Resolution adopted to erect new church (April 8)

1889 - Miss Grethe Brumow engaged as teacher of lower grades.

July 5 - First spade full of ground removed for erection of the new church.

September 1 - Laying of cornerstone. Sermons by Rev. Eyler of Jonesville, and the local pastor, Rev. F. Schmidt.

1890 - December 14 Dedication of new church. Speakers are Rev. A.C. Trautman of Columbus, IN; Prof. Bischoff of Concordia College, Fort Wayne; Rev. J. Adam Schmidt of Elyria, Ohio.

1895 - June Celebration of congregation's 25th anniversary. Speakers: Rev. H. Juengel of Fort Wayne; Rev. C.C. Schmidt of St. Louis; Rev. Elrich of Aurora, IN.