

## Genealogical Timeline of the Southeastern U.S.

YEAR	EVENT
1565	St. Augustine (Florida) settled by Spanish
1607	Jamestown founded (Virginia); patent includes from 34 to 41 degrees, SC to NY
1619	Anglican Church becomes the established church in the colony
1624	London Virginia Company's charter revoked, became a royal colony
1634	Local governmental Shire (county) system established
1651	Many English Royalists flee to Virginia -- Established influential families
1653	Earliest permanent settler in North Carolina
1663	Charter for the Province of Carolina issued
1669	Law requires marriage registration, but compliance is very low
1676	Bacon - Berkeley rebellion (burning of Jamestown)
1689	Toleration Act of 1600, freedom of worship for Protestants in English colonies
1691	North Carolina named as separate area
1699	French colonists establish first settlement at Ft. Maurepas, Mississippi Territory
1706	Earliest marriage records kept (few survive before 1730)
1710	Irish Presbyterians begin migrating down from Pennsylvania
1710	Germans and Swiss establish a settlement on Neuse River (North Carolina)
1712	North and South Carolina become a separate colonies
1725	Mobile became the first European settlement in Alabama territory (French)
1729	North Carolina becomes a Royal Colony
1730s	First Great Awakening, Protestant religious upheaval
1733	Colony of Georgia created (Last of the American colonies)
1748	First commercial coal mining near Richmond becomes major boost to economy
1763	French & Indian War in all land east of the Mississippi belonging to the colonies
1763	Proclamation Line of 1763 (lands east of the Mississippi River)
1763	Spain traded Florida to Britain for control of Havana, Cuba
1774	First Continental Congress; American colonists equal to British citizens
1776 - 1783	American War of Independence
1783	Florida returned to Spain as part of the Treaty of Versailles
1779	Part of Virginia ceded to Pennsylvania (extended the Mason-Dixon Line)
1780	Virginia state capitol moved from Jamestown to Richmond
1784	Northwest Territory ceded to U.S. (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota)
1786	First Amendment rights eliminate threat of a state religion
1788	Virginia admitted to the Union (10th state)
1790	U.S. requires naturalization records (includes AL, FL, GA, Carolinas, & Virginia)
1790	Cumberland Gap opened to accommodate wagon traffic
1791	More Native Americans converted to Christianity (intermarriages)
1792	Kentucky ceded as a separate state
1798	Territory of Mississippi organized
1809	Alabama begins marriage registration
1810	Census records that 30,000 slaves have become free

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1817	Alabama Territory separated from Mississippi Territory
1817	Mississippi granted statehood
1819	Alabama granted statehood
1820	Passenger manifests required by U.S. law (includes New Orleans)
1820	Alabama conducts state census
1821	Spain cedes Florida to the United States
1822	Florida marriage records begin
1829	Gold discovered in Georgia's northern mountains
1830	Indian Removal Act -- "Trail of Tears"
1845	Florida granted statehood
1850	Alabama conducts state census
1853 - 1896	Virginia requires counties to record births, marriages (bonds & banns), & deaths
1855	Alabama conducts state census
1861 - 1865	Civil War
1863	West Virginia created out of 50 northwestern counties (Kanawha)
1865 - 1877	Reconstruction era; Freedmen's Bureau
1866	Cohabitation Law
1866	Alabama conducts state census
1867	Florida conducts state census
1868	Beginning of post-war railroad boom (Chesapeake & Ohio)
1868	North Carolina begins in earnest to record marriages
1872	Freedmen's Bureau abandoned
1875	Florida conducts state census
1877	Charleston , South Carolina, begins recording births
1877	Florida death indexes begin
1880	Florida birth registrations begin
1881	Alabama begins birth registration
1885	Florida conducts state census
1885	Florida authorizes Confederate soldier pensions
1898	Florida begins recording passenger lists
1900	"Jim Crow" laws, racial segregation
1911	South Carolina establishes statewide registration of marriage records
1912	Virginia begins statewide registration of vital statistics (14 June)
1913	North Carolina establishes statewide registration of births and deaths
1915	South Carolina establishes statewide registration of death records
1935	Florida conducts state census
1945	Florida conducts state census