SINGING THROUGH AMERICAN HISTORY

Events and eras in American History, in chronological context,
Titles of songs that exemplify those dates and eras,
and Sources in which those songs may be found.

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1644-1st organized whale processing and distribution, on Long Island, N.Y. (beached whales only)
1647-Towns of Providence, Newport, and Portsmouth band together and form the colony of Rhode Island, with a General Assembly draft code separating church and state and guaranteeing religious freedom.
1659-1st fire department to be established by municipal action, in New York City.
1738-George Whitefield, Evangelist, arrives in America
O LOVELY APPEARANCE OF DEATH (LOM3)
Rise of "Play-parties" as an answer to religious strictrures against dancing
OLD JOE CLARK (FSIC vi:1) (HIN4)
(SOREP1)
SKIP TO MY LOU (RUS) (FSIC iv:2)
GO IN THE WILDERNESS (ALLE)
1756-1763- "French and Indian War" (7 Years’ War) (See also 1759)
FELIX THE SOLDIER (WARN4)
1755-English expel Acadians from Nova Scotia
UN, DEUX, TROIS (ALLE) (SAN)
CALUN TWO-STEP (Instrumental) (HIN2)
M’SIEL’ BANJO (ALLE) (BON)
1758-1830-Red Jacket (Sagoyawatha), Seneca orator
AS LONG AS THE GRASS SHALL GROW (SCO)
CHIPPEWA OWL LULLABY (HOM)
THE LAND KNOWS YOU'RE THERE (CARA1)
(HANKS) (PET)
1759 (Sep 18) - English capture Quebec in French and Indian War, leaders of both armies, Montcalm and Wolfe, are killed.
BRAVE WOLFE (FSIC viii:3) (WARN4)
1761-Obituary verse about Timothy Myrick, which passed into the folk tradition and became a song with many, many versions.
SPRINGFIELD MOUNTAIN (HIN4) (SCO)
(Scot)
1765-Colonists complaining about British taxation.
AMERICAN TAXATION (SIL1)
1767-British Townshend Acts decree that Americans pay tax on all imported glass, lead, paint, and tea. Americans respond by organizing a boycott against all British imports.
TO THE LADIES! (“YOUNG LADIES IN TOWN”) (FOR) (SIL1) (Scol)
1769 (July 16) - Mission San Diego de Alcalá founded; 1st of a series of missions & towns designed to strengthen Spain’s claim to California and to keep the Russians out.
1769-1840: The “heyday” of Alta California Missions and Rancho. A good general set of songs and dance music on the CD: Los Californios: Flowers of Our Lost
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1776 (Sep. 22) - Execution of Nathan Hale
NATHAN HALE (ALLI) (SIL1)

1776 (Dec 25) - Washington crosses the Delaware to retake Trenton and Princeton
THE BATTLE OF TRENTON (SCOT)

1776 - Shakers settle near ALBANY, NY
MORI LOVE (AND) (RUS)
SIMPLE GIFTS (AND) (FSICix:2) (RUS) (SCO)

1777 (Aug 16) - Battle of Bennington, VT
RIFLEMEN OF BENNINGTON (SIL1) (SCO) (SO!24:2)

1777 (Oct 17) Battle of Saratoga
FATE OF JOHN BURGOYNE (SCOT)

1779 - First Nantucket whaler to round the Horn; beginning of American Pacific whale fishery
ROLLING DOWN TO MAUI (HUG)
A WHALER'S TALE (GRAY1)
THE SONG OF THE WORLD'S LAST WHALE (MORS)

CAPTURE (or "BALLAD") OF MAJOR ANDRÉ (ALLI) (LAW) (FSICii:2) (SCO) (SIL1)

1781 (Oct 19) Battle of Yorktown; Surrender of Lord Cornwallis
CORNWALLIS' COUNTRY DANCE (FSICii:2) (SIL1)
FOUR LITTLE GIRLS IN BOSTON (DR11)
LORD CORNWALLIS' SURRENDER (FSICii:2) (SCO)
SOLDIERS' JOY (DR11)
THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN (MACN2) (SO!24:4)

1783 (Sep 3) The Peace of Paris signals the end of the Revolution.
DYING BRITISH SERGEANT ("DYING REDCOAT") (SCOT) (SO!1:9) (WARN2)
John Adams insists that the treaty give Americans the right to fish in Canadian waters.
CODFISH SHANTY ("SOUTH AUSTRALIA") (BON) (HUG)

1783- (Dec 4) British finally evacuate New York and Staten Island
DOODLE DANDY (WARN4) (WARN5)

1788 (June 21) US Constitution goes into effect.
SOMOS EL BARCO (SO!32:2)

1792 (Dec 15) - Bill of Rights goes into effect.
1793-94 The Whiskey Rebellion; Pennsylvania farmers (and distillers) protesting the 1791 Whiskey Tax imposed by the new federal government.
RUN, JOHNNY, RUN (DR12)

1799 - Quasi-war against France over commercial maritime rights
TRUXTON'S VICTORY (BOARD) (LAW)
1800 - Jefferson's Presidential Campaign.
JEFFERSON AND LIBERTY (FSICviii:1) (LAW) (SCOT) (SO!5:4)

1803 - Lewis and Clark Expedition authorized by President Jefferson.
ROLL ON, COLUMBIA (GUTH) (RUS)

1805 - U.S. refuses to pay Barbary states for "pro-tection" against Mediterranean piracy, captures Darna, a pirate stronghold, but piracy continues until 1815 (q.v.)
HIGH BARBARY (SO!3:2) (SORP1) (WARN4) (WARN5)

1808 - Congress forbids importation of slaves from Africa.
1809-Illinois Territory formed from part of Indiana Territory
EL A NOY (CARM) (FSICvi:2) (SAN) (THI)

1812-1815 - War of 1812
YE PARLIAMENT OF ENGLAND (written 1814) (SIL1)

1812 (Aug 12) USS Constitution (Capt. Isaac Hull) defeats the British Guerriere (Capt. Dacres)
CONSTITUTION AND GUERRIERE (ALLI) (LAW) (SCO) (SIL1)
HULL'S VICTORY (fiddle tune) (BROD) (LC:AAFS L62)

1813 (JUNE1) British Shannon defeats American Chesapeake
CHESAPEAKE AND SHANNON (FOW1)
PERRY'S VICTORY (LAW)
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1814 - British bombard Fort McHenry (Baltimore, MD) but do not capture it.
STAR-SPANGLED BANNER (LAW)

1815 (Jan 8) - Battle of New Orleans
8th OF JANUARY (fiddle tune) (BROD)
BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS (DR13) (RUS) (SO!9:1) (SORP2)
HUNTERS OF KENTUCKY (FSICviii:2) (LAW) (SAN) (SCO) (SORP2)
JOHNNY BULL, MY JO JOHN (DOL) (FSICviii2) (SCO)
RAZORBACK STEAK (DR13)

1815 (May 10-Aug 5) Stephen Decatur finally forces the Barbary States to stop molesting American ships in the Caribbean.
HIGH BARBARY (SO!3:2) (SORP1) (WARN4) (WARN5)

1818 (July 4) - Construction begins on Erie Canal, running between Albany and Buffalo, NY. Completed in 1825.
THE ERIE CANAL (FOR) (RUS) (SORP1)
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THE RAGING CANAL (SAN)

1821 (May 5) - Napoleon Bonaparte dies on St. Helena

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OLD BONEY ON ST. HELENA (WARN4) (WARN5)
1821-Under Mexican grant, Moses Austin settles 300 families in the Mexican Territory, Texas.
1825-Texas opened to settlement by U.S. citizens: THE BRAZOS RIVER (FSIG4) TENNESSEE STUD (DR1) (RUS) (SOREP2)
1825-Erie Canal completed: THE ERIE CANAL (FOR) (RUS) (SOREP1) THE RAGING CANAWL (SAN)
1825-Birth of the Blackface Minstrel: “Daddy” Rice becomes famous for his “Jump Jim Crow” song and dance: MY GUM-TREE CANOE (CARM) (HEART) DARLING NELLIE GRAY (MACN4) OLD DAN TUCKER (HIN6) (RUS) DIS-CUM-BIBBLE (HINI) DIXIE’ S LAND (SIL2)
1830 (May 28) Congress Passes The Indian Removal Act, allowing for forcible removal of Indians for resettlement west of the Mississippi...
AS LONG AS THE GRASS SHALL GROW (SCO)
1830-1848-political disturbances in southwest Germany and the Rhinelands leads to increased immigration of German intellectuals into the U.S.
DIE GEDANKEN SIND FREI (FSICVII:1) (MACN3) (RUS)
1830-Westward movements at a high point: WILL YOU GO OUT WEST? (CAZ1) TO THE WEST!! (CARM) (FSICVII:1) (MACN3) WISCONSIN IMMIGRANT (FSICV:1) (MACN3)
1831-William Lloyd Garrison founds The Liberator, abolitionist newspaper: ABOLITIONIST HYMN (DOW) (FOW3) (MACN4) RUN TO JESUS (GREE) LET MY PEOPLE GO (LAW)
1832-(Apr 6-Aug 2)-Black Hawk War: Chief Black Hawk leads his starving dispossessed Sauks back across the Mississippi into Illinois. Young Abe Lincoln is in the militia fighting Black Hawk: ROCK RIVER VALLEY (THI)
1833-New York City installs first horse-cars: THE KNIKERBOCKER LINE (SO17:2)
1835 (Nov 24)-Texas Rangers organized

THE TEXAS RANGERS (LING) (WARN5) MUSTANG GRAY (LING)
1836 (Mar 2)-Texas declares independence from Mexico
1836 (Apr 21)-Gen. Santa Ana defeated: Battle of San Jacinto COME TO THE BOWER (CARM) (HIN2) SANTY ANO (HUG)
1836 (Jun 15) Arkansas becomes the 25th state: ARKANSAS TRAVELER (SO13:4) THE STATE OF ARKANSAS (SOREP1)
1837-Depression hits U.S. and Europe: HARD TIMES COME AGAIN NO MORE (MACN3) (RUS)
1838-Cherokees and other tribes forced to move from Georgia to Indian Territory; 4,000 die on “The Trail of Tears”:
RIVERS OF TIME (SCO) TRAIL OF TEARS, THE (CARA2)
1840-Half of all U.S. shipping is on the Mississippi River: more than 3,000 ships and smaller craft: THE BOATMAN DANCE (CARM) (SO18:4) (WARN5) THE GLENDY BURKE (CARM) (WARN5) HEAVING THE LEAD LINE (LC: ALBUM VIII): BAYOU SARA (THI)
WHAT DOES THE DEEP SEA SAY? (THI)
FISHERMEN’S SONGS
I’M THE B’Y (SO17:2) MRS. MCDONALD’S LAMENT (BOK1) (BOK2) SEAFARING MEN (GRAY1) SQUID-JIGGIN’ GROUND (SOREP1)
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WHERE THE COHO FLASH SILVER (COME 9-4)
1846-15,000 Mormons, led by Brigham Young, begin to migrate westward.
THE HANDCARTS (LC AAFS L30) (LING)
MOUNTAIN HOME (HIN10)
ST. GEORGE (LC AAFS L30) (LING)
TITTERY-I-RE-AY (LC AAFS L30) (LING)
1846 (May 13) - US declares war on Mexico
BUCK AND GAG HIM (DOL) (MACN3)
TAYLOR, THE FINE OLD SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN (DOL)
GREEN GROW THE LILACS (SOREP1)

1847: "Potato Famine" in Ireland reaches worst point; Irish emigration to US is tripled.
FAMINE SONG (MACN3)
DRILL, YE TERRIERS, DRILL (SO!30:3)
SHE SAID THE SAME TO ME (SAN)
NO IRISH NEED APPLY (GREE)
PADDY ON THE RAILWAY (TSlCvi:1) (RUS)
PADDY'S NOT AT WORK TODAY ("THE SICK NOTE") (RUS) (SO!30:3)
1848 (Jan 24) Gold discovered at Sutter's Mill, California. OH! FOR CALIFORNIA (DWY)
WE ARE COMING HOME (DOL)
1849 (California Gold Rush begins)
A RIPPING TRIP (CRUZ)
COMING AROUND THE HORN (DWY)
CROSSING THE PLAINS (DWY) (MACN3)
The DAYS OF '49 (DWY) (TSi iii:3) (HANKS) (WARN4)
HUMBUG STEAMSHIP COMPANIES (DWY)
JOHN CHINANAN'S APPEAL (DWY) (MACN3)
The LOVING OF THE GAME (CARA4)
ON BOARD THE STEAMER (DWY)
SWEET BETSY FROM PIKE (CRUZ)
WHAT WAS YOUR NAME IN THE STATES? (SAN)
WHEN I WENT OUT TO PROSPECT (DWY)
1850 - Rising interest in western public lands
UNCLE SAM'S FARM (FSICvi:2)
1850 - Settlement increases in WASHINGTON Territory
ACRES OF CLAMS (SCO) (RUS)
1850 (Sep 9) - California becomes 31st State; a wild country.
SEARLES AND THE BEAR (GRAY1)
ROLL, ALABAMA, ROLL (HUG)
1852-Ole Bull loses money in an attempt to form a Norwegian community in Pennsylvania.
OLEANNA (SCO) (SOREP1)
1852-Charles Bigelow, black inventor of NY, makes a shoe-pegging machine.
PEG AND AWL (SOREP1)
1854-57. 2,000 New Englanders migrate to Kansas Territory to increase support for its admission as a Free State.
THE KANSAS EMIGRANT (LING)
1856-John and Dennis Searles discover borax in California. MOHAVE (GRAY2)
1858: Widespread religious revival in New York; camp meetings become common.
EVERYBODY'S WELCOME (DOW)
WONDROUS LOVE (CHAS) (OSH) (RITCH)
ROCKY ROAD (OSH)
ONLY REMEMBERED (RAN)
SHEEP OF ZION (OSH)
BRIGHT MORNING STARS (SOREP2)
ROYAL ELEPHON 9RITCH 1) (RUS)
TURN YOUR RADIO ON (RUS)
THE GREAT ATOM JC POWER (SO!27:3)
1859 (OCT 16) - John Brown seizes US arsenal at Harper's ferry, hoping to start a slave insurrection. He is captured and executed.
JOHN BROWN'S BODY (MACN3) (SCO) (SIL2)
JOHN BROWN SONG, THE (SIL2)
1859 - Dan Emmett composes "Dixie" and "Turkey In the Straw" ("Old Zip Coon")
DIXIE'S LAND (MACN3) (SIL2)
TURKEY IN THE STRAW (SAN)
1859 - Southern Convention urges re-institution of importing new slaves from Africa. "Underground Railroad" at its height: used by about 75,000 slaves.
RUN TO JESUS (GREE)
STEAL AWAY (FSICiv:3) (SCO)
GRAY GOOSE (HIN3) (SOREP2)
I'M ON MY WAY (CARA2) (FSICiv:3)
FOLLOW THE DRINKING GOURD (FSICiv:3) (SO!31:4)
LONG JOHN (LC Album III)
1860 (Nov 8) - Abraham Lincoln elected to the Presidency.
LINCOLN AND LIBERTY (MACN4) (SO!2:8)
OLD ABE LINCOLN (MAC4) (SAN)
1861 (Feb 4) - Confederate States formed with Jefferson Davis as President. New Confederate fires on Ft. Sumter: Civil War begins.
GOIN' ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN (SOREP2)
(WARN4) (WARN5)
CUMBERLAND GAP (RUCK2)
LYNCHBURG TOWN (WARN5)
SONG OF THE SOUTHERN VOLUNTEERS (FSICii:1) (SCOT)
The YANK.E MAN-O'-WAR (FSICii:1)
1861-65 - General songs of the Civil War
ALL QUIET ALONG THE POTOMAC (MACN4) (SIL2)
BATTLE CRY OF FREEDOM (MAC4) (SCO) (SIL2)
BONNY BLUE FLAG (FSICII:1) (SIL2)
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1862 - The Virginia (Formerly Merrimac) sinks the USS Cumberland

THE CUMBERLAND AND THE MERRIMAC
(MACN4) (SIL2)
1862 (March) Battle between Monitor and Merrimac ends in a draw.

1862 (Apr 6) Battle at Shiloh Hill
BATTLE OF SHILOH HILL (MACN4) (SIL2)

1862 (May 30) Congress passes a new Land Act
LANE COUNTY ("BENT COUNTY") BACHELOR
("STARVING TO DEATH ON A GOVERNMENT CLAIM") (LC AAFS L30) (HIN5) (LING) (SAN)

1862 (July 29) Confederate Cruiser Alabama built, outfitted and partially manned by British; in defiance of proclaimed neutrality. Begins harassing Union shipping (See 1864).

1863 (Jan 1) Emancipation Proclamation
FREE AT LAST (RUS) (MACN4)
JUBA (JONE1) (JONE2) (MACN4)
OH! FREEDOM! (CARA2) (FSICv:3) (FOW3)
SLAVERY CHAIN DONE BROKE AT LAST (SIL2) (MACN4)
WAKE NICODEMUS (LAW)
KINGDOM COMING ("JUBIL0") (SIL2)
GRIZZLY BEAR (SO19:3)

1864 The Confederate Alabama sunk by the Union Kearsarge off the coast of France
ROLL, ALABAMA, ROLL (HUG) (SIL2) (SO110:3)

1865 (Apr 9) Robert E. Lee surrenders to Grant at Appamattox; end of the Civil War.
FLOP-EARED MULE (fiddle tune) (BROD)
UNRECONSTRUCTED REBEL, THE. (SIL2) (WARN1:4)
DAMYANKEE LAD (DR13)

1865 (Apr 16) Lincoln assassinated
BOOTH KILLED LINCOLN (SIL2)

1867 Joseph McCoy establishes stockyard at the railhead in Abilene, Kansas; beginning of the legendary Cowboy.
CROOKED TRAIL TO HOLBROOK (THOR)
GIT ALONG, LITTLE DOGIES (LING)
GOODBYE OLD PAINT (LING)
GOODNIGHT-LOVING TRAIL (RUS) (SCO)

1868 Congress establishes the 8-hour day for federal employees; did not become standard in industry until after 1920. See 1886.

1869 (May 10) Transcontinental railway completed at Promontory Point, Utah.

1870 Peak of the Great Plains settlement.
RIDING BUFFALO SOLDIERS, RIDING (RUCK1)
Dakota Land (LING) (SCO)
LITTLE OLD SOD SHANTY... (FSICv:2) (LING)
WINDMILL (GRAY2)
LANE COUNTY ("BENT COUNTY") BACHELOR
("STARVING TO DEATH ON A GOVERNMENT CLAIM") (LC AAFS L30) (HIN5) (LING) (SAN)

1870 - Lumbering industry shifts to Great Lakes area.
CANA-DAY-I-O (FOW2) (L0M1)
LITTLE BROWN BULLS (FSICv:2)
LOST JIMMY WHALEN (L0M2) (THI)

1870 - Cerro Gordo silver mine opens in California.

1873 - Extermination of the buffalo (plains bison) nearly accomplished in the west.
BUFFALO SKINNERS, THE (LING) (SOREP1)

1873 - Expansion of railroads; tunnels, etc., in Virginia; mechanical devices begin to replace workers.
JOHN HENRY (COH) (FSICv:1) (HIN2) (L0M1, 2)

1874 Scammon's Marine Mammals of the Northwestern Coast of North America predicts the demise of the gray whale.
WHALER'S TALE, A (GRAY1)
SONG OF THE WORLD'S LAST WHALE (MORS)

1876 Samuel Plimsoll's Seaman's Act passed in England.
LA PIQUE (HUG) (SEG4)
MERCHANT SHIP, THE (HUG)

1876 - Battle of the Little Big Horn; "Custer's Last Stand"
SIoux Indians (LING) (WARS5)
DREAMY BLACK HILLS (LING)

1880 Increased multi-ethnic immigration into California, including the Japanese.
SHO JOJI (BER)

1883 Congress reduces cost of 1st-class mail from 3 cents to 2 cents.
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GOODBYE, OLD STAMP (LEV)
1885 The “New Immigration” gets under way -- largely Jews escaping Russian persecution
BULBS (RUB)
1885 (DEC 8) AFL (American Federation Of Labor) Formed In Columbus, Ohio, With Samuel Gompers As president. One goal: The 8-Hour Day. (See 1868)
EIGHT-HOUR DAY (SEG3) (SO!28.3)
1889 (APR 22) Non-Indian lands in Oklahoma opened to white settlers.
AS LONG AS THE GRASS SHALL GROW (SCO)
1891 (May 19) Populist Party formed in Cincinnati.
FARMER IS THE MAN, THE (FSICv:2) (SCO)
(SEG4)
1894 Railroad strike by American Railroad Union led by E. V. Debs
A.R.U., THE (SAN)
1898 (FEB 15) U.S. Battleship Maine blown up in Havana Harbor; beginning of Spanish-American War.
HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN TONIGHT (BON)
(RUS)
EL SOLDADO AMERICANO (DOL)
SAILOR MAN (DRI)
1900 (SEP 8) Galveston storm kills 6,000
GALVESTON STORM (GRAY1) (SOREP1)
1904 Baltimore fire destroys property valued at $80,000,000.00
BALTIMORE FIRE, THE (DIGITRAD)
1905 (July 7) IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) founded by E. V. Debs
SOLIDARITY FOREVER (ALT) (FOW3) (GREE)
(KORN) (RUS)(SEG3)
POPULAR WOBBLY (“THEY GO WILD OVER ME”) (KORN) (SEG3) (SO!11:5)
PREACHER AND THE SLAVE, THE (“PIE IN THE SKY”) (ALT) (FOW3) (KORN) MACN1
(RUS) (SEG4)
DUMP THE BOSSES OFF YOUR BACK (KORN)
WE’RE Bound FOR San Diego (KORN)
(MEEK)
REBEL GIRL, THE (CAZZ2) (KORN) (RUS)
PORTLAND COUNTY JAIL (SAN)
JOE HILL (ALT) (MACN1) (RUS) (SEG3)
BREAD AND ROSES (ALT) (RUS) (SEG3) (WEN)
MILL MOTHER’S LAMENT (ALT)
STEP BY STEP (McCUT) (SEG3) (SEG6)
THERE IS MEAN THINGS HAPPENING IN THIS LAND (ALT)
WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON? (ALT) (JUR) (RUS)
ATTORNEY FOR THE DAMNED (ALT)
UNION MAID (ALT) (FOW3) (RUS)
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BALLAD OF THE TRIANGLE FIRE (SEG3) (WEN)
1914 World War I begins in Europe.
PEACE HYMN (SO!30:2)
I DIDN’T RAISE MY BOY TO BE A SOLDIER (CARA1)
CHRISTMAS IN THE TRENCHES (McCUT)
1917 (Apr 6) U.S. enter World War I
OVER THERE (DOL) (WHIT)
WHERE THEY WERE (DOL) (WHIT)
Packed UP YOUR TROUBLES (SCOT)
ROUND HER NECK SHE WEARS A YELLOW RIBBON (WHIT)
BIG BASS DRUM (HIN2)
K-K-K-K-P (DOL)
1918 Influenza epidemic at its height. In all, between 400,000 and 500,000 people died of it. The following song became popular as a sort of “black humor.”
SOME LITTLE BUG IS GOING TO FIND YOU SOME DAY. (DIGITRAD) (ROG)
1920 (Jan 16) 18th Amendment (“Prohibition”) goes into effect.
KENTUCKY MOONSHINER (SO!13:4)
THE MAN FROM YANKEELAND (HIN2)
GOOD OLD MOUNTAIN DEW (SOREP2)
1920 (AUG 28) 19th Amendment ratified: voting rights for women. NOTE: 15 states already have women’s suffrage laws.
I AM A SUFFRAGETTE (WEN)
1921 End of post-war boom creates large-scale unemployment; 5.7 million out of work
I DON’T WANT YOUR MILLIONS, MISTER (FOW3) (RUS)(SEG3)
1924 Congress bestows U.S. citizenship on native-born American Indians.
1925 (July 10-21) The Scopes “Monkey Trial”
TOO THIN (LEV)
AMPHIOXUS (HIN5)
THAT’S ALL (by Merle Travis)
1927 (May 20) Lindbergh’s solo flight, NY to Paris
LINDBERGH, THE EAGLE OF THE U.S.A. (DIGITRAD)
1927 Problems of farmers presage depression
‘LEVEN CENT COTTON (FOW3) (RUS)
1929 (OCT 29) Stock Market CRAsh “officially” begins the Great Depression
I JUST DON’T WANT TO BE RICH (HIN5)
1931 (MAR 3) “The Star Spangled Banner” is made the official national anthem of the USA
TO ANACREON IN HEAVEN (Law) MACN2
STAR SPANGLED BANNER (Law)
1932 Depression in full swing. Monthly wages are 60% of 1929 levels; 5,000 banks failed and closed to date; 13,000,000 unemployed; Roosevelt elected in landslide.
SOUP SONG (FOW3) (RUS)
BROTHER, CAN YOU SPARE A DIME? (SO!30:1 (WHIT)
BANKS OF MARBLE(SEG3)
Exploitation of labor; need to organize.
WINNSBORO COTTON-MILL BLUES (FOW3)
(SOREP1)
COTTON-MILL GIRLS (WEN)
WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON? (RUS)(SEG3)
(SO!20:5)
UNION MAID (FOW3)(SEG3) (WEN)
SIXTEEN TONS (SO!3:3)
STEP BY STEP (SEG6)
DOWN, DOWN, DOWN (LC:ALBUM XVI)
Homelessness becomes a way of life.
GOIN' DOWN THIS ROAD FEELIN' BAD (FOW3)
(FSICvii:1)
WANDERIN' (FSICvii:1) (SAN)
I WALK THE ROAD AGAIN (CAZ1)
TAKE MY TRUE LOVE BY THE HAND ("TIMES
A-GETTIN' HARD") (RUS) (SCO)
Hallelujah I'M A BUM (LAW) (SO!28:5)
1933 First of the great dust storms hits South Dakota.
1935 Dust Storms continue; altogether, 40 million acres
of good farmland are blown away.
DO-RE-MI (GUTHRIE) (GUTH) (RUS) (SOREP1)
DUST STORM DISASTER (GUTH) [Apr 7]
SO LONG, IT'S BEEN GOOD TO KNOW YOU
(GUTH) (RUS) (SCO)
TALKIN' DUSTBOWL (GUTH) (SOREP2)
TOM Joad (DOW) (GUTH)
1938 CIO (Congress of Industrial Organizations) put
in place new minimum wage
(Jun 25) Pres. Roosevelt signs first Minimum Wage
Law - 25 cents per hour.
1939 DAR refuses to let Marian Anderson sing at
Convention Hall, so she gives her concert on the steps
of the Lincoln Memorial. One of her numbers was the
following:
HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS
(WARN4) (WHIT)
1940 Defense appropriations of $4.26 billion (for 50,000
airplanes per year) decreases unemployment.
ROXIE THE RIVETER (SCO)
1941 (Dec 7) Attack on Pearl Harbor; US declares war of
Japan; Germany & Italy declare war on US, which
recognizes that a "state of war" exists with those Axis
nations.
1942 War in the South Pacific
RODGER YOUNG
ON A WING AND A PRAYER (SCO)
1945 Germany surrenders
(Aug 6) US drops atom bomb on Hiroshima and 2 days
later on Nagasaki, Japan surrenders. American war
casualties: 292,000 killed or missing; 613,000
wounded.
ENOLA GAY (SCO)
OLD MAN ATOM (HIN7)
DEAD LITTLE GIRL OF HIROSHIMA (RUS)
(SEG6) (SOREP2)
LONESOME APE (by Jimmy Driftwood)
1945 (Oct 24) United Nations founded
UNITED NATIONS MAKE A CHAIN (SIL3)
UNITED NATIONS (WHIT)
STRANGEST DREAM (RUS) (SCO)
1946 United Mine Workers strike. US Government takes
over mines.
UNION MAN (LC:AAFS, ALBUM XVI)
1947 Plane Crash at Los Gatos Canyon kills 32 Mexican
"deportees."
DEPORTEES (RUS)(SEG3) (SOREP1)
1950 (Jun 29) Pres. Truman orders US troops into South
Korea.
1953 (Jul 7) Armistice ends Korean action.
1954 (May 17) US Supreme Court rules that segregation in
public schools violates the 14th Amendment.
WE SHALL OVERCOME (CARA2) (FOW3)
(FREE) (HARL) (RUS) (SCO) (SEG6) (SOREP2)
THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE (CARA2) (FREE)
(HARL)
THAT'S ALL RIGHT (SOREP2)
BLACK AND WHITE ("THE INK IS BLACK")
(RUS) (SOREP1)
1955 Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., helps organize boycott
of segregated busses in Montgomery, Alabama; results
in a federal injunction against this kind of segregation.
BACK OF THE BUS, THE (CARA2) (HARL)
1960 (FEB 11) Sit-Ins at segregated lunch counters begins
in Greenville, N.C.
BALL-AD OF THE STUDENT SIT-INS (CARA2)
1960 Strip mining for coal becomes prevalent in Appalachia
PARADISE (RUS) (CARA4) (FSICxii:2)
BLACK WATERS (CARA3) (WEN) (RITCH 1)
L & N DON'T STOP HERE ANY MORE, THE
(CARA3) (RITCH 1)
1962 US troops in Vietnam ordered to return fire
I FEEL LIKE I'M FIXIN' TO DIE RAG (SOREP2)
1962 (Feb 20) John Glenn Is first American in orbit
FROM WAY UP HERE (MORS) (SEG6) (SO!13:1)
ANDORRA (SEG6)
1963 Civil Rights movement continues; Medgar Evers
assassinated
WOKE UP THIS MORNING... (CARA2)
(FREE) (HARL) (WHIT)
COME AND GO WITH ME TO THAT LAND
(CARA2) (SO! 6:2)
AIN'T GONNA LET NOBODY TURN ME
AROUND (CARA2) (FREE) (HARL)
EYES ON THE PRIZE (CARA2) (HARL)
1964 (Jun 1) Four black children killed in race riot in
Birmingham, Alabama.
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BIRMINGHAM SUNDAY (CARA2) (SCOT) (SOREP2)
1963 (Nov 22) Pres. Kennedy assassinated
I SAW MY COUNTRY'S FLAG GO DOWN (SCO)
1964 (Jul 2) Senate votes cloture to end 75-day filibuster
by conservative Southern senators, and passes a new
Civil Rights Act.
FREE AT LAST (SIL2)
1968 (Apr 4) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., assassinated in
Memphis, Tenn.
OH MARTIN LUTHER KING (FINK)
1969 Vietnam War continues; student protests increase
Aug 15-18. Woodstock (NY) Music and Art Fair attracts
35,000 young people.
I FEEL LIKE I'M FIXIN' TO DIE RAG (SOREP2)
Pres. Nixon announces troop withdrawal, but war
continues
1971 26th Amendment lowers American voting age from 21
to 18
1973 (Jan 22) Peace agreement ends Vietnamese War.
1973 Military draft ends; US forces are now all voluntary.
1979 Three-Mile Island nuclear problems near Middletown,
PA.
1980 National Herb Garden opens in Washington, DC,
with 7,000 plants in several gardens.
GARDEN SONG, THE ('INCH BY INCH') (RUS)
(SO/26:8)
1981 Environmental concerns become politically important
BALLAD OF THE SLOOP CLEARWATER (SEG6)
GARBAGE (CARA5) (MORS) (RUS) (SEG6)
LAND KNOWS YOU'RE THERE, THE (CARA7)
MY RAINBOW RACE (MORS) (RUS) (SEG6)
OF TIME AND RIVERS FLOWING (SEG6)
PEOPLE ARE SCRATCHING (SEG6)
SEVENTY MILES (SEG6)
THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND (FSIC1x.3) (GUTH)
WE'LL ALL BE A-DOUBLING (SEG6)
WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO THE RAIN?
(NOR)
(RUS)

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SONGS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

A
A RIPPING TRIP 1849
A WHALER'S TALE 1779
A.R.U., THE 1894
ABOLITIONIST HYMN 1831
ACRES OF CLAMS 1850
ADIOS, ADIOS, AMIGOS 1769-1840
AIN'T GONNA LET NOBODY TURN ME... 1963
ALABADO 1769
ALL HIDY 1640
ALL QUIET ALONG THE POTOMAC 1861-65
ALL THE PRETTY LITTLE HORSES 1640

AMAZING GRACE 1734
AMERICAN TAXATION 1765
AMPHIOXUS 1925
ANDORRA 1962
ARKANSAS TRAVELER 1836
AS LONG AS THE GRASS SHALL GROW...

AS LONG AS THE GRASS SHALL GROW 1758-1830
AS LONG AS THE GRASS SHALL GROW 1830
AS LONG AS THE GRASS SHALL GROW 1889
ATTORNEY FOR THE DAMNED 1905
AYE SUSANA! 1769-1840

B
BABE OF BETHLEHEM 1734
BACK OF THE BUS, THE 1955
BALLAD OF THE SLOOP CLEARWATER 1981
BALLAD OF THE STUDENT SIT-INS 1960
BALLAD OF THE TRIANGLE FIRE 1911
BALTIMORE FIRE, THE 1904
BANKS OF MARBLE 1932
BARBARA ALLEN 1610-1776
BARNEY MCCABE 1640
BARNYARD SONG 1714

BATTLE CRY OF FREEDOM 1861-65
BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS 1815
BATTLE OF SHILOH HILL 1862
BATTLE OF TRENTON 1776
BAYOU SARA 1840
BESSIE BRADY, THE 1870
BIG BASS DRUM 1917
BILLY GRIMES 1610-1776
BIRMINGHAM SUNDAY 1963
BLACK AND WHITE 1954
BLACK WATERS 1960
BLOW THE MAN DOWN 1843-1860
BLOW YE WINDS OF THE MORNING 1711
BOATMAN DANCE 1840
BOMBARDMENT OF BRISTOL 1775
BONNY BLUE FLAG 1861-65
BOOTH KILLED LINCOLN 1865
BORREGO, EL 1769-1840
BOSTON COME-ALL-YE - 1629
BOSTON TEA-TAX 1773
BOWERY GRENADERS 1659
BRAVE WOLFE 1759
BRAZOS RIVER 1825
BREAD AND ROSES 1905
BRIGHT MORNING STARS 1856
BROTHER, CAN YOU SPARE A DIME? 1932
BUCK AND GAG HIM 1846
BUFFALO SKINNERS, THE 1873
BULBES 1885
BUNKER HILL (A) 1775
BUNKER HILL (B) 1775
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AFRICAN AMERICANS and SLAVERY

1619-Africans brought to Jamestown: probably as indentured servants.
  Juba (Jone1) (Jone2)
1640-Beginning of actual slavery in America; VA and MD enact a series of statutes distinguishing between white indentured servants and African chattel slaves.
  Juba (Jone1) (Jone2)
  Oh Mary, Don’t You Weep (R/S)
  Motherless Child (R/S) (Fsigv:3)
  Gray Goose (Sorep 1)
  All the Pretty Little Horses (LoM1, 2)
  Barney McCabe (Mov) (CarA3) (Hin8)
  Shoo Turkey (CarA3)
  All HID? (LC, album IV)
  Long John (LC, album III)
  Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (BON)
  (LoM2) (RUS)
  SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND (RUS) (S0132:4)
1808-Congress forbids further importation of slaves from Africa.
1825 - Birth of the Blackface Minstrel; “Daddy” Rice becomes famous for his “Jump Jim Crow” song and dance.
  My Gum-Tree Canoe (Carm) (Heart)
  Darling Nellie Gray (Macn4)
  Old Dan Tucker (Hin6) (RUS)
  Dis-Cum-Bibble (Etc.) (Hin1)
  Dixie’s Land (Sil2)
1831-William Lloyd Garrison finds The Liberator, abolitionist newspaper.
  Abolitionist hymn (Dow) (Fow3) (Macn4)
  Let My People Go (Law)
1859 - Dan Emmett composes “Dixie” and “Turkey In The Straw” (“Old Zip Coon”)
  Dixie’s Land (Macn3) (Sil2)
  Turkey In The Straw (San)
1859 - Southern Convention urges re-institution of importing new slaves from Africa. “Underground Railroad” at its height; used by about 75,000 slaves.
  Run To Jesus (Gree)
  Steal Away (Fsigv:3) (Sc0)
  I’m On My Way (CarA2) (Fsigv:3)
  Follow The Drinking Gourd (Fsigv:3)
  (So131:4)
  Long John (LC Album III)
1863 (Jan 1) Emancipation Proclamation
  Free at Last (Rus) (Macn4)
  Juba (Jone1) (Jone2) (Macn4)
  Kingdom Coming (“Jubilo”) (Sil2)
  Grizzly Bear (So19:3)
1865 (June 19) “Juneteenth”: Slaves in Texas and other southern States finally receive news of their freedom.
  Oh Freedom! (CarA2) (Fsigv:3) (Fow3)
  Slavery Chain Done Broke at Last (Sil2) (Macn4)
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WAKE NICODEMUS'S (LAW)

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

1735 Friction Between Colonies and Britain over designation of legal tender.
ESCAPE OF OLD JOHN WEBBER ("BILLY BROKE LOCKS") (ALLl) (SCO) (WARN4)
1765-Colonists complaining about British taxation. AMERICAN TAXATION (SIL1)
1767-British Townshend Acts decree that Americans pay tax on all imported glass, lead, paint, and tea. Americans respond by organizing a boycott against ALL British imports.
TO THE LADIES! ("YOUNG LADIES IN TOWN") (FOR) (SIL1) (SCOT)
1770 (March 3) The "Boston Massacre" UNHAPPY BOSTON (ALLl) (BRAND1) (LAW)
1773 (Dec. 16) The Boston Tea Party THE BOSTON TLA-TAX (SIL1) (SCOT) REVOLUTIONARY TEA ("RICH LADY OVER THE SEA") (SCOT) (SIL1)
1774 - Increase of anti-British feelings FREE AMERICA (BRAND2) (SIL1)
1775-1783-- (THE GENERAL PERIOD) JOHNNY HAS GONE FOR A SOLDIER ("BUTTERMILK HILL") (ALLl) (SCOT) (SCOT) (SIL1) CHESTER (MACN2) (SIL1) YANKEE DOODLE (BRAND2) (FSIC:1) (LAW) (SCO) JOHNNY GET YOUR GUN (ALLl)
1775 (Oct. 7) - British fire upon the town of Bristol, Rhode Island BOMBARDMENT OF BRISTOL (ALLl) (SILl)
1775 (JUNE 17)-The Battle Of Bunker Hill BUNKER HILL (A) (ALLl) (SIL1) BUNKER HILL (B) (DR12)
1776 (SEP. 22) -- Execution of Nathan Hale NATHAN HALE (ALLl) (SIL1) HALE IN THE BUSH (BRAND2)
1776 (Dec 25) - Washington crosses the Delaware to retake Trenton and Princeton. THE BATTLE OF TRENTON (SCOT)
1777 (Aug 16) - Battle of Bennington, VT RIFLEMEN OF BENNINGTON (SIL1) (SCO) (SO?24:2)
1777 (Oct 17) Battle of Saratoga FATE OF JOHN BURGOYNE (SCOT)
1780 (Sep 23) Capture of British Major John André reveals Benedict Arnold's attempted treason. André executed Oct. 2 CAPTURE (or "BALLAD") OF MAJOR ANDRÉ (ALLl) (LAW) (FSIC:1) (SCOT) (SIL1)
1781 (Oct 19) Battle of Yorktown; Surrender of Lord Cornwallis COWANWLlS' COUNTRY DANCE (FSIC:1) (SIL1)
LORD COWANWLlS' SURRENDER (FSIC:1) (SCOT) FOUR LITTLE GIRLS IN BOSTON (DR11) THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN (MACN2) (SO?24:4)
1783 (SEP 3) The Peace of Paris signals the end of the Revolution. DYING BRITISH SERGEANT ("DYING REDCOAT") (SCOT) (SO?1:9) (WARN2)
1783- (Dec 4) British finally evacuate New York and Staten Island DOODLE DANDY (WARN4) (WARN5)

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CALIFORNIA
1769 (July 16). San Diego founded; 1st of a series of missions & towns designed to strengthen Spain's claim to California and to keep the Russians out.
1769-1840: CHIEF PERIOD OF THE MISSIONS AND RANCHOS.
ADIOS, ADIOS, AMigos (CALIF)
ALABADO (CRUZ)
AY, SUSANA! (CALIF)
BORREGO, EL (CALIF)
CALIFORNI VALS JOTGA, EL (CALIF)
CAMOTES, LOS (CALIF)
CANTIC DE ALBA (CRUZ)
CANTO DE CUNA (ESP)
CAPOTIN, EL (CALIF) (MACN3) (SO!4:5) (LUM)
CIELITO LINDO (MACN3) (OROZ3)
CONTRADANZA DE MONTEREY, LA (CALIF)
CONTRADANZA DE SONOMA, LA (CALIF)
DE COLORES (RUS) (SO!25-3) (HIN8) (OROZ1)
DESPEDIDA DE MONTEREY, LA (CALIF)
EN NOMBRE DEL CIELO (EHR) (HIN9)
ES AL AMOR MARIPOSA (CALIF)
GALLITO, EL (ESP)
HAMACA, LA (CALIF)
MAGICA MUJER, LA (CALIF)
MANANTIAS, LAS (OROZ2) (TO0)
MI PEPA (CALIF)
POSADAS, LAS SONGS (HIN9) (OROZ1)
SOMBREO BLANCO, EL (CALIF)
VALS DE MILAN (CALIF)
VARSOVIANA, LA (CALIF)
1848 (Jan 24) Gold discovered at Sutter's Mill, California.
1849 (California Gold Rush begins)
A RIPPING TRIP (CRUZ)
COMING AROUND THE HORN (DWY)
CROSSING THE PLAINS (DWY) (MACN3)
The DAYS OF '49 (DWY) (FS1 iii:3) (HANKS) (WARN4)
HUMBUG STEAMSHIP COMPANIES (DWY)
JOHN CHINAMAN'S APPEAL (DWY) (MACN3)
The LOVING OF THE GAME (CARA4)
ON BOARD THE STEAMER (DWY)
SWEET BETSY FROM PIKE (CRUZ)
WHAT WAS YOUR NAME IN THE STATES? (SAN)
WHEN I WENT OUT TO PROSPECT (DWY)
1850 (Sep 9) California becomes 31st State; a wild country
SEARLES AND THE BEAR (GRAY1)
ROLL, ALABAMA, ROLL (HUG)
1856: John and Dennis Searles discover borax in California.
MOHAVE (GRAY2)
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DEPORTES (RUS)(SEG3) (SOREP1)

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HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS (WARN4) (WHIT)
1954 (May 17) US Supreme Court rules that segregation in public schools violates the 14th Amendment
BLACK AND WHITE ("THE INK IS BLACK") (RUS) (SOREP1)
1955: Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., helps organize boycott of segregated busses in Montgomery, Alabama; results in a federal injunction against this kind of segregation.
BACK OF THE BUS, THE (CARA2) (HARL)
1960 (Feb 11) Sit-Ins at segregated lunch counters begins in Greenville, N.C.
BALLAD OF THE STUDENT SIT-INS (CARA2)
1963: Civil Rights movement continues; Medgar Evers assassinated
WE SHALL OVERCOME (CARA2) (FOW3) (FREE) (HARL) (RUS) (SCO) (SEG6) (SOREP2)
THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE (CARA2) (FREE) (HARL)
THAT'S ALL RIGHT (SOREP2)
WOKE UP THIS MORNING..... (CARA2) (FREE) (HARL) (WHIT)
COME AND GO WITH ME TO THAT LAND (CARA2) (SO! 6:2)
AIN'T GONNA LET NOBODY TURN ME AROUND
(CARA2) (FREE) (HARL)
EYES ON THE PRIZE (CARA2) (HARL)
1963 (Sep 15) Four black children killed in racist bombing of church in Birmingham, Alabama.
BIRMINGHAM SUNDAY (CARA2) (SCOT) (SOREP2)
1964 (Jul 2). Senate votes cloture to end 75-day filibuster by conservative Southern senators, and passes a new Civil Rights Act.
FREE AT LAST (SIL2)
1968 (Apr 4) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.
OH, MARTIN LUTHER KING I JUST WANT TO SING YOUR NAME) (FINK)
SINGING THROUGH AMERICAN HISTORY

CIVIL WAR
1859 (OCT 16) - John Brown seizes U.S. arsenal at Harper's ferry, hoping to start a slave insurrection. He is captured and executed.

JOHN BROWN'S BODY (MACN4) (SCO) (SIL2)
JOHN BROWN SONG, THE (SIL2)

1860 (Nov 8) - Abraham Lincoln elected to the Presidency.

LINCOLN AND LIBERTY (MACN4) (S01:2-8)
OLD ABE LINCOLN (MAC4) (SAN)

1861 (Feb 4) - Confederate States formed with Jefferson Davis as President. New Confederacy fires on Ft. Sumter: Civil War begins.

Goin' Across the Mountain (S0REP2) (WARN4) (WARN5)
CUMBERLAND GAP (RUCK2)
LYNCHBURG TOWN (WARN5)
SONG OF THE SOUTHERN VOLUNTEERS (FSICi:4) (SCOT)
The Yankee Man-O'-War (FSICii:1)

1861-65 - General songs of the Civil War

ALL QUIET ALONG THE POTOMAC (MACN4) (SIL2)
BATTLE CRY OF FREEDOM (MAC4) (SCO) (SIL2)
BONNY BLUE FLAG (FSICi:2) (SIL2)
FIRST ARKANSAS REGIMENT (SIL2)
GOOBER PEAS (MACN4) (SIL2) (SCO) (SCOT)
The Homespun Dress (MACN4) (SIL2)
JOHNNY IS MY DARLING (SIL2)
JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE, MOTHER (MACN4) (SIL2) (SCO) (SCOT)
LORENA (SIL2)
MARCHING THROUGH GEORGIA (SIL2) (SCO)
SOUTHERN BATTLE CRY OF FREEDOM (SIL2)
TENTING TONIGHT (MACN4) (SIL2)
YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS (MACN4) (SIL2)

1862 - The Virginia (Formerly Merrimac) sinks the USS Cumberland

THE CUMBERLAND AND THE MERRIMAC (MACN4) (SIL2)

1862 (March) Battle between Monitor and Merrimac ends in a draw.

1862 (Apr 6) Battle at Shiloh

BATTLE OF SHILOH HILL (MACN4) (SIL2)

1862 (July 29) Confederate Cruiser Alabama built, outfitted and partially manned by British; begins harassing Union shipping. (See 1864).

1863 (Jan 1) Emancipation Proclamation

FREE AT LAST (RUS) (MACN4)
JUBA (JONE1) (JONE2) (MACN4)
OH FREEDOM! (CARA2) (FSICi:2) (FOW3)
SLAVERY CHAIN DONE BROKE AT LAST (SIL2) (MACN4)
WAKE NICODEMUS (LAW)

1864 - The Confederate Alabama sinks by the Union Kearsarge off the coast of France

ROLL, ALABAMA, ROLL (HUG) (SIL2) (S01:10:3)

1865 - (Apr 9) Robert E. Lee surrenders to Grant at Appomattox, end of the Civil War.

FLOP-EARED MULE (fiddle tune) (BROD)
UNRECONSTRUCTED REBEL, THE (SIL2) (WARN1,4)
RING THE BELL, WATCHMAN (DIGITRAD)
DAMYANKIE LAD (DR13)

1865 (Apr 16) Lincoln assassinated

BOOTH KILLED LINCOLN (SIL2)

1865 (JUNE 19) "Juneteenth" - Slaves in the defeated Southern States are finally informed of their freedom.

OH, FREEDOM!
SLAVERY CHAIN DONE BROKE AT LAST (SIL2) (MACN4)
WAKE NICODEMUS (LAW)

COLONIAL DAYS
1492 (Oct 12) Columbus "discovers" America

FOURTEEN NINETY-TWO (SCHI)

1607 - The first permanent English colony, Jamestown, VA; 120 settlers. John Smith tries to rule colony, but is driven out; he leaves VA in 1609.

1609 - Spanish found Santa Fe, New Mexico

CANTO DE CUNA (ESP)

1610-1776 - Colonial life in general. NOTE: all songs within this date span are appropriate here.

From the old world heritage

BARBARA ALLEN (BRO) (RITCH 2) (SCOT) (WARN4)
The CUCKOO (RITCH 1)
The DEVIL & THE FARMER'S WIFE
( "FARMER'S CURST WIFE") (BRO) (FSICi:2) (HIN3) (SCOT)

GYPSY LADIEE (RITCH 2)
JOHN BARLEYCORN (RUS)
LORD BATEMAN (BRO) (RITCH 2)
LORD RANDALL (RITCH 2)
MERRY GOLDEN TREE (RITCH 2)
OLD MAN IN THE WOOD (FSICi:3) (HIN3) (LINS) (SCOT)

RIDDLE SONG (RUS)

ROBIN THE BOBBIN (CLUTTY WREN) (FSICi:3) (HIN3)

North America becomes a goal for some of Europe's poor people.

INVITATION TO NORTH AMERICA (SIL1)
SINGING THROUGH AMERICAN HISTORY

Many colonists come as indentured servants

DISTRESSED DAMSEL (TRAPANN'D MAIDEN) (SIL1) (MACN2)

Daily life in the Colonies
BILLY GRIMES (BEL)
THE CHIEFTAIN'S BRIDE (ALLI)
CUMBERLAND GAP (CARM) (LOM1)
GRANDMOTHER BROWN (HIN2)
KATY CRUEL (LINS) (SCOT)
THE MILLER'S WILL (HIN5)
PAPER OF PINS (RAN)
THE QUAKER'S WOOING (LINS)
RISSELTY ROSSELTY (SEG1)
ROVING PEDDLER (CAZ1) (WARN5)
THREE JOLLY ROGUES ("IN GOOD OLD COLONY TIMES") (LINS)
WAGONER'S LAD (LINS) (SO!32/3) (SOREP1)
YOUNG CHARLOTTE ("THE FROZEN GIRL") (LINS) (SO!32 3)
YOUNG MAN WHO WOULDN'T HOE CORN (LOM4)

1612-tobacco cultivation begun by John Rolfe
TOBACCO'S BUT AN INDIAN WEED (HANKS) (IVES)

1614-The Dutch Establish a colony Called New Amsterdam (later New York)
JOLLY OLD ROGER (HIN4) (LINS)

1620-Pilgrims land near Plymouth
OLD HUNDREDTH (RUS)
TOULON (CHAS)
WHO IS THE MAN? (DOW)

1629-First Puritans arrive at Salem (MA) Bay Colony
1629-First commercial fishery established at Medford, MA.
BOSTON COME-ALL-YE (BON)

1635 (September) Roger Williams banished from Massachusetts Bay for preaching his belief in the separation of church and State.

1636-Roger Williams founds Providence (Rhode Island).
1636-Anne Hutchinson also banished from the Bay Colony for holding "80 erroneous opinions", including what they called Antinomianism, the stressing of personal revelation, and her questioning the authority of orthodox clergy. She too fled to RI and founded the city of Portsmouth in 1638.

1641-1st organized whale processing and distribution, on Long Island, NY. (beached whales only)

1647-Towns of Providence, Newport, and Portsmouth band together and form the colony of Rhode Island, with a General Assembly draft code separating church and state and guaranteeing religious freedom.

1659-1st fire department to be established by municipal action, in New York City.

BOWERY GRENADERS (ALLI) (SO! 9/3)

1668-French establish fur-trading post and mission at Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

C'EST L'AVIRON (FOW2)
EN ROULANT MA BOULE (FOW1, 2)
SI MON MOINE VOULAIT DANSER (FOW2)

1681-Philadelphia, PA, founded.

1701-May 23 William Kidd hanged in England for piracy committed in the New World, marking an end to piracy in American waters.

CAPTAIN KIDD (LINS) (SCOT) (SOREP1)

1756-1763- "French and Indian War" (7 Years' War) (See also 1759)

1759 (Sep 18) - English capture Québec in French and Indian War, leaders of both armies, Montcalme and Wolfe, are killed.

BRAVE WOLFE (FSIC viii:3) (WARN4)

1755-English expel Acadians from Nova Scotia

UN, DEUX, TROIS (ALLE) (SAN)

CAJUN TWO-STEP (Instrumental) (HIN2)

1761-Obituary verse about Timothy Myrick, which passed into the folk tradition and became a song with many, many versions.

SPRINGFIELD MOUNTAIN (HIN4) (SCO) (SCOT)

CONSERVATION and ENVIRONMENT

1874 Scannon's Marine Mammals of the Northwestern Coast of North America predicts the demise of the gray whale

WHALER'S TALE, A (GRAY1)
SONG OF THE WORLD'S LAST WHALE (MORS)

1960 Strip mining for coal becomes prevalent in Appalachia

PARADISE (RUS) (CARA4) (FSICix:2)

BLACK WATERS (CARA3) (RITCH2) (WEN)

L & N DON'T STOP HERE ANY MORE, THE (CARA3) (RITCH 2)

1981. Environmental concerns become politically important

BALLAD OF THE SLOOP CLEARWATER (SEG6)
GARBAGE (CARA5) (MORS) (RUS) (SEG6)

LAND KNOWS YOU'RE THERE, THE (CARA7)

MY RAINBOW RACE (MORS) (RUS) (SEG6)

OF TIME AND RIVERS FLOWING (SEG6)

PEOPLE ARE SCRATCHING (SEG6)

SEVENTY MILES (SEG6)

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND (FSICix:3) (GUTH)

WE'LL ALL BE A-DOUBLING (SEG6)

WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO THE RAIN? (MORS) (RUS)

HARD TIMES and DISASTERS

1837-Depression hits U.S. and Europe

HARD TIMES COME AGAIN NO MORE (MACN3) (RUS)
1918 Influenza epidemic at its height. In all, between 400,000 and 500,000 people died of it. The following song became popular as a sort of "black humor."

SOME LITTLE BUG IS GOING TO FIND YOU SOME DAY. (DIGITRAD) (ROG)

1921 End of post-war boom creates large-scale unemployment, 5.7 million out of work. I DON'T WANT YOUR MILLIONS, MISTER

1927 Problems of farmers presage depression

'LEVEN CENT COTTON (FOW3) (RUS)

1929 (OCT 29) Stock Market Crash "officially" begins the Great Depression

I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE RICH (II1N5)

1931 (MAR 3) "The Star Spangled Banner" is made the official national anthem of the USA

TO ANACREON IN HEAVEN (LAW) MACN2

STAR SPANDELED BANNER (LAW)

1932 Depression in full swing. Monthly wages are 60% of 1929 levels; 5,000 banks failed and closed to date; 13,000,000 unemployed. Roosevelt elected in landslide.

SOU4 SONG (FOW3) (RUS)

BROTHER, CAN YOU SPARE A DIME? (SO130:1 (WHIT)

WAYS OF MARBLE(SEG3)

Exploitation of labor, need to organize: WINSBORO COTTON-MILL BLUES (FOW3) (SOREP1)

COTTON-MILL GIRLS (WEN)

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON? (RUS)(SEG3)

(SO120:5)

UNION MAID (FOW3)(SEG3) (WEN)

SIXTEEN TONS (SO13:3)

STEP BY STEP (SEG6)

DOWN, DOWN, DOWN (L.C.ALBUM XVI)

Homelessness becomes a way of life

GOIN' DOWN THIS ROAD FEELIN' BAD (FOW3) (FSICvii:1)

WANDERIN' (FSICvii:1) (SAN)

I WALK THE ROAD AGAIN (CAZ1)

TAKE MY TRUE LOVE BY THE HAND ("TIMES A-GETTIN' HARD") (RUS) (SCO)

HALLELUJAH I'M A BUM (LAW) (SO128:5)

1933 First of the great dust storms hits South Dakota.

1935 Dust Storms continue; altogether, 40 million acres of good farmland Are blown away.

(Apr 7) DUST STORM DISASTER (GUTH)

DO-RE-MI (GUTHRIE) (GUTH) (RUS) (SOREP1)

TOM JOB (DOW) (GUTH)

TALKIN' DUSTBOWL (GUTH) (SOREP2)

SO LONG, IT'S BEEN GOOD TO KNOW YOU (GUTH) (RUS) (SCO)

IMMIGRATION

1970-Beginning of large-scale German immigration into PA, the "Pennsylvania Dutch."

O TANNENBAUM (EHR)

HOLL' IN MY BUCKET (KORS) (SO126:2)

WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THIS LAND (SCO) (SOREP1)

1783-German Mennonites settle Germantown, near Philadelphia. (Sec 1710.)

1714-Beginning of heavy migration into PA of the "Scots-Irish", actually Protestant Scots who had lived in northern Ireland. Here, they began moving southward through the Valley of Virginia, to find the Southern Appalachian mountain culture:

BARNYARD SONG (HIN6) (LOM1)

THE SORROW (SOREP1)

LORD BATEMAN (BRO)

SEVEN JOYS OF MARY (RUS)

1718-New Orleans founded

FAIS DO-DO (WHITF)

1830-1848 - political disturbances in southwest Germany and the Rhineland leads to increased immigration of German intellectuals into the U.S.

DIE GEDANKEN SIND FREI (FSICvii:1)

(MACN3) (RUS)

1847 - "Potato Famine" in Ireland reaches worst point; Irish emigration to U.S. is tripled.

FAMINE SONG (MACN3)

DRILL, YE TARRIERS, DRILL (SO130:3)

SHE SAID THE SAME TO ME (SAN)

NO IRISH NEED APPLY (GREE) (SCO)

PADDY ON THE RAILWAY (FSICvii:1) (RUS)

PADDY'S NOT AT WORK TODAY ("THE SICK NOTE") (RUS) (SO130:3)

1852-Ole Bull loses money in an attempt to form a Norwegian community in Pennsylvania.

OLEANNA (SCO) (SOREP1)

1880 Increased multi-ethnic immigration into California, including the Japanese

SHO JO JI (BER)

1885 The "New Immigration" gets under way -- largely Jews escaping Russian persecution

BULBES (RUB)

INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION and TRANSPORT

1771-1st Spinning Mill established in Derbyshire, England

FOUR-LOOM WEAVER (SEG4)

POVERTY KNOCK (WALK-J2)

1818 (July 4) - Construction begins on Erie Canal, running between Albany and Buffalo, NY. Completed in 1825.

THE ERIE CANAL (FOR) (RUS) (SOREP1)

THE E-RI-E (FOR) (SCO)

THE RAGING CANAWL (SAN)

1821 (May 5) - Napoleon Bonaparte dies on St. Helena

OLD BONEY ON ST. HELENA (WARN4) (WARN5)
1821: Under Mexican grant, Moses Austin settles 300 families in the Mexican territory, Texas.

1825: Texas opened to settlement by U.S. citizens.

1830-1860: Rise and decline of the railroads.

1833: New York City installs first horse-cars.

1835: Charles Bigelow, black inventor of NY, makes a shoe-pegging machine.

1838: John Henry, black inventor of NY, makes a shoe-pegging machine.

1840: Half of all U.S. shipping is on the Mississippi River; more than 3,000 ships and smaller craft.

1845: Transcontinental railway completed at Promontory Point, Utah.

1873: Expansion of railroads: tunnels, etc., in Virginia; mechanical devices begin to replace workers.

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The MARITIME EXPERIENCE

1711: 1st sperm whale taken by Nantucket whaling boat.

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1843-1860: Era of the Clipper Ships; rise of the U.S. as a maritime power.

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SOLIDARITY FOREVER (9ALT) (FOW3) (GREE)

POPULAR WOBBLY ("THEY GO WILD OVER ME") (KORN) (SEG3)

PREACHER AND THE SLAVE, THE ("PIE IN THE SKY") (ALT) (FOW3) (KORN) (MACN1)

DUMP THE BOSSES OFF YOUR BACK (KORN)

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COME DOWN YOU ROSES (BOARD)
BLOW THE MAN DOWN (HUG) (LC AAFS 1.27) (WALK-J1)
GOLDEN VANITY ("GREEN WILLOW TREE") (FSICi:2) (HUG) (MACN3) (SO! 12:5) (WARN5)
THE JAMESTOWN HOMeward BOUND (WARN5)
LEAVE HER, JOHNNY (FSICi:1:1) (HUG) (SCO)
MERRY GOLDEN TREE (GOLDEN VANITY) (RITCI:2)
OFF TO SEA ONCE MORE (FSICi:2) (HUG) (WALK-J1)
PADDY DOYLE (HUG) (LC AAFS 1.26)
PADDY LAY BACK (HUG) (LC AAFS 1.26) (WALK-J1)
RIO GRANDE (HUG) (SOREP1)
ROLLING HOME (HUG) (LC AAFS 1.27)
SHAMAN'S HYMN (BOARD)
SHENANDOAH (FSICi:2) (HUG) (SO!3:3-4)
STRIKE, STRIKE, THE BELLS (HUG) (WALK-J1)
I'S THE B'Y (SO!7:2)
MRS. MCDONALD'S LAMENT (BOK1) (BOK2)
SOLAFARING MEN (GRAY1)
SQUID-JIGGIN' GROUND (SOREP1)
WHERE THE COHO FLASH SHINER (COME 9:4)

1874 Scammon's "Marine Mammals of the Northwestern Coast of North America" predicts the demise of the gray whale
WHALER'S TALE, A (GRAY1)
SONG OF THE WORLD'S LAST WHALE: (MORS)

NATIVE AMERICANS

1492 Columbus "discovers" American but the Indians are already here.
FOURTEEN NINETY-TWO (SCHI)
1610 Indians are an important part of our history.
MY LITTLE MOHEE (LOM1)
IROQUOIS LULLABY (FOW1)
CHIPPEWA OWL SONG (HOM)
LAKOTA LULLABY (UCK2)
AS LONG AS THE GRASS SHALL GROW (SCO)

1758-1830 Red Jacket (Sagoyawatha), Seneca orator
AS LONG AS THE GRASS SHALL GROW (SCO)
CHIPPEWA HOOT-OWL LULLABY (HOM)
THE LAND KNOWS YOU'RE THERE (CARA1) (HANKS) (PIT)

1830 (May 28) Congress Passes The Indian Removal Act, allowing for forcible removal of Indians for resettlement west of the Mississippi.
AS LONG AS THE GRASS SHALL GROW (SCO)

1832 (Apr 6-Aug 2) Black Hawk War: Chief Black Hawk leads his starving dispossessed Sauks back across the Mississippi into Illinois. Young Abe Lincoln is in the militia fighting Black Hawk.

ROCK RIVER VALLEY (TII)
1838 Cherokees and other tribes forced to move from Georgia to Indian Territory: 4,000 die on "The Trail of Tears".
RIVERS OF TIME (SCO)
TRAIL OF TEARS, THE (CARA2)

1876 Battle of the Little Big Horn: "Custer's Last Stand"
SIoux INDIANS (LING) (WARN5)
DREARY BLACK HILLS (LING)
1924 Congress bestows US citizenship on native-born American Indians.

RELIGIOUS FERMENT

1734—Beginning of The Great Awakening (For other dates related to American religious history, see 1635, 1636, 1637)
WONDROUS LOVE (BON) (DOW) (OSH) (SO!16:1)
AMAZING GRACE (OSH) (RUS)
GREEN FIELDS (WALK)
PROMISED LAND (BON) (DOW) (LOM4)
(WALK)

1738—George Whitefield, Evangelist, arrives in America
O LOVELY APPEARANCE OF DEATH (LOM3)
Rise of "Play-parties" as an answer to religious strictures against dancing
OLD JOE CLARK (FSIC v3.1) (HIN4)
(SOREP1)
SKIP TO MY LOU (RUS) (FSIC iV:2)
GO IN THE WILDERNESS (ALLE)

1776—Shakers settle near ALBANY, NY
MORI LOVE (AND) (RUS)
SIMPLE GIFTS (AND) (FSICiv3.2) (RUS) (SCO)

1846-15,000 Mormons, led by Brigham Young, begin to migrate westward
THE HANDCARTS (LC AAFS L30) (LING)
MOUNTAIN HOME (HIN10)
ST. GEORGE (LC AAFS L30) (LING)
TITITY-I-REL-AY (LC AAFS L30) (LING)

1858—Widespread religious revival in New York, camp meetings become common.
EVERYBODY'S WELCOME (DOW)
WONDROUS LOVE (CHAS) (OSH)
ROCKY ROAD (OSH)
ONLY REMEMBERED (RAN)
SHIP OF ZION (OSH)
BRIGHT MORNING STARS (SOREP2)
ROYAL TELEPHONE (RUS)

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TURN YOUR RADIO ON (RUS)
THE GREAT ATOMIC POWER (SO!27:3)

SINCE WORLD WAR II
1945 (Oct 24) United Nations founded
UNITED NATIONS MAKE A CHAIN (SIL3)
UNITED NATIONS (WHIT)
STRANGEST DREAM (RUS) (SCO)
1947 Plane Crash at Los Gatos Canyon kills 32 Mexican
"deportees."
DEPORTEES (RUS)(SEG3) (SOREP1)
1950 (Jun 29) Pres. Truman orders US troops into South
Korea.
1953 (Jul 7) Armistice ends Korean action.
1962 US troops in Vietnam ordered to return fire
I FEEL LIKE I'M FIXIN' TO DIE RAG (SOREP2)
1967 (Feb 20) John Glenn is first American in orbit
FROM WAY UP HERE (MORS) (SEG6) (SO!13:1)
ANDORRA (SEG6)
1963 (Nov 22) Pres. Kennedy assassinated
I SAW MY COUNTRY'S FLAG GO DOWN (SCO)
1969 Vietnam War continues; students protest increase
(Aug 15-18). Woodstock (NY) Music and Art Fair
attracts 35,000 young people.
I FEEL LIKE I'M FIXIN' TO DIE RAG (SOREP2)
Pres. Nixon announces troop withdrawal, but war
continues
1971 26th Amendment lowers American voting age from 21
to 18
1973 (Jan 22) Peace agreement ends Vietnamese War.
1973 Military draft ends; US forces become all voluntary.
1979 Three-Mile Island nuclear problems near Middletown,
PA.
1980 National Herb Garden opens in Washington, DC, with
7,000 plants in several gardens.
GARDEN SONG, THE ("TNC11 BY INC1") (RUS)
(SO!26:8)

WAR OF 1812
1812-1815 War of 1812
YE PARLIAMENT OF ENGLAND (written 1814)
(SIL1)
1812 (Aug 12) USS Constitution (Capt. Isaac Hull) defeats
the British Guerriere (Capt. Dacres)
CONSTITUTION AND GUERRIERE (ALLI)
(LAW) (SCOT) (SIL1)
11111'S VICTORY (fiddlr tune) (BROD)
(LC: AAFL L62)
1813 (JUNE1) British Shannon defeats American
Chesapeake
CHESAPEAKE AND SHANNON (FOW1)
PERRY'S VICTORY (LAW)
PERRY'S VICTORY (fiddle tune) (LC: AAFL L62)
1814- British bombard Fort McHenry (Baltimore, MD) but
do not capture it.
STAR-SPANGLED BANNER (LAW)
1815 (Jan 8) - Battle of New Orleans
8th OF JANUARY (fiddle tune) (BROD)
BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS (DR13) (RUS)
(SO!9:1) (SOREP2)
HUNTERS OF KENTUCKY (FSJcivii:2) (LAW)
(SAN) (SCOT) (SOREP2)
JOHNNY BULL, MY JO JOHN (DOL) (FSJcivii2)
(SCOT)
RAZORBACk STEAK (DRI3)

WESTWARD EXPANSION
1750: Dr. Thomas Walker opens Cumberland Gap as a way
to Kentucky; becomes focus of THE Wilderness Road
CUMBERLAND GAP (CARM) (LOM1) (SIL2)
1809 Illinois Territory formed from part of Indiana Territory
EL-A-NOY (CARM) (FSJcivii:2) (SAN) (THI)
1830 - Westward movements at a high point.
WILL YOU GO OUT WEST? (CAZI)
TO THE WEST! (CARM) (FSJcivii:1) (MACN3)
WISCONSIN IMMIGRANT (FSJcivii:1) (MACN3)
1835 (Nov 24) - Texas Rangers organized
THE TEXAS RANGERS (LING) (WARN)
MUSTANG GRAY (LING)
1836 (Mar 2) - Texas declares independence from Mexico
1836 (Apr 21) - Gen. Santa Ana defeated; Battle of San
Jacinto
COME TO THE BOWER (CARM) (HIN2)
SANTY ANO (IIUG)
1836 (Jun 15) Arkansas becomes the 25th state
ARKANSAS TRAVELER (SO!33:4)
THE STATE OF ARKANSAS (SOREP1)
1846 (May 13) - US declares war on Mexico
BUCK AND GAG HIM (DOL) (MACN3)
TAYLOR, THE FINE OLD SOUTHERN
GENTLEMAN (DOL)
GREEN GROW THE LILACS (SOREP1)
1848 (Mar 10) Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo ends Mexican
War;
WE ARE COMING HOME (DOL)
1850 - Rising interest in western public lands
UNCLE SAM'S FARM (FSJcivii:2)
1850 - Settlement increases in Washington Territory
ACRES OF CLAMS (SCO) (RUS)
1889 (APR 22) Non-Indian lands in Oklahoma opened to
white settlers.
AS LONG AS THE GRASS SHALL GROW (SCO)
1854-57 2,000 New Englanders migrate to Kansas
Territory to increase support for its admission as a Free
State.
THE KANSAS EMIGRANT (LING)
1862 (May 30) Congress passes a new Land Act
LANE COUNTY ("BENT COUNTY") BACHELOR
("STARVING TO DEATH ON A GOVERN-
MENT CLAIM") (LC AAFS L30) (HIN5)
(LING) (SAN)

1870 Joseph McCoy establishes stockyard at the railhead in
Abilene, Kansas; beginning of the legendary Cowboy.

WINDY BILL (LING) (TOR)
OLD CHISHOLM TRAIL, THE (LING) (TOR)
CROOKED TRAIL TO HOLBROOK (TOR)
TRAIL TO MEXICO (LING)
TENDERFOOT, THE (LING)
GOODBYE OLD PAINT (LING)
GIT ALONG, LITTLE DOGIES (LING)
OLD COWBOY, THE (LING)
GOODNIGHT-LOVING TRAIL (RUS) (SCO)
HELL IN TEXAS (LING) (TOR)
NIGHT-HERDING SONG (LING)

1870 Peak of the Great Plains settlement

RIDE: BUFFALO SOLDIERS, RIDE (RUCK1)
DAKOTA LAND (LING) (SCO)
LITTLE OLD SOD SHANTY.. (FSICv1:2) (LING)
WINDMILL (GRAY) (2)
LANE COUNTY ("BENT COUNTY") BACHELOR
("STARVING TO DEATH ON A GOVERN-
MENT CLAIM") (LC AAFS L30) (HIN5)
(LING) (SAN)

1870 - Lumbering industry shifts to Great Lakes area
CANADAY-I-O (FOW) (LOM1)
LITTLE BROWN BULLS (FSICv1:2)
LST JIMMY WHALEN (LOM2) (THI)

1873-4: Extirpation of the buffalo (plains bison) nearly
accomplished in the west.
BUFFALO SKINNERS, THE (LING) (SOREP1)

WORLD WAR I

1914 World War I begins in Europe.
PEACE: HYMN (SO) (30:2)
I DIDN'T RAISE MY BOY TO BE A SOLDIER
(CAR1)

1917 (Apr 6) US enters World War I
OVER THERE! (DOL) (WHIT)
WHERE THEY WERE (DOL) (WHIT)
PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES (SCOT)
ROUND HER NECK SHE WEARS A YELLOW
RIBBON (WHIT)
BIG BASS DRUM (HIN2)
K-K-K-K-P (DOL)
CHRISTMAS IN THE TRENCHES (McCut)

WORLD WAR II

1940 - Defense appropriations of $4.26 billion (for 50,000
airplanes per year) decreases unemployment.
ROSIE: THE RIVETER (SCO)

1941 (Dec 7) Attack on Pearl Harbor, US declares war of
Japan; Germany & Italy declare war on US, which
recognizes that a "state of war" exists with those Axis
nations.

1942 - War in the South Pacific
RODGER YOUNG
ON A WING AND A PRAYER (SCO)

1945 Germany surrenders
(Aug 6) US drops atom bomb on Hiroshima and 2
days later on Nagasaki, Japan surrenders. American war
casualties: 292,000 killed or missing, 613,000
wounded.

ENOLA GAY (SCO)
OLD MAN ATOM (HIN7)
DEAD LITTLE GIRL OF HIROSHIMA (RUS)
(SEG6) (SOREP2)
LONESOME APE (by Jimmy Driftwood)

THE YOUNG REPUBLIC

1788 (June 21) US Constitution goes into effect SOMOS
EL BARCO (SO) (32:2)

1792 (Dec 15) - Bill of Rights goes into effect.

1793-94 The Whiskey Rebellion, Pennsylvania farmers
(and distillers) protesting the 1791 Whiskey Tax imposed
by the new federal government;
RUN, JOHNNY, RUN (DR12)

1799 - Quasi-war against France over commercial maritime
rights
TRUXTON'S VICTORY (BOARD) (LAW)

1800 - Jefferson's Presidential Campaign.
JEFFERSON AND LIBERTY (FSICvii:1) (LAW)
(SCOT) (SO) (5:4)

1803 - Lewis and Clark Expedition authorized by President
Jefferson.
ROLL ON, COLUMBIA (GUTHI) (RUS)

1805 - U.S. refuses to pay Barbary states for "protection"
against Mediterranean piracy, captures Dama, a pirate
stronghold, but piracy continues until 1815 (q.v.)
HIGH BARBARY (SO) (3:2) (SOREP1) (WARN4)
(WARN5)

1815 (May 10-Aug 5) Stephen Decatur finally forces the
Barbary States to stop molesting American ships in the
Caribbean;
HIGH BARBARY (SO) (3:2) (SOREP1) (WARN4)
(WARN5)

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