

PINAL COUNTY 1891 COURTHOUSE



DID YOU KNOW THESE HISTORICAL FACTS?

February 14, 1862 - Confederate President Jefferson proclaimed Arizona a Confederate Territory.

February 24, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln signed the congressional bill creating the Territory of Arizona.

March 20, 1880 - The Southern Pacific Railroad reaches Tucson. Over-enthusiastic Tucsonians send a telegram to the Pope Leo in the Vatican informing him of the great occasion. A response claiming to be from the Pope said he sends his benedictions and blessing but wonders "Where the hell is Tucson?"

March 27, 1883 - James Addison Reavis files a claim in the office of the Surveyor General in Tucson to the "Peralta Grant" which runs 235 miles east and west and 75 miles north and south - some 12 million acres of the richest lands, towns and mines in Arizona. He will become known as the notorious "Baron of Arizona."

April 26, 1890 - The Tombstone Epitaph published a story of two cowboys who claimed they came upon a "winged dragon," a snake-like bird with a head resembling an alligator and a 92 foot long body and a wing span of 160 feet.

June 1, 1888 - Joe Phyllis is shot and killed by Pete Gabriel in a gunfight over "politics" in a Florence saloon. The battle became known as the "Six-Gun Classic."

1910 - Colonel Charles W Harris, head of the Arizona National Guard, designed a flag for the Arizona Rifle Team when they attended the National Matches at Camp Perry. The flag which was adopted in 1917 as the Arizona state flag consists of 13 rays of red and weld-yellow on the top half, the colors of the flag of Spain, and represented the 13 original states. The red and yellow also symbolized Arizona's picturesque sunsets. The copper-colored star in the center, represents Arizona's copper-mining industry. The rest of the flag is colored blue, representing liberty.

February 14, 1912 - President William Howard Taft signed the proclamation making Arizona a state.

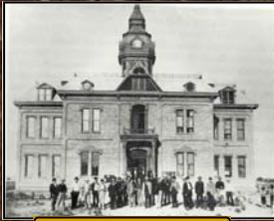
July 27, 1913 - the Phoenix Chief of Police decried the rise of women's skirt, claiming he would enforce a city ordinance that forbade a woman to expose more than 2 inches of ankle. The main issue wasn't the length of the hemline, but rather, the newest rage from Paris, the slit skirt. A local entertainer, Beatrice Gonzales, decided to call the chief's bluff. In the spirit of Lady Godiva she strolled down Washington Street in a dress that had a slit clear up to her knee. A crowd of anxious reporters and curious spectators gathered to watch but no arrests were made. News accounts reported the dress concealed more than it revealed.

February 17, 1917 - The Arizona Flag was adopted by the 3rd state legislature and passed into law without Governor Thomas Campbell's signature.

March 4, 1930 - Former President Calvin Coolidge dedicates dam on the Gila River named in his honor. Because of a long drought the "lake" behind it has no water. Humorist Will Rogers also a guest speaker quips, "if that was my lake I'd mow it."

June 21, 1967 - set the record set for Arizona's latest sunset (8:41) causing loud protests from restaurants. The following year the state legislature voted to opt out of Daylight Savings Time.

2001 -According to a poll conducted by the North American Vexillological Association the Arizona flag was identified as one of the "10 best flags on the continent", ranking 6th out of 72 North American flags for overall design quality.



1895 Courthouse



1930's Courthouse



1970's Courthouse

