

Civil War 150 Years ago May-December 1865

- May 2 A \$100,000 reward offered for the arrest of Jefferson Davis
- May 4 Surrender of Confederate General Richard Taylor's forces at Citronelle, Alabama



1865 Hand colored wood engraving titled, "Flight of President Jefferson Davis and His Ministers Over the Georgia Ridge, Five Days Before His Capture"

- May 10 Confederate President Jefferson Davis captured by U.S. troops at Irwinville, Georgia
- May 12 Skirmish at Palmito Ranch, Texas - the last engagement of the Civil War
- May 26 Surrender of Confederate Gen. E. K. Smith's Trans-Mississippi forces, New Orleans, LA
- May 29 President Andrew Johnson proclaims amnesty for most ex-Confederates
- June 23 General Stand Watie surrenders Confederate forces in the Indian Territory (OK)
- June 30 Eight Lincoln-assassination conspirators convicted in Washington, D.C.
- July 7 Conspirators in the assassination of Lincoln are executed

Nov 10 Henry Wirz was hanged. He was a Swiss-born Confederate officer. He is best known for his command of Camp Sumter, the Confederate prisoner-of-war camp near Andersonville, Georgia. He was tried and executed after the war for conspiracy and murder relating to his command of the camp.



Andersonville Prison Source mihp.org

Dec 18 The Thirteenth Amendment, abolishing slavery, becomes a part of the U.S. Constitution.

Amendment XIII

Section 1.

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.