

Political Milestones in Wisconsin 1700 - 1900

- 1763** **Lands which include Wisconsin ceded from France to England at Treaty of Paris.**
- 1783** **Land south of the Great Lakes and east of the Mississippi becomes part of the United States at the end of the Revolution.**
- 1800** **Wisconsin area is in Indian Territory**
- 1809** **Wisconsin area is in Illinois Territory**
- 1818** **Wisconsin area is in Michigan Territory**
- 1836** **Territory of Wisconsin established by the Congress of the United States.**
- 1839** **Six mile strip of a portion of the Wisconsin River opened for timber harvest.**
- 1840** **Six mile strip survey recorded. Title to land at present Biron site assigned to several men to build dam and sawmill.**
- 1846** **William Brawley authorized to build dam at Stevens Point.**
- 1848** **Wisconsin enters the Union as the 30th State on May 29.**
- 1854** **Francis X. Biron builds sawmill at Biron.**
- 1872** **Reuben C. Lyon authorized to build dam across main channel upstream of present Wisconsin Rapids dam.**
- 1885** **Marian Bensley and Welcome Hyde authorized to build dam upstream of present Wisconsin Rapids dam.**
- 1889** **Francis and Laura Biron authorized to build new dam at Biron.**
- 1889** **Whiting bros. & G. Russel authorized to build dam across the Wisconsin River at Whiting. (WRIV)**
- 1894** **Various mill and dam owners decide to "consolidate" the water powers at the "Grand Rapids".**