

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".