

Leif Ericson discovers Vinland

1000

Europeans Colonized the New World

1492

Founding of St. Augustine

1565

First assembly meets at
Jamestown. Enslaved People
first sold in Virginia.

1619

Coming of the Pilgrims in
the *Mayflower*.

1620

Secession of South Carolina; Start of Civil War

1860

Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation.

1863

Surrender of Lee at Appomattox; Civil War Ends

April/May 1865

Emancipation Proclaimed in Tallahassee, FL

May 20, 1865

Jim Crow Laws Enacted

1877

Bethune College Opened

1904

National Association for the
Advancement of Colored
People (NAACP) Founded

February 1909

American Beach
was Founded

1935

Brown v. Board of Education, a consolidation of five cases into one, is decided by the Supreme Court, effectively ending racial segregation in public schools.

May 17, 1954

Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama bus. Her defiant stance prompts a year-long Montgomery bus boycott.

December 1, 1955

Jacksonville Schools Integrated

1959*

1970

Nathan Bedford Forrest High School Opened

1959

Members of the Jacksonville
Youth Council NAACP sit-in at
segregated white lunch
counters in Downtown.
Jacksonville

August 1960

Ax Handle Saturday

August 27, 1960

Jacksonville NAACP Legal
Counsel Earl Johnson files suits
on behalf of seven black
parents and 14 children,
charging the Duval County
School Board with operating a
system of racially segregated
schools.

1960

Swim in at the Monson Motor Lodge

June 11, 1964

President Lyndon B.
Johnson signs the Civil Rights
Act of 1964 into law,
preventing employment
discrimination due to race,
color, sex, religion or national
origin.

July 2, 1964

Jim Crow Laws Repealed

1965

Forrest High School Renamed Westside High School

July 1, 2014

Jacksonville Removes Statue of Confederate Soldier from Hemming Park

June 9, 2020

The Statue was erected in 1898