

A Timeline for Our Meadow's Black Walnut Tree

This black walnut tree is estimated to be over 180 years old. The Montgomery Co. Parks Department plans to build a soccer field on its roots. Below are some of the historical events that it has lived through:

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| 1830 Indian Removal Act | 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia | 1917 U.S. enters World War I |
| 1831 Nat Turner's revolt | 1876 Battle of Little Bighorn | 1919 Treaty of Versailles ends World War I |
| 1831 Cyrus McCormick invents the reaper | 1876 Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone | 1927 Charles Lindbergh makes first trans-Atlantic flight |
| 1835 Alexis De Tocqueville's <i>Democracy in America</i> published | 1877 Nez Perce War | 1929 Great Depression begins |
| 1836 Battle of the Alamo, Battle of San Jacinto | 1879 Thomas Edison invents light bulb | 1932 Amelia Earhart flies across Atlantic Ocean |
| 1836 Samuel Colt invents revolver | 1880 U.S. population exceeds 50 million | 1934 Dust Bowl begins |
| 1837 Michigan becomes a state | 1881 Clara Barton creates Red Cross | 1941 U.S. enters World War II |
| 1838-1839 The Trail of Tears | 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act and European Restriction Act | 1945 Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki |
| 1841 John Quincy Adams argues the Amistad Case before the Supreme Court | 1883 Brooklyn Bridge opens | 1945 Japan surrenders, ending World War II |
| 1845 Florida and Texas become states | 1885 Washington monument completed | 1947 Jackie Robinson breaks color barrier in baseball |
| 1848 Wisconsin becomes a state | 1888 National Geographic Society founded | 1950 Senator Joseph McCarthy gains power, and McCarthyism begins |
| 1848 The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ends the Mexican-American War | 1889 Oklahoma Land Rush | 1950 Korean War begins |
| 1849 California Gold Rush begins | 1889 Johnstown flood in Pennsylvania | 1953 Armistice in Korea |
| 1857 <i>Dred Scott v. Sandford</i> declares that blacks are not citizens of the United States and cannot sue | 1889 Jane Addams founds Hull House | 1954 Cavalier Drive Co-op houses built (Northwood-Four Corners) |
| 1859 Harper's Ferry Raid (John Brown's Raid) | 1890 Yosemite National Park created | 1955 Rosa Parks incites Montgomery Bus Boycott |
| 1859 Darwin's <i>Origin of Species</i> published | 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre | 1955 AFL and CIO merge in largest U.S. labor union |
| 1860 Pony Express begins | | 1955 Jonas Salk develops polio vaccine |
| 1860 South Carolina secedes from the Union | | 1961 Vietnam War officially begins with 900 military advisors landing in Saigon |
| 1861 Abraham Lincoln becomes President | | 1962 John Glenn orbits the Earth, becoming the first American to do so |
| 1861 Confederate States of America (the Confederacy) established in Montgomery, Alabama | | 1963 March on Washington; Martin Luther King, Jr. "I have a dream" speech |
| 1861 American Civil War begins at Fort Sumter | | 1964 Great Society proposed |
| 1862 Gen. Robert E. Lee placed in command of the main Confederate army | 1890 National American Woman Suffrage Association founded | 1964 Civil Rights Act |
| 1862 Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation | 1892 Sierra Club founded | 1965 Voting Rights Act |
| 1863 Battle of Gettysburg | 1896 Hawaii annexed | 1965 Medicaid and Medicare enacted |
| 1865 Lee surrenders to Grant at Appomattox Court House | 1898 USS Maine explodes in Havana, Cuba, harbor, precipitating the Spanish-American War | 1965 Watts Riot; Detroit race riot (1967); "long hot summer" (1967) |
| 1865 Abraham Lincoln assassination | 1901 U.S. Steel founded by John Pierpont Morgan | 1968 Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated |
| 1865 13th Amendment passes, permanently outlawing slavery | 1903 Ford Motor Company formed | 1968 Presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy assassinated |
| 1866 Ku Klux Klan founded | 1903 First World Series | 1969 Neil Armstrong walks on the moon |
| 1869 The First Transcontinental Railroad is completed at Promontory Summit, Utah | 1903 The Wright brothers make their first powered flight in the Wright Flyer | 1970 Kent State shootings |
| 1872 Yellowstone National Park created | 1905 Industrial Workers of the World | 1970 Environmental Protection Agency created |
| | 1906 San Francisco earthquake | 1973 Skylab launched |
| | 1909 Robert Peary claims to have reached the North Pole | 1974 Richard Nixon resigns Presidency |
| | 1909 NAACP founded by W.E.B. Du Bois | 1979 Three Mile Island nuclear accident |
| | 1910 Boy Scouts of America chartered | 1990 Hubble Space Telescope launched |
| | 1912 RMS Titanic sinks | 1991 The Gulf War ends in the Middle East. |
| | | 2001 September 11 attacks |
| | | 2013 Tree roots wedged between a soccer field and a parking lot |

