



On October 31, 1864, Nevada became our 36th state, so a 150th birthday party is still going on (Nevada150.org).

How's this for history?

Congress usually required a population of 60,000 for statehood. Nevada had 40,000, but the Civil War was going on, Republicans controlled Congress, and—as anyone who has ever seen the rollicking 1940 Errol Flynn-Randolph Scott Western Virginia City knows—the Comstock Lode silver deposits were worth having.

Besides, Abe needed Nevada to pass that 13th Amendment and ban slavery. So Nevada's constitutional delegation sent the proposed state constitution—by telegram, at the time the longest ever—to Washington D.C. The bill on that wire? \$3,416.77.

During the Civil War there were 3 states that joined the Union, namely Kansas, West Virginia and Nevada.

There 17 Federal / Yankee Sates at the Beginning of the War

- California Connecticut
- Illinois Indiana
- Iowa
- Maine Michigan
- Minnesota
- New Hampshire New York
- New Jersey Ohio
- Oregon Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island Vermont
- Wisconsin

Kansas was the first state admitted to the Union during the war.

Later, West Virginia separated from Virginia and became part of the Federal States on June 20, 1863. Nevada also joined the Union during the war, becoming a state on October 31, 1864.

Border States: These states were actually southern states which did not declare their secession from the United States

Delaware
Kentucky*
Maryland
Missouri*

*In Kentucky and Missouri pro-secession factions declared for the South and those states were claimed by the Confederacy, but had both Union and Confederate state governments claiming power.

The election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860 was the final straw for many southerners. In all 11 states seceded from the Union. Four of these (Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Tennessee) did not secede until after the Battle of Fort Sumter that occurred on April 12, 1861.

South Carolina December 20, 1860

Mississippi January 9, 1861

Florida January 10, 1861

Alabama January 11, 1861

Georgia January 19, 1861

Louisiana January 26, 1861

Texas February 1, 1861

Virginia April 17, 1861

Arkansas May 6, 1861

North Carolina May 20, 1861

Tennessee June 8, 1861

The US Civil War lasted from 1861 to 1865 and led to over 618,000 casualties. Its causes can be traced back to tensions that formed early in the nation's history. Following are the top four causes that led to the "War Between the States."

1. Economic and social differences between the North and the South.
2. States versus federal rights.
3. Growth of the Abolition Movement.
4. The election of Abraham Lincoln with only 39% of the vote due to a 3 man race for office of President.

Slavery was not an issue for the north until 1863 when for Lincoln freed the slaves in the Confederacy (which he did not control) The slaves in the North were freed after the end of the War when the congress was controlled by the Radial Republicans and they amended the Constitution while they had the south under 10 years of Military Rule.