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1864 Confederate guerillas in Franklin County executed Union Major James Wilson and six enlisted men. They had been captured by the forces under Sterling Price at Pilot Knob, where the rebel effort to capture St. Louis was thwarted by the stiff Union resistance.

1867 Sacred Heart Church in Florissant was dedicated, blessed by Father Pierre DeSmet. The second church in Florissant, it was built by German settlers who were tired of having to attend services in French.

1875 The United States Supreme Court ruled in the case of Virginia Minor of St. Louis. It rejected her argument that the 14th amendment guaranteeing citizenship to all persons born or naturalized here gave women the right to vote. Chief Justice Morrison Waite said, "If the courts can consider any question settled, it is this one."

1890 Officer James Brady was shot to death outside Charles Starkes' saloon on 11th Street. William Harrison, an African-American, was charged with the murder. Starkes would confess that he had shot Brady, but the confession was not reported. Harrison was hanged from the "Bridge of Sighs" at the County Courthouse in Clayton in 1894. The folk song *Brady and Duncan* was written amid the racial tension that followed the trial. Bob Dylan, Leadbelly and others have performed the song.

1904 Cardinal pitcher Jack Taylor threw his 39th complete game of the season, a Major League record that still stands. Taylor would complete every game he started from June 20, 1901 to August 9, 1906, including two seasons with the Cardinals. That's 187 games in a row! He completed a 19-inning and an 18-inning game and once pitched both games of a doubleheader.

1908 William Howard Taft became the first presidential candidate to visit Clayton. He made an address before a cheering crowd in the courthouse square.

1918 As a deadly flu epidemic swept across the country, the city health commissioner Max Starkloff asked Mayor Kiel to close all schools, churches, theatres and saloons shut down in an attempt to halt the spread of the disease. The flu arrived here anyway, and killed at least 1700 people. But the toll was lower in St. Louis than in many cities, because of the order.

1925 The "Voice of St. Louis" Corporation announced that a site had been chosen for the broadcasting station and tower for their new radio station. A site was picked in the Ridgeview Subdivision, near Geyer and Manchester. The corporation planned a powerful station to represent civic and business interests in St. Louis.

1934 Things looked grim for the Cardinals after Detroit won Game Four of the World Series 10-4. Dizzy Dean refused to concede a double play and was conked in the head by

a throw as he went into second standing up. He was knocked out cold. Ol' Diz was rushed to St. John's Hospital for X-Rays, but was able to pitch the next day.

1943 Robert Cooper, the father of Cardinals pitcher Mort and catcher Walker Cooper, died at his home in Independence. Both players went ahead and played in game two of the world series that day, with Mort getting the 4-3 win.

1951 The Browns announced that Dizzy Dean was returning to St. Louis--as a broadcaster. He signed a deal with Falstaff to do the Browns radio broadcasts. His colorful mangling of the English language on-air would rankle St. Louis grammar teachers, who reportedly tried to have him fired.

1953 Carl Austin Hall was arrested at an apartment at 5316 Pershing. He led police to the apartment on Arsenal Street where Bonnie Heady was also arrested. Hall's spending spree had attracted the attention of a driver for Ace Cab, owned by mobster Joe Costello. Costello tipped officers Louis Shoulders and Elmer Dolan. The officers said they brought the \$600,00 ransom to the 11th District Station at 14 Newstead. But half of the money was never found. Shoulders and Dolan were convicted of perjury and the missing money probably ended up in Chicago, via Costello and St. Louis mob boss John Vitale.

1954 John O'Toole, executive director of the St. Louis Housing Authority, announced that the first units at the \$21.5 million Wendell Pruitt Housing Project were ready for tenants. He said progress in design made this project more livable with more individuality.

1967 Mayor Cervantes was in Washington, DC, testifying before the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. President Johnson created the commission, to find the causes of the rioting that had swept the major cities of the country--but not St. Louis. The mayor credited the calm here to his administration's recognition of the problems of the poor and to good Negro leadership.

1968 The Cardinals went up on the Tiger by three games to one in the 1968 World Series with a 10-1 win. Bob Gibson struck out ten as he gained his seventh straight World Series victory.

1970 County officials announced a gift of two million dollars for a playground and recreation center at a newly acquired park. The money provided by Mrs. Edgar M. Queeny and the Albert Greensfelder foundation would be used to build a center featuring an indoor ice rink.

1991 The Missouri Department of Natural Resources dedicated the Scott Joplin State Historic Site in St. Louis. Joplin and his bride, Belle Haden, lived in the home at 2658-A Morgan (now Delmar) in 1902. Eight of Joplin's best-known compositions, including "The Entertainer" were published that year.

2002 Eleven-year-old Shawn Hornbeck of Richwoods, Missouri disappeared while riding his bike. On January 12, 2007, Police found Shawn alive when they searched a Kirkwood apartment for a second kidnapped boy, Ben Ownby. Shawn's parents, Craig and Pam Akers, founded the Shawn Hornbeck Foundation, which helps in the search for other missing children and sponsors child fingerprinting programs.