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**1809** Bryan Mullanphy was born. His father John was the city's first millionaire and a great philanthropist. But Bryan was so generous his father considered him "reckless" and disinherited him. Bryan won a battle over the will, and used the money to found the Traveler's Aid Society, the St. Vincent DePaul Hospital and an immigrant home. He also donated land for Mullanphy Park. Bryan Mullanphy served as Mayor in 1847-48.

**1809** The first execution in St. Louis County took place. John Long Junior was hanged for the murder of his stepfather, John Gordon, formerly of Florissant. John Gordon once owned owned Taille de Noyer, the historic home that still stands in Florissant.

**1875** James Cash "J.C. Penney was born in Caldwell County, Missouri. Penney opened his "Golden Rule" store in 1902 in Kemmerer, Wyoming. By 1912, there were 22 stores, and they were re-named "J.C. Penney." When Penney died in 1971, his company was the second largest non-food retailer in the United States.

**1894** A big day for fans of the funnies. The *Post-Dispatch* became the first St. Louis paper to print the Sunday comics in color.

**1922** With the city in the grips of pennant fever, the Yankees came to town, just 1/2 game ahead of the Browns. In the ninth inning, Yank's outfielder Whitey Whitt was konked on the head by a pop bottle and knocked cold. The incident led to a total ban on bottles at the ballpark. The Brownies lost the game too.

**1924** "Sunny Jim" Bottomley of the Cardinals drove in 12 runs in a single game at Ebbetts Field. Wilbert Robinson, who set the previous record in 1892, was managing the Brooklyn team at the time and watched from the dugout. Bottomley smacked three singles, a double and two home runs as the Cardinals romped, 17-3. Mark Whiten of the Cardinals would tie the record in 1993.

**1931** The Cardinals clinched their second pennant in a row with a 6-3 win over the Phillies. The World Series would be a rematch of 1930, featuring the Cardinals and the Philadelphia A's. The Cards came out on top.

**1945** It was Marty Marion Day at Sportsmen's Park. The Cardinal shortstop was presented with the first Kenesaw Mountain Landis Award as the National League MVP for 1944. "Slats" Marion was the third Cardinal in a row to win the MVP Award. His fielding percentage in 1944 was .972.

**1952** The city of Clayton approved the construction of buildings more than five stories tall. By 1954, 16 new buildings had been authorized and six were under construction in the business district. By 1959, over \$14 million in new construction was underway in Clayton.

**1964** Mayor Tucker threw a switch to turn on the city's new one-million-dollar system of mercury vapor streetlights. The lights covered 81 one-blocks downtown. According to the mayor, St. Louis now had the best-lit downtown in the world.

**1964** The Board of Aldermen was discussing a bill to allow the city to loan \$500 thousand to the Bi-State Development Agency to buy and operate Parks Airport in Cahokia. The measure was aimed at giving the city a long-awaited second major airport.

**1964** Barry Goldwater spoke to seven thousand supporters at Kiel Auditorium. The Republican candidate for president emphasized his campaign platform of "peace through preparedness, progress through freedom and purpose through constitutional order."

**1966** The first section of the Innerbelt Expressway opened. Then known as Missouri Route 725, it ran from Highway 40 all the way to Ladue Road! It made it to Page in 1970. But the highway remained a dead end at Page until 1981.

**1970** The Bridgeton City Council granted a zoning change to Linclay Development Company for part of a proposed 15,000 acre industrial park west of the I-70/270 interchange. St. Louis County was still considering the environmental impact of the plans for "Earth City" on the Missouri River flood plain.

**1997** The Cardinals signed slugger Mark McGwire to a multi-year contract. That night, he went out and slugged a 517-foot home run off the left center field scoreboard. It was the longest homer ever measured at Busch Stadium.