

Summit County Historical Timeline									
4,800 B.C. - 1760 B.C.									
	Nomadic Ute Indians scale Vail Pass from the west - tools were found on Vail Pass by archeologists in 1975								
	(location of site used by Indians is now the I-70 rest area)								
2,500 B.C.									
	Skiing dated to have begun in Siberia								
1700									
	1747 - Norwegian Ski Troops established								
1800									
	1803 - Louisiana Purchase (Territory included area from Mississippi to Rocky Mountains)								
1810									
	1811 - Fur Trapping Begins (Trapping lasts 1810-1840)								
	1811 - A Missourian, Ezekiel Williams, leads 19 men to trap beaver in Colorado								
1830									
	1839 - First written record of a visit to Summit County by 18 men led by Thomas Jefferson Farnham								
1840									
	1841 - Norwegians introduce skiing in the U.S.								
	1842 - Summit County's first tourist, Rufus B. Sage (traveled through on December 12, 1842)								
	1843-44 - John C. Fremont "Pathfinder" leads a U.S. Government expedition through Summit County								
	with Kit Carson, William Gilpin and Thomas Fitzpatrick as guides								
	1848 - President James Polk acquires western portion of Colorado								
1850									
	1855 - Lord Gore's safari decimates thousands of Colorado game animals								
	1858 - Indian (named Fall Leaf) shows a Kansas man a pouch of nuggets								
	1859 - Colorado Gold Rush begins								
	1859 - Denverites scale the Continental Divide and enter into Blue River Valley								
	1859 - Summit County Gold Rush begins in Blue River Valley (August 10, 1859)								
1860									
	1860 - Abraham Lincoln elected president								
	1861 - Colorado Territory Formed								
	1862 - Federal Homestead Act enacted (May 1862)								

	1863 - Colorado Silver Rush in Montezuma Canyon begins								
	1863 - Tabeguache Treaty Negotiations								
1865									
	1865 - American Civil War Ends								
	1865 - Town of Montezuma founded								
	1866 - Dynamite invented								
	1866 - Victoria Mine opens								
	1868 - First hotel built in Montezuma								
	1869 - Skis used to transport mail from Montezuma to Breckenridge								
1870									
	1871 - The Great Chicago Fire (Oct.8-10, 1871)								
	1872 - Summit County's first stamp mill built in Montezuma (to crush silver ores)								
	1873 - Henry A. Recen arrives in Frisco and builds first cabin								
	1876 - U.S. Centennial Exposition held in Philadelphia								
	1878 - Silver boom begins in Summit County								
	1878 - Wheeler Flats opens a sawmill to supply Ten Mile Canyon camps (founded 1879)								
	1879 - Frisco "City" founded								
	1879 - First Hotel and Post Office opens in Frisco								
	1879 - Telephone lines built in Summit County								
	1879 - First Summit County newspaper est. <i>Summit County Times</i> (Kokomo - September 27, 1879)								
	1879 - Discovery of molybdenum on Bartlett Mountain, near Climax by Charles Senter								
	1879 - Loveland Pass opens (elevation 11,992')								
1880									
	1880 - Town of Frisco becomes incorporated								
	1880 - Breckenridge forms a fire department								
	1880 - First school built in Montezuma								
	1880-81 - The Denver & Rio Grande (D.& R. G.) train, the <i>Little Giant</i> arrives in the Ten Mile Canyon from Leadville via Fremont Pass								
	1881 - Town of Dillon built								
	1881- White River Ute Indians depart to a final encampment in Utah's Uintah Indian Reservation								
	1882 - Town of Wheeler destroyed by fire								
	1882 - Summit County homesteading begins								

	1882 - All Ute Indian Reservation land declared public land through an Act of Congress (July 28, 1882)								
	1882 - First Breckenridge school built (bell tower now found on Frisco Schoolhouse)								
	1882 - First Frisco school built								
	1882-83 - The Denver, South Park & Pacific (D.S.P.&P..) train and								
	the Denver & Rio Grande (D.& R. G.) train arrive in Summit County								
1883									
	1883 - <i>Summit County Journal</i> est. (currently still in circulation)								
	1884 - First school built in Dillon								
	1884 - President Theodore Roosevelt skis in the Dakota Badlands								
	1887 - John Thomas homesteads Bill's Ranch								
	1887 - Mines open in French Gulch and Country Boy near Breckenridge								
	1887 - Tom's Baby discovered on Farncomb Hill near Breckenridge								
	Colorado's largest gold nugget - 13lb. 7oz. (discovered July 23, 1887)								
	1889 - Town of Chihuahua destroyed to a forest fire in Peru Creek Valley (town est. 1879)								
1890									
	1891 - Summit County receives its first hearse								
	1892 - Electricity in Breckenridge								
	1892 - Silver prices plunge								
	1893 - Sherman Silver Purchase Act causes silver prices to crash nationwide								
	1898 - Electricity and Phone Service Established in Frisco								
	1898 - Klondike Gold Rush in Alaska begins								
	1898-1899 - Three month snow storm leaves 5'-20' of snow in Summit County								
	(snow fell almost continuously from November 27, 1898 through February 20, 1899)								
1900									
	1900 - Swanson Saloon built in Frisco next door to the school								
	1901- Swanson Saloon goes out of business and reopens as a school in 1902 (purchased by the school board)								
	1906 - The Great San Francisco Fire (April 21, 1906)								
	1909 - Breckenridge courthouse built								
1910									
	1911 - The D.&R.G. ends service through Blue River Valley								
	1912 - Titanic Sinks (April 26, 1912)								
	1913 - Electricity Cut Off in Frisco								

