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North Carolina Chronology, 1663–1790

1663	Charter from Charles II to the Eight Lords Proprietors.
1665	Concessions and Agreement.
1669	Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina.
1691	N.C. governed by separate deputy governor.
1712	North and South Carolina separated.
1729	North Carolina becomes a royal colony.
1770–71	Regulator Movement.
1771	
16 May	Battle of Alamance.
1776	
27 February	Battle of Moores Creek Bridge.
12 April	Fourth Provincial Congress recommends Halifax Resolves that calls for Congress to declare independence from Britain.
17 December	Fifth Provincial Congress drafts and adopts state declaration of rights.
18 December	Fifth Provincial Congress drafts and adopts state constitution.

1778

- 24 April General Assembly adopts Articles of Confederation.
- 21 July N.C. delegates to Congress sign engrossed Articles of Confederation.

1781

- 14 July General Assembly adopts Impost of 1781.

1783

- 17 May General Assembly repeals act approving Impost of 1781.
- 17 May General Assembly emits £100,000 in legal tender paper money.

1784

- 2 June General Assembly authorizes Congress to regulate foreign commerce.
- 2 June General Assembly cedes western lands to Congress.
- 2 June General Assembly adopts Impost of 1783.
- 20 November General Assembly repeals act ceding western lands to Congress.

1785

- 29 December General Assembly emits £100,000 in legal tender paper money.

1786

Commissioners to Annapolis Convention appointed by Governor and Council.

1787

- 6 January General Assembly appoints delegates to Constitutional Convention.
- 14 March Hugh Williamson appointed delegate to Constitutional Convention by the governor and Council.
- 16 April William Blount appointed delegate to Constitutional Convention by the governor and Council.
- 18 September N.C. delegates to the Constitutional Convention report to Gov. Caswell.
- 26 November *Bayard v. Singleton*.
- 5 December General Assembly reads U.S. Constitution.

- 6 December General Assembly calls state convention to meet at Hillsborough.
- 6 December General Assembly orders 1,500 copies of U.S. Constitution printed.
- 22 December General Assembly makes Treaty of Peace the law of the land.

1788

- 20 February Marcus I published in *Norfolk and Portsmouth Journal*.
- 28–29 March Election of delegates to Hillsborough Convention.
- 29 March Riot ending Dobbs County election.
- 14–15 July Second Dobbs County election.
- 21 July–4 August Hillsborough Convention meets.
- 2 August Convention resolves not to ratify Constitution without previous amendments.
- 4 August Hillsborough Convention adjourns.
- 12, 24 August President Samuel Johnston transmits Hillsborough Convention resolutions to Congress and state executives.
- August–November County petitions circulate calling for second ratifying convention.
- 21 November General Assembly calls second Convention to meet in Fayetteville.
- 24, 29 November General Assembly elects five delegates to second general convention of the states.

1789

- 21–22 August Election of delegates to Fayetteville Convention.
- 31 August Hugh Williamson: Memorial to Congress.
- 16–23 November Fayetteville Convention meets.
- 21 November Fayetteville Convention ratifies Constitution 194 to 77 and proposes amendments.
- 1 December Edenton celebration of North Carolina ratification.
- 11–12 December General Assembly cedes western lands to Congress.
- 12 December Wilmington celebration of North Carolina ratification.
- 16 December New Bern celebration of North Carolina ratification.
- 22 December General Assembly adopts amendments to U.S. Constitution proposed by Congress.

1790

11 January

President Washington transmits North Carolina ratification to Congress.

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