

Our 175th Year · 1833-2008

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST 1862-1863

*As we celebrate 175 years, we take a look
at our history and the world around us
through News-Sentinel archives.*

1862

◆ Battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg fought.

◆ Morrill Act signed into law; enabled the establishment of land-grant colleges.

◆ Summit City Club, city's first baseball club, organized.

◆ President Lincoln signs the Homestead Act.

1863

◆ President Lincoln delivers the Emancipation Proclamation and the Gettysburg Address.

◆ First regularly organized police force and labor unions in city.

◆ Corydon, Indiana, is invaded by

Confederate troops.

◆ Battles of Chancellorsville, Vicksburg, Chickamauga and Chattanooga fought.

◆ President Lincoln proclaims that in each November, the last Thursday will be a national holiday, Thanksgiving Day.

◆ Fort Wayne native Hugh McCulloch appointed comptroller of the currency of the United States.

◆ Battle of Gettysburg fought.

◆ West Virginia becomes the 35th state.

◆ Aveline House (a downtown hotel destroyed by fire) built.

◆ General Stonewall Jackson dies.

◆ Fort Wayne Fire Department buys a 500-pound bell after being criticized for their slow response time to a fire in a three-story building on Columbia Street.

◆ Roller skating becomes popular after James L. Plimpton's invention, the four-wheel skate.

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