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18 ~ The King repeals the Stamp Act.

June 1767

29 ~ Britain passes the Townsend Act, taxing glass, lead, paint, paper, and tea.

January 1770

17 ~ British soldiers tore down New York City's Liberty Pole, which had been erected, with the royal governor's consent, in 1766 in response to the repeal of the stamp act.

19 ~ Golden Hill, in New York City became the site of riots, lasting two days, protesting England's quartering acts. The riot resulted in an attack on British troops, and was led by Alexander McDougall, a principal member of the New York Sons of liberty.

March 1772

12 ~ Tryon County (named for New York colonial Governor William Tryon, later named Montgomery County) formed from Albany County.

May 1773

10 ~ Britain enacts the Tea Act, repealing many of the taxes of the Townshend Act, but still granting tea imported by the East India Tea Company a market advantage due to tariffs placed on others.

Sons of Liberty boycott, what they felt was the loyalist New York City newspaper, Rivington's Gazette. The publisher, James Rivington, was attempting to print both viewpoints of growing conflict in the Colonies.

April 1774

22 ~ "New York Tea Party." Disguised as Indians, the New York Sons of Liberty dumped tea in New York Harbor.

February 1775

2 ~ A subcommittee of the Congressional Association in New York City prevented the unloading of Glasgow, Scotland cargo from the ship James.

January 1776

19 ~ After several days of negotiations with General Philip Schuyler's whig forces, Kingsborough Patent (later Fulton County) loyalist Sir John Johnson surrendered arms to the 700 militia under Schuyler; and promised to abstain from further hostile activities.

24 ~ Colonel Henry Knox arrived in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with forty-three cannon and sixteen mortars captured at Ticonderoga.

January 1777

- 3 ~ The Continental Army, under General Washington, won the battle of Princeton, New Jersey, against 1200 British under Lieutenant Colonel Charles Mawhood.
- 7 ~ The Committee of Safety ordered that British prisoners of war be put to work on a chain across the Hudson River at Fort Montgomery to halt British ships.
- 15 ~ The New Hampshire Grants, claimed by New York and New Hampshire, declared their independence, as the "republic" of New Connecticut.

January 1778

The New York State legislature convened in Poughkeepsie at the Van Kleeck House. The Legislature acted to strengthen the powers of the state and to ratify the Articles of Confederation. Benedict Arnold released from an Albany hospital after having been wounded in the leg, at the battle of Saratoga.

28 ~ West Point occupied by the Continental Army from Fort Constitution.

April 1779

21 ~ Colonel Goose Van Schaick's 1st New York, accompanied by Continental Marinus Willett and John Cochran (who was the last medical director of the Continental army) of the 3rd New York, attacked the Onondaga Castle (near modern Syracuse). They burned fifty houses, killed twelve Onondagas, and took thirty-three prisoners.

February 1780

3 ~ 250 Americans, under Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Thompson, lost the Battle at Four Corners, in Westchester County, NY, to 600 British, Germans and Loyalists, under Colonel Norton.

July 1781

10 ~ Colonel Marinus Willett, and 150 American militiamen defeated 300 loyalists and militiamen under Colonel John Doxtader at the Battle of Sharon Springs.

April 1782

General George Washington made headquarters at Jonathan Hasbrouck's House in Newburgh.

May 1783

13 ~ Society of Cincinnati formed at Mount Gulian in Beacon, NY.