

## George Armstrong Custer Chronology

**1806** - Emanuel Custer born in Cryssoptown, Md.

**1807** - Maria Ward born in Burgettstown, Pa.

**1836** - Emanuel and Maria wed (second marriage for both)

**December 5, 1839** - George Armstrong Custer born in New Rumley, Oh.

**April 8, 1842** - Elizabeth Clift Bacon born in Monroe, Mi.

**1853** - George enter Alfred Stebbins' Young Men's Academy in Monroe

**1855** - George Returns to Harrison Co, Oh. to teach at Beech Point School

**1856** - George writes to Cong. John Bingham (Oh) asking for appointment to West Point. Since the 1856 candidate has already been selected, he will have to wait one year.

**1857** - George enters West Point

**1860** - Lincoln elected President and Southern States begin to secede

**April 12, 1861** - Confederate fire upon Fort Sumpter becomes the first engagement of the Civil War

**June 1861** - Custer graduates from West Point and in July is assigned to G Company of the Second U.S. Cavalry

**1862** - Elizabeth (Libbie) graduates from Boyd's Seminary in Monroe as valedictorian of her class

**June 29, 1863** - Custer promoted to rank of Brigadier General and to command Michigan Cavalry Brigade

**July 1 - 3, 1863** - Battle of Gettysburg

**February 9, 1864** - George A. Custer and Elizabeth C. Bacon wed at Presbyterian Church in Monroe, Mi.

**April 9, 1865** - Civil War ends as General Lee surrenders to General Grant at Appomattox Court House, Va.

**July 1866** - Custer receives his appointment as Lieutenant-Colonel of the newly

formed Seventh Cavalry

**1867** - Kidder Massacre

**November 27, 1868** - Battle of Washita

**March 1873** - Custer and the 7th Cavalry ordered to the Plains and stationed at Fort Abraham Lincoln in North Dakota

**June 1874** - Start of the Black Hills Expedition

**January 1876** - Start of the Sioux Campaign

**March 1876** - Custer testifies against William Belknap, Secretary of war under President Grant, involving the sale of post traderships

**May 2, 1876** - Custer ordered to remain in Chicago

**May 8, 1876** - President Grant withdraws objections and allows General Alfred Terry to order Custer to join Seventh Cavalry

**May 17, 1876** - Expedition leaves Fort Abraham Lincoln under command of General Terry

**June 10, 1876** - Major Marcus Reno and detachment of Seventh Cavalry discover fresh Indian trail heading for the Little Big Horn River

**June 17, 1876** - General Crook's troops attacked by a combined force of Sioux and Cheyenne on the upper Rosebud Creek.

**June 22, 1876** - Custer and men begin move south along Rosebud Creek

**June 24, 1876** - Custer, with more than 600 cavalrymen, 55 Indian scouts, and 20 others camp 25 miles east of the Little Big Horn. Sioux and Cheyenne from the Rosebud battle join tribesmen at the Little Big Horn Camp.

**June 25, 1876** - Battle of the Little Big Horn

**1877** - Custer's body exhumed from the battle site and reinterred at West Point

**1886** - The battle site becomes a National Cemetery

**June 4, 1910** - Custer statue "Sighting the Enemy" dedicated in Monroe

**April 4, 1933** - Elizabeth Bacon Custer dies and is buried beside George at West

Point

**1946** - Battle site is renamed Custer Battlefield National Monument

**1991** - Battle site is renamed Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument