

01/01/1566	Juan Pardo Spanish adventurer builds Fort San Juan near Morganton
01/01/1690	James Moore Secretary of Colony South Carolina explored these hills
01/01/1711	Tuscarora Indian War North Carolina lasts two years
01/01/1734	Bladen County, Old Fort is in Bladen County
01/01/1750	Anson County, Old Fort is in Anson County
01/01/1753	Rowan County Founded Old Fort is in Rowan County
04/01/1756	Fort Dobbs under construction
01/01/1760	Colonel Alexander OSBURN, who led a detachment of militia against the Cherokee Indians in 1760.
01/01/1763	British make treaty with Cherokee, Blue Ridge mountains are the border
01/01/1766	Fort Dobbs in ruins from neglect and non use.
01/01/1770	<b>Samuel Davidson purchased a boundary of land which included Old Fort area</b>
03/05/1770	Boston Massacre
12/01/1770	James Logan harvested a substantial amount of gold , took refuge in Pleasant Gardens Fort.
05/16/1771	Battle of Alamance, NC First battle fought against Britain.
12/16/1773	Boston Tea Party
04/19/1775	First shots of the Revolutionary War at Lexington and Concord, MA
05/20/1775	Mecklenburg NC Declaration of Independence
01/01/1776	Cathey's Fort built in Woodlawn, later renamed Wofford's Fort. The Cathey-Wofford-Greenlee House
01/01/1776	Josiah BRANDON entered service/ Capt. Samuel DAVIDSON at Davidson's Fort aka Upper Fort or Fort Royal
02/27/1776	Loyalists defeated at Moores Creek by NC Militia
04/12/1776	North Carolina assembly empowers delegates to vote for independence
06/01/1776	Robert Burchfield served at Davidson's Fort as a ranger under Maj William Davidson, Cpt Samuel Davidson
06/01/1776	Belfield Wood pention statement #W44992 Marched to Davidson's Fort and were driven out by Indians to Cathey
06/01/1776	Cpt Reuben White commanded a company of rangers at Davidson's Fort. Fort commanded by Cpt Samuel Davidson
06/20/1776	Cherokee attack across the divide into McDowell County area killing Whigs, Tories were safe
07/04/1776	Declaration of Independence
08/01/1776	<b>General Rutherford leads a band of 2,700 militiamen against Cherokee, bivouacking at Davidson's Fort</b>
10/12/1776	<b>Rutherford returns to Old Fort and marks his trail as Rutherford's Trace</b>
01/01/1777	<b>Josiah Brandon</b> helped build Fort Royal. Served under Cpt Davidson for three months.
01/01/1777	Burke county formed from Rowan County, Old Fort is now in Burke County
06/14/1777	Flag of the US consiting of 13 stars and 13 white and red stripes is mandated by Congress
01/01/1778	Josiah Brandon volunteered again under Cpt Sam Davidson at Old Fort
04/01/1779	Richard Ballew (Ballou) Service was at Davidson's Fort guarding against the incursions of the Cherokee
10/01/1779	Capt George Cunningham replaced Davidson at fort led scouting parties against the Cherokee
12/01/1779	Brandon joined Cpt Boykin in pursuit of Cp William Cunningham (British)
01/01/1780	Served in frontier forts, Morrison's, Cathey's, Moor's, Sam Davidson's, William Davidson's
03/01/1780	Brandon joins Major McDowell to move against the Cherokees
06/01/1780	Joseph Ballew served under Cpt James McFarland at Davidson's Fort.
06/20/1780	Battle of Ramsour's Mill, NC 500 militiamen under Maj Joseph McDowell defeat 1,000 Tories
07/21/1780	Battle of Colson's Mill, NC Tories defeated by patriots under Col William Lee Davidson
08/01/1780	English Col Patrick attacks settlers around Davidson's Fort. Susana Lytle confronts him and gets her hat stolen.
09/09/1780	Cornwallis invaded North Carolina

09/15/1780	Diary of Lieutenant Anthony Allaire, of Ferguson's Corps talks about Davidson's Fort and area
09/24/1780	Battle of Kings Mountain
10/07/1780	Josiah Brandon fighting with loyalist & father taken prisoner at Battle of Kings Mnt.
11/01/1780	John DAVIDSON and his family, were butchered in a most brutal and savage manner. In upper fort area
11/01/1780	Cpt Walker assembled men at Upper Fort to serve as spies and rangers against Indians
11/01/1780	Samuel Patton, served his three month tour guarding the upper forts of the Catawba Valley against Indians
01/01/1781	Cpt James Davidson, cousin to Samuel Davidson commanded Fort Charles, Wofford's and Davidson's Fort
01/17/1781	Battle of Cowpens
03/15/1781	Battle of Guilford Courthouse
04/01/1781	Philip Anthony stationed at Davidson's Fort on the Catawba as an Indian Spy served under Cpt D Smith
04/01/1781	John Davidson son of Maj William Davidson stationed at Upper Fort (Davidson's Fort) on the Catawba
05/10/1781	Captain Daniel Smith commands troops at Davidson's Fort. Jacob Shook serves also Samuel Patton
01/01/1782	Judge John D. Davidson Dies Old Fort
01/15/1782	British withdraw from North Carolina
07/1782	Stephen Ballew under Lt William Jones company stationed at Davidson's Fort on the Catawba frontier
04/11/1783	Congress declares end of the Revolutionary War
04/01/1784	<b><i>Samuel Davidson moved to present day Azalea, Indians kill him and wife flees back to Old Fort</i></b>
01/01/1785	Major William Davidson moves to Bee Tree Creek of the Swannanoa River
11/21/1788	North Carolina endorses the Constitution
01/01/1792	Buncombe County created
01/01/1793	Carson House built
01/01/1796	Inferior Court Minutes of Burke County refer the fort to as Samuel Davidson's Fort.
01/01/1800	Col Samuel Winslow Davidson son of Samuel's Twin Brother William living on plantation (Old Fort)
01/01/1832	Lt Samuel Patton cites history to Court of Pleas and Questions for pension benefits.
01/01/1840	Photography becomes available
01/01/1842	McDowell County Formed from Burke and Rutherford County. Old Fort is now in McDowell
01/01/1848	Congress officially recognized the Qualla Band as the Eastern Band of Cherokee
08/01/1849	Charles Lanman wrote Letters from the Alleghany Mountains
02/15/1855	Western North Carolina Railroad Chartered
01/01/1858	Dr Marcus Van Dyck introduced hydraulic mining
01/01/1858	3,000 miners work streams for gold
02/01/1859	Henry E. Colton takes a stage up to the headwaters of the Catawba writes Mountain Scenery
01/01/1860	<b><i>Railroad stops around Morganton because of war</i></b>
01/01/1861	The South Secedes from the Union
04/09/1865	Surrender at Appomattox Courthouse
01/01/1871	<b><i>2,200 acre plantation of George Samuel Franklin Davidson sold for \$30,000 to Catawba Vale Land Assoc</i></b>
01/01/1870	<b><i>Railroad reaches Old Fort</i></b>
01/25/1872	Catawba Vale Chartered
02/08/1872	Passed law to build turnpike from Catawba Vale to FairView in Buncome County
02/21/1873	Changed the word Catawba Vale to Old Fort by NC Legislature
01/01/1876	Henry Station three miles west of Old Fort transported stagecoach to and from Asheville

03/01/1879	Hotel built next to railroad by manmade geyser
01/01/187-	Rufus Morgan photographed area referers to Old Fort so time was 1873 to 1878 Point Tunnel just finished
03/01/1879	Swannanoa Tunnel completed
01/01/1880	Railroad reached Asheville
03/13/1885	Old Fort Joppa Lodge founded
1/1/1903	Hotel burns down/
1/1/1904	Union Tanning Company built plant in Old Fort
1/1/1905	Corbitt Buggy Company builds cars in Henderson, NC
1/1/1911	Geyser rebuilt and dedicated to Col A.B. Andrews
7/5/1916	Floods ravage area
7/14/1916	Second flood ravages area
1/1/1923	Col Adams builds Dam#1 below Catawba Falls
10/29/1929	The Great Depression Starts
1/1/1930	Lightning strikes burn Tanning plant to ground.
7/27/1930	Marie Nesbitt unveiled Arrowhead
9/11/1935	Blue Ridge Parkway construction starts
9/1/1939	WWII Starting
1/1/1962	I-40 started
8/8/1975	Final passenger run over the mountain made by railroad.
8/15/2003	Ground breaking ceremony Old Fort Depot
5/19/2004	Maj Wilson monument removed for cleaning & moving to depot
5/20/2005	Renovated depot opened
3/1/2006	Davidson's Fort Historic Park, Inc. founded 203 years later. Plans to rebuild fort