Civil War in Missouri Timeline

Prewar

1820 - Missouri Compromise
Aug 10, 1821 – Missouri admitted as 24th state (slave)
1846-57 – Dred and Harriet Scott vs. Sanford case
May 30, 1854 – Missouri Compromise repealed in the Kansas-Nebraska Act

1860

Aug 6 – Claiborne "Fox" Jackson elected Governor on Douglas Democrat (anti-secessionist) ticket

Nov 25 – Southwest Expedition leaves St. Louis

Dec 18 – Southwest Expedition returns to St. Louis

1861

Jan 1 – Last slave sale in St. Louis
Jan 3 – Governor Jackson inaugurated
Feb 28 – State Convention meets to decide Missouri's course in the war. They will eventually vote to keep Missouri in the Union.

Mar 4 – Lincoln is inaugurated.
Mar 13 – Lyon assumes command of troops at arsenal

Apr 12 – Fort Sumter is attacked

Apr 20 – State military captures arms at Liberty, Missouri. Arsenal; 1500 muskets and a few cannon

Apr 22 – Governor Jackson calls for statewide militia muster

May 6 – State Militia musters at Camp Jackson

May 10 – Camp Jackson Affair

May 21 – Harney-Price agreement

May 30 – Brigadier General Nathanial Lyon assumes command of Dept. of the West/Mo.
May 31 – McDowell's College searched and confiscated by Federal authorities it will be come Gratiot Street Prison.

Jun 11 – Planter's House Meeting between General Lyon and Governor Jackson, Lyon declares "This means war"
Jun 12 – Jackson and legislature flee the capital /Jackson calls for 50,000 troops
Jun 15 – Lyon captures Jefferson City
Jun 17 – Battle of Booneville

Jul 5 – Battle of Carthage
Jul 25 – Gen. Fremont arrives in St. Louis; assumes command of Dept. of Mo.

Aug 10 – Battle of Wilson's Creek; Gen. Lyon killed
Aug 14 – Martial Law declared in St. Louis by Gen. Fremont
Aug 30 – Fremont declares martial law in entire state of Mo.

Sept 5 – Fremont issues Order No. 159 establishing the Western Sanitary Commission

Oct 12 – Eads launches first of 14 ironclad gunboats, USS Carondelet
Oct 25 – 2nd battle at Springfield
Oct 28 – Neosho convention, secessionist Missouri government votes to join the confederacy.

Nov 28 – Mo admitted to the Confederate States, now recognized by both the Union and Confederate Governments.

Dec 12 – Gen. Hunter issues order of assessment upon wealthy citizens of St. Louis for feeding and clothing Union refugees

Dec 31- Marmaduke begins 1st raid into SE Mo.

1862

Apr 18 – Marmaduke begins 2nd raid into SE Mo.
Apr 26 – Battle of Cape Girardeau (McNeil v. Marmaduke)

Sept 24 – Gen. Curtis assumes command of Dept. of the Mo.
Sept 25 – Merrill executes 10 POWs at Macon

Oct 18 – McNeil executes 10 POWs at Palmyra
Oct 27 – Battle of Island Mound (Bates Co.), 1st known engagement of a Colored Regiment (1st Kansas Colored Volunteers) who fought against MSG recruits and guerillas

Dec 6 – Gov. Clairborne Jackson dies

1863

Mar –Secret Secessionist group the Order of American Knights (OAK) forms in Saint Louis

May 22 – War Dept. establishes bureau to oversee recruitment of black troops

Jul 1 – State Convention passes gradual emancipation bill to begin 1870

Aug 25 – Gen. Thomas Ewing issues Order No. 11 evacuating whole counties on Missouri's western border.

Nov 14 – Schofield issues Gen. Order 135 that authorized Provost Marshall's to recruit "all Negroes, free or slave" after the fall harvest ended.

1864

Jan 31 – Prov. Gov. Gamble dies

Feb 10 – Launching of USS Chickasaw results in disastrous accident

Apr 29 – Gen. Rosecrans issues Order No. 65, placing working men under martial law
        due to strikes at Excelsior Stove Works

May 17 – Sanitary Fair opens (opens to the public on 18th)

June 18 – Sanitary Fair closes

Sept 16 – Price's invasion begins
Sept – Battle at Pilot Knob

Sept 27 – Bill Anderson's massacre at Centralia

Oct 27 – Bill Anderson killed

Nov – Thomas C. Fletcher elected Gov.

1865

Jan 11 – State Convention passes Emancipation Proclamation Ordinance that replaces
        bill adopted in 1863

Feb - General Assembly ratifies 13th Amendment

Apr 8 – State Convention passes "Draconian Constitution" (named after Drake) with the
        "Iron-clad" test oath