



Firsts

- 1835 - First bag of airmail - lifted by a hot air balloon.
- 1849 - First city in the U.S. to hold a municipal song festival - Saengerfest.
- 1850 - First city in the U.S. to establish a Jewish hospital.
- 1850 - First city in the U.S. to publish greeting cards - Gibson Greeting Card Company.
- 1853 - First practical steam fire engine. First city to establish a municipal fire department and first firemen's pole.
- 1869 - First city to establish a weather bureau.
- 1869 - First professional baseball team - the Cincinnati Red Stockings, later known as the Cincinnati Reds.
- 1870 - First city in the U.S. to establish a municipal university - University of Cincinnati.
- 1870 - First city to hold annual industrial expositions.
- 1875 - First city to establish a Jewish theological college - Hebrew Union College.
- 1880 - First city in which a woman, Maria Longworth Nichols Storer, began and operated a large manufacturing operation - Rookwood Pottery.
- 1880 - First and only city to build and own a major railroad.
- 1902 - First concrete skyscraper built in the U.S. - the Ingalls Building.
- 1905 - Daniel Carter Beard founded the Sons of Daniel Boone, later known as the Boy Scouts of America.
- 1906 - First university to offer cooperative education - University of Cincinnati.
- 1935 - First night baseball game played under lights.
- 1952 - First heart-lung machine - makes open heart surgery possible. Developed at Children's Hospital Medical Center
- 1954 - First city to have a licensed Public television station - WCET TV.