

# 1890

## Historical Happenings

- January 23 Chicago, Illinois  
Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe train sets American speed record of 78.1 miles per hour.
- May 24 New York City  
George Francis Train completes around-the-world balloon trip, setting a record of 67 days, 13 hours, 3 minutes and 3 seconds.
- July 10 Washington, D.C.  
Wyoming has become the 44<sup>th</sup> state in the union, despite the objections of many Democrats. They claim Wyoming's population is so small, under 60,000.
- July 26 Lawrence, Massachusetts  
A Cyclone strikes the south-side tenement district, and within three minutes cuts a swath nearly a mile long; eight are killed, 28 injured.
- August 6 New York New York institutes use of electric chair  
New York State officials threw a switch and instituted a new type of capital punishment today – electrocution. William Kemmler, a convicted ax murderer, was strapped to the electric chair and even though hundred of volts were sent surging through his body, he survived and had to be shocked several times before he died. Electrocution is intended to be a humane alternative to hanging.
- September 29 Washington, D.C.  
In an effort to induce railroad construction, Congress decrees forfeiture of much undeveloped federal land to the railroads.
- New York City National Carbon Company markets first commercial dry cell battery under Ever Ready brand name.
- New York City Buffalo Bill brings 15 Georgian horseback riders from Russia to United States to join Wild West Show; they are the first Georgian immigrants to the United States.
- Washington, D.C. Population of U. S. swells to 63 million  
The American population has grown to 63 million, a 25 percent increase in just a decade, the 1890 census shows.
- Amherst, Massachusetts  
Emily Dickinson, a shy spinster, who died at the age of 56 in 1886, was a virtual recluse the last 25 years of her life. Now everyone – in Amherst and beyond – knows what kept her so busy: writing amazing poems, about 1,000 short lyrics in all.

# AGE CHART /GEORGE WADSWORTH'S FAMILY

YEAR	GEORGE W.	EMELINE M.	ELMER	ALVAH
1857	21			
1858	22	16		
1859	23	17		
1860	24	18		
1861	25	19		
1862	26	20		
1863	27	21	1	
1864	28	22	2	
1865	29	23	3	
1866	30	24	4	
1867	31	25	5	
1868	32	26	6	
1869	33	27	7	
1870	34	28	8	
1871	35	29	9	
1872	36	30	10	
1873	37	31	11	1
1874	38	32	12	2
1875	39	33	13	3
1876	40	34	14	4
1877	41	35	15	5
1878	42	36	16	6
1879	43	37	17	7
1880	44	38	18	8
1881	45	39	19	9
1882	46	40	20	10
1883	47	41	21	11
1884	48		22	12
1885	49		23	13
1886	50		24	14
1887	51		25	15
1888	52		26	16
1889	53		27	17
<b>1890</b>	<b>54</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>
1891	55		29	24
1892	56		30	25
1893	57		31	26
1894	58		32	27
	Died July 8, 1907 Pernicious Anemia		Died July 14, 1917 Pleuritis	

DIED OCT 12, 1882  
PHTHISIS  
41 YRS  
6 MOS.  
18 DAYS