

St. John's History

1800 ❖ 1850



English priest, The Rev. Edward Waylen, becomes rector of St. John's. Later publishes his memoirs, "Ecclesiastical Reminiscences of the United States."

An Aeolian organ is given to St. John's by the missionary organization of Grace Church, Philadelphia.



Repair and renovation to church building following the American Revolution.



First known written reference to the parish as the "Church of St. John the Baptist."



The Rev. Charles West Thomson becomes rector and revitalizes the parish.



Samuel Bacon founds the Sunday School movement in York County.

St John's bell retrieved from York County Court House and returned to the church.



1800 1804 1810 1812 1814 1817 1831 1835 1838 1841 1842 1844 1848 1849 1850

Lewis and Clark expedition begins.

War of 1812 starts.

Adams County formed from western part of York County.

Francis Scott Key writes "The Star-Spangled Banner" after British attack on Fort McHenry, Baltimore.



Phineas Davis builds the first successful coal-burning locomotive, at his shop in York.

Charles Dickens dines at the White Hall Hotel (later National House), corner of North Beaver and West Market Streets in York.



Samuel F. B. Morse invents the telegraph machine.

Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton hold first women's suffrage convention, in Seneca Falls, NY.