

HENRY CLAY CHRONOLOGY

- 1777 - Born: Hanover County, Virginia (April 12)
- 1781 - Father dies
- 1791 - Mother and stepfather move to Kentucky
- 1792 - Reads law with Virginia High Court Chancellor George Wythe
- 1796 - Studies law under Robert Brooke, Virginia Attorney General
- 1797 - Admitted to bar; moves to Kentucky
- 1799 - Marries Lucretia Hart
- 1803 - Elected to Kentucky state legislature
- 1805 - Law professor at Transylvania University; Purchases first 125 acres of what will become is 600 acre estate, Ashland.
- 1806 - Sent to U.S. Senate at age 29; purchased as part of a syndicate the Thoroughbred stallion, Buzzard.
- 1807 - Elected to Kentucky state legislature and Speaker of the House
- 1810 - Returns to U.S. Senate
- 1811 - Elected to U.S. House of Representatives and Speaker of the House (1811-1814)
- 1814 - Peace Commissioner at Treaty of Ghent to end the War of 1812
- 1815 - Again returns to the U. S. House of Representatives and again elected Speaker (1815-1821)
- 1816 - Presides at formation of American Colonization Society
- 1817 - Imported the first Hereford cattle into the United States.
- 1821 - Authors the second Missouri Compromise
- 1824 - Candidate for President, Appointed Secretary of State under John Quincy Adams (1825-1829)
- 1827 - Imported first Spanish and Maltese jack and jenny into United States
- 1828 - Rejects offer of appointment to Supreme Court
- 1829 - Returns to Lexington to farm and practice law
- 1830 - Established the Ashland Thoroughbred Stock Farm
- 1831 - Elected U.S. Senate; Clay purchased an interest in two Arabian horses, Stamboul and Kocklani.
- 1832 - Authors Compromise Tariff Act, nominated for Presidency
- 1836 - Elected President of American Colonization Society
- 1842 - Resigns as U.S. Senator; His son, John M. Clay, takes over operation of Ashland Stud
- 1844 - Nominated for Presidency against James K. Polk
- 1845 - Henry Clay acquired three very important horses that contributed greatly to the success and legacy of his farm:
Magnolia from Dr. William Mercer, Margaret Wood from Col. Wade Hampton, and Yorkshire from Commodore Charles W. Morgan.
- 1849 - Returns to U.S. Senate
- 1850 - Authors Compromise of 1850
- 1851 - Resigns from U.S. Senate
- 1852 - Dies in Washington D.C. (June 29); Buried in Lexington Cemetery