1832 Bangor & Old Town Railway Company chartered
and some minor work done
Bangor & Picataquis Canal & Railroad Co. chartered
1833 Bangor & Picataquis Canal & Railroad Co. chartered
1835 Calais Railway, some work done
1836 Kennebec & Portland Railroad Co. chartered
Bangor & Picataquis opened Bangor to Old Town
1837 Calais & Baring Railway Co. chartered
1838 Calais Railroad Co. (former Calais Railway) chartered
1839 Calais & Baring Railroad Co. (former Calais & Baring Railway) chartered
Calais Railroad Co. opened Calais to Salmon Falls (2 miles) using horses
1841 Calais Railroad abandoned
1845 Penobscot & Kennebec Railroad Co. chartered
Buckfield Branch Railroad Co. chartered
1848 Androscoggin Railroad Co. chartered
Somerset & Kennebec chartered
Androscoggin & Kennebec opened Danville Jt. to Lewiston
1849 Calais & Baring Railroad Co. chartered (former Calais, R.R.)
Androscoggin & Kennebec opened Lewiston to Waterville
Kennebec & Portland opened Yarmouth Junction to Bath
1850 European & North American Railway Co. chartered
Buckfield Branch opened Mechanic Falls to Buckfield
Kennebec & Portland opened Portland to Falmouth
1851 Kennebec & Portland opened Brunswick to Augusta
1852 Androscoggin opened Lebs Jt. to Livermore Falls Calais & Baring opened Salmon Falls to Baring
1853 Dexter & Newport Railroad Co. chartered
Penobscot & Kennebec opened Waterville to Fairfield
Somerset & Kennebec opened Augusta to Waterville
1854 Lewy's Island Railroad (Maine) chartered
Bangor & Picataquis Canal opened Old Town to Milford
Penobscot & Kennebec opened Fairfield to Pittsfield
1855 Bangor, Old Town & Milford Railroad Co. (former Bangor & Picataquis Canal) chartered
Buckfield Branch opened Buckfield to East Summer
Penobscot & Kennebec opened Pittsfield to Bangor
Somerset & Kennebec opened Waterville to Fairfield
1856 Maine Central Railroad Co. chartered
Lewy's Island opened Baring to New Brunswick border
Penobscot & Kennebec leased to Androscoggin & Kennebec
Somerset & Kennebec opened Fairfield to Skowhegan
1857 Portland & Oxford Central Railroad Co. chartered (former Buckfield Branch)
Lewy's Island opened New Brunswick border to Princeton
1859 Androscoggin opened Livermore Falls to West Farmington
1860 Somerset Railroad chartered
1861 Androscoggin opened Brunswick to Leeds Jt. and Groveport
1862 Portland & Kennebec Railroad Co. chartered (former Kennebec & Portland)
Maine Central Railroad Co. organized by consolidation of Androscoggin & Kennebec and Penobscot & Kennebec
1864 Essex County Railroad Co. (Vermont) chartered
Knox & Lincoln Railroad Co. chartered
Portland and Machias Steamboat Co. chartered
Portland & Kennebec leased Somerset & Kennebec
1865 Leeds & Farmington Railroad Co., a reorganization of the Androscoggin, operated between Leeds Jt. and West Farmington
1867 Portland, Bangor & Machias Steamboat Co. chartered (former Portland & Machias Steamboat Co.)
Portland & Ogdensburg Railroad Co. chartered
Portland & Oxford Central opened East Summer to Hartford
1888 Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railroad Co. chartered and ground broken at Belfast
Dexter & Newport opened Newport to Dexter
European & North American opened Bangor to Orono
1889 Maine Central leased Dexter & Newport
European & North American opened Orono to Pittsfield
European & North American opened Bangor, Old Town & Milford
1870 St. Croix & Penobscot (former Calais & Baring) chartered and acquired Lewy's Island
Maine Central leased Portland & Kennebec
Maine Central leased Somerset & Kennebec
Androscoggin opened West Farmington to Farmington
Bangor, Old Town & Milford line discontinued
Portland & Ogdensburg opened Burnham Jt. to Belfast
Maine Central opened Royal Jt. to Danville Jt.
Portland & Ogdensburg opened Portland to West Baldwin
Portland & Oxford Central opened Hartford to Canton
1871 Maine Central leased Androscoggin and Leeds & Farmington
Maine Central leased Belfast & Moosehead Lake
European & North American opened Mattawamkeag to Vancocoro
Knox & Lincoln opened Woolwich to Rockland Engine House and first used Bath-Woolwich Ferry
Maine Central opened Danville Jt. to Cumberland Jt.
Portland & Ogdensburg opened West Baldwin to North Conway, N. H.
1872 Essex County opened St. Johnsbury, Vt. to West Concord, Vt.
1873 Bucksport & Bangor Railroad Co. chartered
Portland & Ogdensburg opened N. Conway to upper Bartlett
1874 Rumford Falls & Buckfield Railroad Co. chartered (former Portland & Oxford Central)
Maine Central acquired Leeds & Farmington
Maine Central acquired Portland & Kennebec
Maine Central acquired Somerset & Kennebec
Bucksport & Bangor opened Bangor to Bucksport
Portland & Ogdensburg opened Bartlett to Bemis
Somerset opened Oakland to Madison
1875 Essex County opened West Concord, Vt. to Lunenburg, Vt.
Portland & Ogdensburg opened Crawford Notch to Lunenburg, Vt.
Somerset opened Madison to North Anson
1876 Knox & Lincoln opened Rockland engine house to depot
1879 Rumford Falls & Buckfield opened Canton to Gilbertville
1881 Maine Shore Line Railroad Co. chartered
1882 Coos Valley Railroad (Vt.) chartered
Eastern Maine Shore Line Railroad Co. chartered (former Portland, Bangor & Machias Steamboat Co.)
Maine Central leased British & North American
Maine Central became a major stockholder in the Portland, Bangor, Mt. Desert & Machias Steamboat Co.
1883 Somerset Railway chartered (former Somerset Railroad)
Upper Coos Railroad (N.H.) chartered
Maine Central leased Eastern Maine Shore Line
1884 Maine Central leased Maine Shore Line Railroad which opened Brewer Jt. to Mt. Desert Ferry
Maine Central began Bar Harbor Ferry operations
1886 Portland, Mt. Desert & Machias Steamboat Co. chartered (former Portland, Bangor, Mt. Desert & Machias Steamboat Co.)
Portland & Ogdensburg Railway (former Portland & Ogdensburg Railroad) chartered
Sebasticook & Moosehead Railroad Co. chartered and opened Pittsfield to Hartland
Dominion Lime Co. (Canada) chartered and opened Dudswell Jt., P. Q. to Lime Ridge, P. Q.
Portland Union Railway Station Co. chartered
Upper Coos (N.H.) opened North Stratford to West Stewartstown
1911 Portland Terminal Co. chartered (formerly Portland Union Railroad)
Maine Central acquired Androscoggin
Maine Central acquired Mount Kineo House
Maine Central acquired narrow gauge Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad
Sebascook & Moosehead merged with Maine Central
Somerset Railway merged with Maine Central
Washington County merged with Maine Central
1912 Maine Central acquired Dexter Hotel Company which owned SamOsset Hotel
Maine Central acquired narrow gauge Bridgton & Saco River
Maine Central acquired Essex County line
Maine Central opened line Mainstream to Harmony
Maine Central leased St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain Railroad extending from Lunenburg to St. Johnsbury.
Rangeley Lakes & Magentic opened West Kennebec to Kennebec
1914 Maine Central acquired Rangeley Lakes & Magentic
Control of Maine Central retained by Maine interests after period of control by Boston & Maine and Eastern and Maine Railways Company formed
1917 Government took control of all U. S. railroads
1920 Government continued Androsacquis leased
1923 Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes went into receivership
1925 Maine Central operation over Belfast & Moosehead Lake discontinued
Hereford lease to Maine Central terminated; line abandoned
The SamOsset Co. formed to run hotels, buses and trucks
1926 Maine Central turned over Belfast & Moosehead Lake to City of Belfast
1927 Bridgton & Saco River went into receivership and chartered as Bridgton & Harrison Railway Co.
Carlton Bridge across Kennebec completed and Maine Central ceased ferry operations
1931 Maine Central acquired Coos Valley
Maine Central acquired Upper Coos (N. H.)
Maine Central acquired Upper Coos (Vt.)
Maine Central discontinued its coastal steamer ferry service
1932 Maine Central Transportation Co. created to operate bus service (formerly The SamOsset Co.)
1933 Maine Central managed by Boston & Maine
Maine Central and Boston & Maine inaugurated regular air service between Boston and Bangor under name of Boston - Maine Airways, Inc.
Bingham to Kineo line discontinued
Oquossoc to Kennebec line discontinued
Woodland Jct. to Princeton line discontinued
1935 Maine Central acquired Eastern Maine
1936 Maine Central acquired Maine Shore Line
1938 Rumford to Oquossoc line discontinued
1938 Waukeag to Mt. Desert Ferry line discontinued
1939 Mount Kineo House razed by Maine Central
1939 Maine Central acquired Dexter & Newport
1940 Maine Central acquired Dexter & Piscataquis
1940 Boston - Maine Airways acquired by Atlas Corp.
1941 SamOsset sold by Maine Central
1942 Maine Central acquired Portland & Ogdensburg
Maine Central substantially reduced its ownership in Northeast Airlines
1946 Maine Central acquired Portland & Rumford Falls Railroad which included Portland and Rumford Falls Railway, Rumford Falls & Buckfield, Portland & Oxford Central, and Buckfield Branch
1948 Coos Jct. to North Stratford line discontinued; Maine Central began operation over Boston & Maine and Canadian National
1954 The 470, the last Maine Central passenger steam locomotive, made its final run
1955 Maine Central acquired European & North American
Maine Central acquired St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain Railroad
1960 Maine Central management completely separated from Boston & Maine
1956 Maine Central sold its interests in bus service to Greyhound Corporation
1960 Maine Central passenger service discontinued per order of Maine Supreme Court
1966 Hartland to Harmony line discontinued
1971 Shawmut to Skowhegan line discontinued
1974 Mattawamkeag to Vanceboro line sold to Canadian Pacific