

Timeline

The Great Seattle Fire

January 22, 1855

Treaty of Point Elliot grants area that is now Seattle to the United States

1861

United States Civil War begins

May 20, 1862

President Abraham Lincoln signs the Homestead Act of 1862, which provides all Americans, including freed slaves, with land grants in the west

1865

United States Civil War ends

1885

Grover Cleveland is elected President

1889

Benjamin Harrison is elected President

June 6, 1889

The Great Seattle Fire destroys all of downtown Seattle

November 11, 1889

Washington becomes a state

1892

Grover Cleveland is elected to a second term as President

1897

First shipment of gold from the north inspires gold rush in Seattle