

DeKalb County Timeline

1837-1930s

Year	United States	DeKalb County	Ellwood	Glidden	Haish
1830	Andrew Jackson signs Indian Removal Act into law				
1837	John Deere develops steel plow	Russell Huntley arrives in DeKalb, becoming the town's official founder			
<i>1840s</i>		DeKalb settled as a farming town			
1842				Joseph Glidden arrives in DeKalb and becomes a farmer	
1845	Phrase "Manifest Destiny" coined – the idea that US citizens had the right and duty to spread capitalism and democracy across the continent				
1847	Victory in the Mexican War leads to U.S. control of today's southwestern states				Marries Sophia Brown
1848	Gold Rush begins				
1849		Post office comes to DeKalb			
<i>1850s</i>		DeKalb's population grows DeKalb County harbors Underground Railroad			
1850	U.S. population is 23.1 million, including 3.2 million slaves and 1.7 million immigrants				
1851				Marries Lucinda Warne	
1852				Elected County Sheriff	
1853		Railroad comes to DeKalb DeKalb known as "DeKalb Center"			Jacob Haish arrives in DeKalb and becomes a carpenter/lumber dealer

1855			Isaac Ellwood moves to DeKalb and opens a hardware store		
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1859	John Brown and 21 followers seize the U.S. arsenal at Harper's Ferry, hoping to start a slave revolt. Brown captured and hung		Marries Harriet Miller		
<i>1860s</i>					
1860	Abraham Lincoln elected president South Carolina secedes				
1861	Confederate States of America formed Civil War begins			Builds brick home (today's Glidden Homestead)	
1863	Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation				
1865	Civil War ends Lincoln assassinated				
1869	First transcontinental railroad completed				
<i>1870s</i>		Industrialization begins in DeKalb			
1873		Henry Rose receives patent for early barbed wire idea Ellwood, Glidden, and Haish see Rose's design at DeKalb County Fair			
1874		Barbed wire factories opened in DeKalb, employees predominately foreign	Patents Ellwood Ribbon Wire Ellwood and Glidden become partners	Glidden invents "winner" version of barbed wire Ellwood and Glidden become partners	Haish invents a design similar to Glidden's

1875			Sends John W. Gates to Texas		Invents "S-Barb" wire
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1876	Bell invents the telephone Battle of Little Big Horn	Half of DeKalb's population are immigrants	Partners with Washburn and Moen after Glidden sells his share of company	Glidden sells his share of Glidden & Ellwood Company Opens Glidden House Hotel	Haish Opera House built
1879	Edison invents the lightbulb	Daily Chronicle established as the "DeKalb County Chronicle"	Ellwoods move into Ellwood Mansion	Founds Chronicle	
<i>1880s</i>					
1881	Clara Barton establishes American Red Cross	Gurler Brothers Creamery founded		Mayor of DeKalb	Builds factory in DeKalb
1883			Begins horse breeding business "Ellwood Green"	Founds the DeKalb National Bank	Builds Beehive Block
1884					Built mansion Founds Barb City Bank
1889	Jane Addams establishes Hull House in Chicago	Chronicle building erected	Buys Renderbrook Ranch in TX		
<i>1890s</i>					
1891		Electricity comes to DeKalb			
1892	Ellis Island opens Supreme Court rules in favor of Glidden over Haish for design of barbed wire				
1893	World's Columbian Exhibition held in Chicago Ford builds his first car				
1895		Illinois State Normal School founded (later NIU)	Spearheads establishment of NIU	Donates land and money for NIU Wife Lucinda dies	Donates money for library at NIU
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1898	U.S. goes to war with Spain over Cuban independence		Ellwood sells his barbed wire interests to American Steel and Wire		
1899			Ellwood-Nehring House completed		
<i>1900s</i>					
1900	U.S. population reaches 75.9 million in 45 states		Given title of Colonel Builds home in FL		
1901	President McKinley assassinated. Theodore Roosevelt sworn in				
1902		Glidden School opens			
1903	Henry Ford establishes Ford Motor Company Wright brothers achieve first flight	Haish School opens	Fully retires from barbed wire manufacturing		
1906		Haish Opera House burns down. Rebuilt same year Ellwood gets new post office built		Joseph Glidden dies	
1907		Ellwood School opens			
<i>1910s</i>					
1910			Isaac and Harriet Ellwood die 2 nd generation inherits and remodels mansion		Writes memoirs
1912	<i>Titanic</i> sinks	Nehring Electrical opens DeKalb County Farm Bureau established			
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1915	RMS <i>Lusitania</i> sunk by German torpedoes, killing American civilians				

1916					Fully retires
1917	U.S. declares war on Germany, enters WWI				
1918					Wife Sophia dies
1919	Treaty of Versailles ends WWI				
<i>1920s</i>	Industrial Revolution essentially ends in U.S. Factory production dominates industry. Half of population live in cities				
1922		Barb City Bank merges with 1 st National Bank			
1926					Jacob Haish dies
1927	Lindbergh makes first trans- Atlantic flight				
1929	Wall Street crashes Great Depression begins	Egyptian Theatre opens			
<i>1930s</i>					
1931		Haish Memorial Library opens			