

1811 Harriet Elisabeth Beecher (Harriet Beecher Stowe), daughter of Lyman Beecher and Roxanna Foote, is born in Litchfield, Connecticut, June 14

1824-31 Harriet Beecher studies and teaches at the Hartford Female Seminary, the school founded by her sisters Catharine and Mary

1832 Beecher family moves to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Lyman Beecher was appointed President of Lane Theological Seminary. Harriet Beecher Stowe gains knowledge of slavery and abolitionist movement

1833 Harriet Beecher Stowe travels to Kentucky and experiences the slave trade first hand.

1834 Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes first signed story, *A New England Sketch*

1835 Nov. 30-Samuel Langhorne Clemens is born in Florida, Missouri to John M. and Jane L. Clemens (5th surviving child). During his childhood his family owned slaves and he witnesses slavery firsthand

1847 John M. Clemens, Clemens' father, dies. Begins delivering papers and working as an errand boy for *Hannibal Gazette*, ending formal education at the age of 11(5th Grade)

1848 Sam Clemens works as a printer's apprentice for *Hannibal Courier*.

1848-49 Samuel Charles Stowe, her son, is born in January of 1848 and dies during a cholera epidemic in July of 1849. This loss serves to help Harriet Beecher Stowe identify with what slave mothers go through, the separation of mother child lends emotional power to *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

1850 Clemens works for brother Orion as reporter and printer at *Hannibal Journal*, runs paper when Orion away.

1850 The Fugitive Slave Act passes.

1851-52 *Uncle Tom's Cabin: or Life Among the Lowly* appears as a serial in the abolitionist newspaper *The National Era*, June 5, 1851 through April 1, 1852. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* is published in book form March 20, 1852. Over 300,000 copies of the book are sold in the first year.

1853 *A Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin* is published. Stowe, now recognized as a leader of the abolitionist movement, tours the British Isles and Europe at the invitation of the Glasgow Antislavery Society.

1859 Clemens earns steamboat pilot license. Works steadily as a river pilot on the Mississippi River between St. Louis and New Orleans.

1861 Clemens piloting career ends with closing of Mississippi River due to Civil War. He joins band of Confederate irregulars around Marion County for a few weeks

1861-1865 Civil War

1862 Stowe meets Abraham Lincoln at the White House. Lincoln is quoted as saying "So you're the little lady who wrote the book that started this Great War". *Uncle Tom's Cabin* has sold over 3 million copies

1863 Emancipation Proclamation is signed

1864 Harriet Beecher Stowe, husband Calvin and eldest daughters Hattie and Eliza move into Stowe's dream home *Oakholm* in the Nook Farm neighborhood of Hartford, CT

1868 Clemens visits Hartford, Connecticut to see publisher, The American Publishing Company. *Meets Harriet Beecher Stowe*

1869 Clemens meets Frederick Douglass

1870 Clemens marries Olivia Langdon in Elmira, New York, on February 2. Couple settles in Buffalo, New York

1871 Clemens moves family to Hartford, Connecticut, leases a home in Nook Farm neighborhood

1873 Clemens family buys property on Farmington Avenue

1873 The Stowes move into their new home on Forest Street in Hartford, Connecticut's Nook Farm neighborhood.

1874 Clemens family moves to new Hartford home

1876 Clemens starts to work on *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* as sequel to *Tom Sawyer*, but stops several months later

1882 Clemens travels down the Mississippi River to do research for *Life on the Mississippi*. Witnessing the failure of Reconstruction in the south, Twain returns to work on *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

1885 Publishes *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

1896 Harriet Beecher Stowe dies on July 1

1899 Clemens meets Booker T. Washington

1910 April 21-Samuel Clemens/Mark Twain dies at "Stormfield" at age 74