

The Life and Times of James F. Byrnes

Lee surrendered at Appomattox signalling an end to the Civil War.	1865	
Reconstruction ended.	1877	
	1879	James F. Byrnes born May 2 in Charleston, S.C.
Grover Cleveland inaugurated as President	1893	He left school at age 14 to work.
Spanish-American War	1898	
	1900	Byrnes worked as an official court reporter for the second circuit of S.C. until 1908.
First successful airplane flight	1903	Byrnes worked as the editor of the <u>Journal and Review</u> of Aiken, S.C. until 1907. He also studied law, was admitted to the bar, and commenced practice in Aiken.
	1906	He married Miss Maude Busch of Aiken on May 2.
First "Model T" Ford	1908	He served as solicitor for the second circuit of S.C. until 1910.
	1911	Byrnes was elected as a Democrat to the 62nd Congress and to the six succeeding Congresses, March 4, 1911-March 3, 1925.
The U.S. entered World War I.	1917	
World War I ended.	1918	
October Stock Market Crash signalled beginning of the Great Depression.	1929	
	1930	Byrnes resumed the practice of law in Spartanburg, S.C.
	1931	He served as U.S. Senator from March 4 until his resignation on July 8, 1941.
FDR's New Deal Policy began.	1933	
	1936	He was re-elected to the U.S. Senate.
U.S. entered World War II.	1941	Byrnes was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court and served as an Associate Justice until his resignation on October 3, 1942.
	1942	He headed the wartime Office of Economic Stabilization until May 27, 1943.
	1943	Byrnes became Director of the Office of War Mobilization and served until his resignation on April 2, 1945.
World War II ended.	1945	He was sworn in as Secretary of State on July 3 and served until his resignation in 1946 on January 21, after which he practiced law in Washington, D.C.
	1948	He established the James F. Byrnes Foundation.
Korean War began.	1950	Byrnes was elected Governor of S.C. and served from January 16, 1951, until January 19, 1955.
	1955	Byrnes retired and remained in Columbia, S.C. for the rest of his years.
First U.S. satellite	1958	His autobiography, <u>All in One Lifetime</u> , was published.
First American in space	1961	
Kennedy assassinated	1963	
Civil Rights Act passed.	1964	
Man walked on the moon.	1969	
	1972	James F. Byrnes died in Columbia on April 9 and was buried in Trinity Episcopal Church cemetery.