

Timeline Twister

Dig deeper into Oswego area history and untangle this tangled twist of time! The events in Oswego area history below have been jumbled – can you determine the correct date order in which they occurred? Use the time bank below and match the year to the event. If you need a hint, get stuck or want to really dig in to more history, visit the [Oswego Timeline](#) at the [Little White School Museum website](#) where there are many things to [Discover and Learn!](#)

- The U.S. Bureau of the Census names Oswego the second fastest growing community in the nation. Since 2000, the community's population has grown by more than one-third. Oswego is, in percentage terms, the fastest growing county in Illinois.
- The Oswegoland Park District is organized by popular vote. Oswegoan Ford Lippold is named the agency's director.
- The community's first McDonald's fast food restaurant opens on a site at Douglas Road and U.S. Route 30 ByPass.
- The Nineteenth Century Club moves their circulating library from their clubrooms above a downtown storefront into the Rank Building. Postmaster Lorenzo Rank built the building in 1874 as the community's post office with Rank's living quarters on the second floor. Rank willed the building to the Village of Oswego upon his death in 1910, preferably for use as a library.
- The extended Pearce family arrives by wagon train from Ohio. Daniel and Sarah Pearce settle on today's Fox Bend Golf Course. William Smith Wilson and his wife, Rebecca (Daniel Pearce's sister) build their farm near the intersection of the East River Road and the Chicago Road—today's U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 25 intersection.
- Oswego Methodist-Episcopal Church (Little White School) is completed.
- More than 14-inches of rain drench the Oswego area during a July rainstorm, washing out roads and bridges and flooding homes and businesses.

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