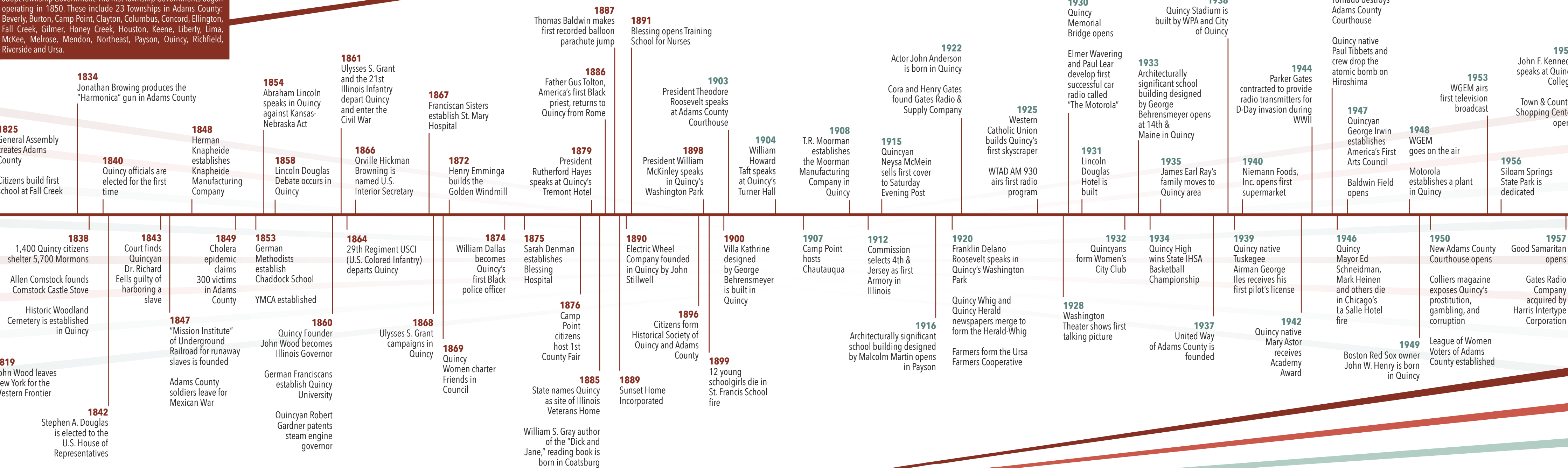
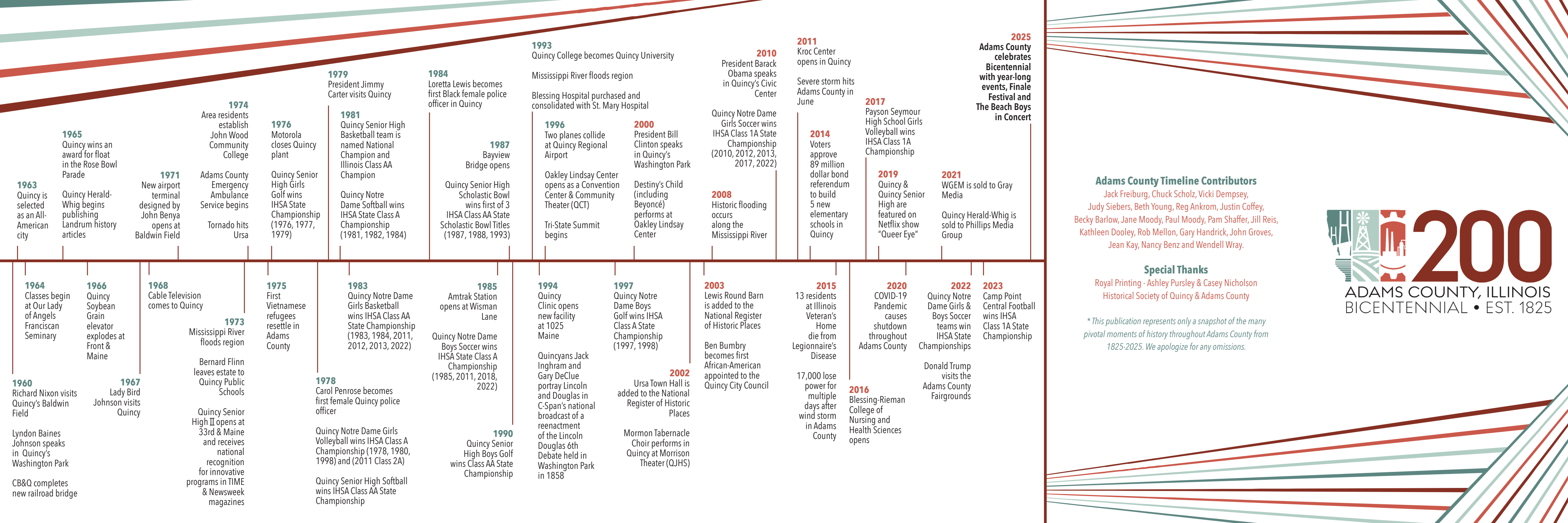


Townships in Illinois were established through the Illinois Constitution of 1848 which gave voters in each county the option to adopt Township Government. The first Township Governments began operating in 1850. These include 23 Townships in Adams County: Beverly, Burton, Camp Point, Clayton, Columbus, Concord, Ellington, Fall Creek, Gilmer, Honey Creek, Houston, Keene, Liberty, Lima, McKee, Melrose, Mendon, Northeast, Payson, Quincy, Richfield, Riverside and Ursa.





1963

Quincy is selected as an All-American city

1965

Quincy wins an award for float in the Rose Bowl Parade

Quincy Herald-Whig begins publishing Landrum history articles

1971

New airport terminal designed by John Benya opens at Baldwin Field

1974
Area residents establish John Wood Community College

Adams County Emergency Ambulance Service begins

Tornado hits Ursa

1976
Motorola closes Quincy plant

Quincy Senior High Girls Golf wins IHSA State Championship (1976, 1977, 1979)

1979
President Jimmy Carter visits Quincy

1981
Quincy Senior High Basketball team is named National Champion and Illinois Class AA Champion

Quincy Notre Dame Softball wins IHSA State Class A Championship (1981, 1982, 1984)

1984
Loretta Lewis becomes first Black female police officer in Quincy

1987
Bayview Bridge opens

Quincy Senior High Scholastic Bowl wins first of 3 IHSA Class AA State Scholastic Bowl Titles (1987, 1988, 1993)

1993
Quincy College becomes Quincy University

Mississippi River floods region
Blessing Hospital purchased and consolidated with St. Mary Hospital

1996
Two planes collide at Quincy Regional Airport

Oakley Lindsay Center opens as a Convention Center & Community Theater (QCT)

Tri-State Summit begins

2000
President Bill Clinton speaks in Quincy's Washington Park

Destiny's Child (including Beyoncé) performs at Oakley Lindsay Center

2010
President Barack Obama speaks in Quincy's Civic Center

Quincy Notre Dame Girls Soccer wins IHSA Class 1A State Championship (2010, 2012, 2013, 2017, 2022)

2008
Historic flooding occurs along the Mississippi River

2011
Kroc Center opens in Quincy

Severe storm hits Adams County in June

2014
Voters approve 89 million dollar bond referendum to build 5 new elementary schools in Quincy

2017
Payson Seymour High School Girls Volleyball wins IHSA Class 1A Championship

2019
Quincy & Quincy Senior High are featured on Netflix show "Queer Eye"

2021
WGEM is sold to Gray Media

Quincy Herald-Whig is sold to Phillips Media Group

2025
Adams County celebrates Bicentennial with year-long events, Finale Festival and The Beach Boys in Concert

1964
Classes begin at Our Lady of Angels Franciscan Seminary

1966
Quincy Soybean Grain elevator explodes at Front & Maine

1968
Cable Television comes to Quincy

1973
Mississippi River floods region

Bernard Flinn leaves estate to Quincy Public Schools

Quincy Senior High II opens at 33rd & Maine and receives national recognition for innovative programs in TIME & Newsweek magazines

1975
First Vietnamese refugees resettle in Adams County

1983
Quincy Notre Dame Girls Basketball wins IHSA Class AA State Championship (1983, 1984, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2022)

1978
Carol Penrose becomes first female Quincy police officer

Quincy Notre Dame Girls Volleyball wins IHSA Class A Championship (1978, 1980, 1998) and (2011 Class 2A)

Quincy Senior High Softball wins IHSA Class AA State Championship

1985
Amtrak Station opens at Wisman Lane

Quincy Notre Dame Boys Soccer wins IHSA State Class A Championship (1985, 2011, 2018, 2022)

1990
Quincy Senior High Boys Golf wins Class AA State Championship

1994
Quincy Clinic opens new facility at 1025 Maine

Quincians Jack Inghram and Gary DeClue portray Lincoln and Douglas in C-Span's national broadcast of a reenactment of the Lincoln Douglas 6th Debate held in Washington Park in 1858

1997
Quincy Notre Dame Boys Golf wins IHSA Class A State Championship (1997, 1998)

2002
Ursa Town Hall is added to the National Register of Historic Places

Mormon Tabernacle Choir performs in Quincy at Morrison Theater (QJHS)

2003
Lewis Round Barn is added to the National Register of Historic Places

Ben Bumbry becomes first African-American appointed to the Quincy City Council

2015
13 residents at Illinois Veteran's Home die from Legionnaire's Disease

17,000 lose power for multiple days after wind storm in Adams County

2020
COVID-19 Pandemic causes shutdown throughout Adams County

2016
Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing and Health Sciences opens

2022
Quincy Notre Dame Girls & Boys Soccer teams win IHSA State Championships

Donald Trump visits the Adams County Fairgrounds

2023
Camp Point Central Football wins IHSA Class 1A State Championship

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