

Key points in Amos Kendall's life

YEAR	DATE	AGE	EVENT
1789	8/16		Kendall is born in Dunstable, Massachusetts;
1814 – 15		24	leaves New England due to its lack of professional opportunities, obtains a license to practice law in Kentucky, and settles in Georgetown, Ky.;
1815		26	becomes editor of the Georgetown <i>Patriot</i> newspaper; appointed postmaster of Georgetown, Kentucky;
1816		27	moves to Frankfort as half-owner/editor of <i>Argus of Western America</i> ;
1818 – 23		29 34	first wife: Mary B. Woolfolk of Jefferson County, Kentucky; four children; one son: William three daughters: Mary Ann, Adela (youngest)
1826 – 64		36 74	second wife: teen-aged Jane Kyle of Georgetown, Kentucky; ten children; four sons: John six daughters: Jane, Jeannie (Mrs. Wm Stickney), _____ (Mrs. Cutter), _____ (Mrs. Babcock), _____ (Mrs. Fox)
Andrew Jackson's Presidency			
1829		39	takes the Kentucky electoral vote to Washington; first meeting with Andrew Jackson prior to his inauguration; becomes Fourth Auditor of the Treasury;
1830	12/07	41	first issue of the <i>Globe</i> is published;
1835	6/01	45	Kendall becomes Postmaster General;
1836	7/02	46	new Post Office Act incorporating Kendall's reforms passed;
1837	March	47	Jackson leaves the presidency and retires to the Hermitage; Van Buren is inaugurated as the 8th president;
1840	5/09	50	resigns as Postmaster General;
1841 – 44		51	publishes the bi-weekly <i>Kendall's Expositor</i> in Washington;

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1842 – 43		52	works on Jackson's biography and brings out the first number;
1843		53	starts an agency to assist people in dealing with and collecting payments from the government with his nephew, John E. Kendall;
1843 –44		53	confined to the "prison limits of Washington" pending settlement of the Stockton and Stokes lawsuit against him;
1845		55	hired by Samuel Morse and two of his three co-patentees to assist in promoting and expanding the U.S. telegraph system;
1856		67	donates a house and land, his first involvement with the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb;
1857 – 64		67	serves as president of Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb until relinquishing the post to Gallaudet;
1861		72	offers the government use of two homes and property in Washington for war-time use as troop housing, then moves to Trenton, New Jersey to escape the feeling of a military encampment;
1865	4/02	75	baptized at the E Street Baptist Church in Washington;
1866 – 67		77	makes 15-month pilgrimage to Europe and the "lands of the Bible;"
1869	8/06	80	becomes seriously ill while traveling to New York for a family visit;
1869	11/12	80	dies peacefully, at home and in the presence of his remaining children;
1869	11/14		impressive funeral services at the Calvary Baptist Church;