

150 Years ago during the Civil War, October 1864

- Oct 2 Engagement at Saltville, Virginia
- Oct 5 Battle of Allatoona Pass, Georgia
- Oct 6 Cavalry engagement at Brock's Gap, Virginia
- Oct 7 Capture of CSS Florida by USS Wachusett at Bahia, Brazil
Battle of Darbytown Road, Virginia
- Oct 9 Engagement at Tom's Brook, Virginia
- Oct 12 Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney dies in Washington, D.C.
- Oct 13 Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby robs train near Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
- Oct 19 Battle of Cedar Creek (Belle Grove), Virginia. After an audacious night march, Jubal Early's Confederates surprised Union troops near Cedar Creek and drove first one, then another, then a third Union Corps from the field. As Early paused to reorganize, Union General Phil Sheridan arrived from headquarters in Winchester just in time to rally his troops and launch a crushing counterattack from which Early's forces could not recover. Sheridan's victory at Cedar Creek extinguished any hope of further Confederate offensives in the Shenandoah Valley.

Raid on St. Albans, Vermont
- Oct 22 Battle of Byram's Ford, Missouri
- Oct 23 Battle of Westport (Kansas City), Missouri
- Oct 25 Battle of Mine Creek (Marais Des Cygnes), Kansas
- Oct 27 Engagement at Fair Oaks and on Darbytown Road, Virginia

Union navy uses "torpedo" to sink Confederate ironclad Albemarle at Plymouth, NC

Battle of Boydton Plank Road (Burgess' Mill), Virginia
- Oct 30 Skirmish at Muscle Shoals, Alabama