

EDWARD HITCHCOCK TIMELINE

1793 May 24	Birth of Edward Hitchcock in Deerfield, Massachusetts
1804-1809	Attends Deerfield Academy
1810-1814?	Tutored by Epaphras Hoyt
1814-1818	The “Great Almanack Debate” with Edmund M. Blunt
1816-1818	Headmaster of Deerfield Academy
1817 Summer	Exchanges first letters with Benjamin Silliman
1818 September 9	Awarded honorary M. A. from Yale
1819 May-July	Attends lectures by Benjamin Silliman and Eleazor Fitch at Yale
1819 June 6	Preaches first sermon at West Haven, Connecticut
1819 September 6	Attends first meeting of Geological Society of America at Yale
1820 January	Begins itinerant preaching in western Mass., Vermont, and Conn.
1821 May 28	Receives call to the Conway, Mass., church
1821 May 31	Marries Orra White in Amherst
1821-1825	Serves as pastor of Conway church
1822 May 9	Birth of “Little Edward” in Conway
1824 March 15	Death of “Little Edward” in Conway
1824 July 13	Birth of Mary Hitchcock in Conway
1825 August	Appointed Professor of Chemistry and Natural History at Amherst College
1825 October 6	Resigns his Conway pastorate
1825 November-January	Works in Benjamin Silliman’s lab at Yale
1826 April	Begins teaching first course at Amherst College
1826 March 16	Birth of Catherine Hitchcock in Amherst
1828 May 23	Birth of Edward Hitchcock, Jr., in Amherst
1830 June 26	Appointed to carry out Massachusetts Geological Survey
1832 Mar 23	Birth and death of unnamed son in Amherst
1833 Mar 6	Birth of Jane Elizabeth Hitchcock in Amherst
1834 May 27	Elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
1835 March	Begins research on “fossil footmarks”
1836 March 23	Birth of Charles Henry Hitchcock in Amherst
1838 November 9	Birth of Emily Hitchcock in Amherst
1840 August 26	Awarded Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Harvard
1840 April 2	Chairs first meeting of Association of American Geologists and Naturalists in Philadelphia
1841 April 8	Addresses the second meeting of AAGN in Philadelphia
1844 December	Appointed President of Amherst College
1845 April 15	Inaugurated third President of Amherst College
1846 July 22	Awarded Honorary Doctor of Divinity by Middlebury
1850 May-November	Tours Europe with Orra
1850 June	Appointed to Mass commission on agricultural college
1854 November 22	Retires from presidency, inauguration of his successor, William A. Stearns
1857 March	Appointed to carry out Vermont Geological Survey
1863 May 26	Death of Orra White Hitchcock
1864 February 27	Death of Edward Hitchcock