Henry Flagler Timeline

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1830

Henry Flagler is born in Hopewell, New York to Reverend Isaac Flagler and Elizabeth Harkness Flagler.

Flagler and Barney York founded the Flagler and York Salt Company in Michigan.

1862



1870

Flagler partners with John D. Rockefeller and Samuel Andrews to form the Standard Oil Corporation.

Flagler visits Northeast Florida for the first time and is inspired by its landscape and weather.

1878

1885

Seeing potential in Northeast Florida as a vacation destination, Flagler purchases the Jacksonville, St. Augustine, and Halifax railroads.

Flagler opens his first hotel in St. Augustine, the grand Hotel Ponce de Leon.

1887





1888

Hotel Alcazar, Flagler's second St. Augustine hotel opens on Christmas Day.

Flagler's railroad reaches Miami, and it is renamed Florida East Coast Railway.

1895



1912

The Florida East Coast Railway reaches its final stop in Key West, making part of the Florida East Coast Railway an over-sea railroad

Flagler is seriously hurt when he falls at his home, Whitehall, in West Palm Beach. He dies of his injuries at the age of 83 and is buried in St. Augustine.

1913

