

David Bancroft Johnson Chronology

- 1856 - Jan. 10 David Bancroft Johnson is born in La Grange, Tennessee
- 1857 - David Johnson, Sr. died
- 1864 - Eight-year-old Johnson lost his left arm while jumping from a freight train
- 1877 - Johnson graduated with honors from East Tennessee University in Knoxville
- 1877-1879 - Johnson was principal of a Knoxville boys' school
- 1879 - Johnson received an M.A. degree from the ETU
- 1879-1881 - Johnson was principal of the graded school system in Abbeville, S.C.
- 1881-1883 - Johnson was principal of the graded school system in New Bern, N.C.
- 1883 - Johnson appointed Columbia, S.C. School Superintendent (held post through 1895)
- 1884-1888 - President of the South Carolina Teachers Association
- 1885-1894 - Johnson helped organize and was president of the Columbia Y.M.C.A.
- 1886 - Johnson received \$1500 from the Peabody Education Board headed by Robert C. Winthrop to begin a teacher training school for women
- 1886 - Nov. 15 Johnson opened Winthrop Training School for Teachers in a chapel at Columbia Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Columbia with 21 students
- 1887 - Johnson's new school graduated 14 students, South Carolina granted Johnson a charter, and the school moved to a house on Marion St. in Columbia
- 1889 - Johnson founded the South Carolina Association of School Superintendents
- 1891 - South Carolina General Assembly establishes the South Carolina Industrial and Winthrop Normal College and names Johnson the president
- 1891 - Johnson and teachers Mary Yeargin and Hannah Hemphill are appointed as a committee to visit potential sites and consider offers from towns competing to offer Winthrop a permanent home
- 1893 - Rock Hill named new home to Winthrop and the school changed its name to The Winthrop Normal and Industrial College of South Carolina

- 1894 - Johnson presided over the festivities of the laying of the cornerstone of Main Building (later Tillman)
- 1895 - Johnson began classes in Rock Hill on October 15 and instituted a four-year curriculum and a uniform dress code. North Dormitory (later Margaret Nance) was built
- 1896 - Crawford Infirmary constructed
- 1898 - First yearbook (*Tatler*) published
- 1900 - Enrollment tops 500 and Winthrop Kindergarten opens
- 1901 - South Dormitory (later McLaurin Hall) was built
- 1901 - Johnson gained membership in Phi Kappa Phi
- 1902 - On Aug. 6 Johnson married Mai Rutledge Smith, an 1898 Winthrop graduate
- 1902 - Organized the Rural School Improvement Association of South Carolina
- 1903 - D. B. Johnson's first child David Bancroft Johnson, Jr. born on May 21st
- 1905 - Johnson granted funds from Andrew Carnegie for Library (now Rutledge Building)
- 1905 - Johnson became a member of the National Geographic Society
- 1905 - Johnson received honorary doctorate from South Carolina College (later Univ. of S.C.)
- 1908- D. B. Johnson's second son Burgh Johnson born
- 1909 - Bancroft Hall and the Dining Hall (now McBryde) built
- 1910 - Johnson elected president of Southern Educational Association
- 1910 - Johnson elected president of the Normal School division of the National Education Association
- 1912 - Winthrop Training School (later renamed Withers) built
- 1913 - Tillman Science Building built
- 1915 - Johnson elected president of the National Education Association (presided through 1916)
- 1916 - Peabody Gymnasium built with funds Johnson obtained from Peabody Fund and enrollment tops 1000
- 1920 - Johnson elected a member of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A.

- 1920 - Roddey and Johnson Halls built and name changed to Winthrop College, the South Carolina College for Women
- 1921 - D. B. Johnson's third child Susanne Johnson born on Apr. 21st
- 1922 - Winthrop honors Johnson by celebrating Founder's Day on his birthday
- 1923 - Winthrop's student newspaper the *Winthrop Weekly News* is renamed in honor of Johnson to *The Johnsonian*
- 1924 - Breazeale Hall built
- 1924 - Johnson received honorary doctorate from Presbyterian College
- 1926 - Joynes Hall built
- 1927 - Johnson named *South Carolina's Most Distinguished Citizen* by the American Legion
- 1928 - Johnson died on December 26, 1928
- 1944 - S.S. D.B. Johnson launched
- 1950 - Twenty-two years after his death, Johnson was chosen *Educator of the Half Century* by leading college and public school educators, newspaper editors and prominent laymen