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1830	1	20	L&N	The Lexington & Ohio RR one of the earliest railroads to receive a charter west of the Allegheny Mountains	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1849	4	11	L&N	The Licking & Lexington Railroad was incorporated in Kentucky; to run from Covington through Falmouth, Cynthiana and Paris to Lexington, KY. Before completion its name was changed to Covington & Lexington Railroad	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1849			L&N	Covington & Lexington RR succeeded the Licking & Lexington RR in a change of name; project ran from Covington to Lexington, KY. by way of Cynthiana, KY and Paris , KY. To complete this line they leased 18 mile of track between Paris and Lexington owned by the Maysville & Lexington Railroad.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1849			L&N	The Lexington & Frankfort railroad company was formed for the purpose of procuring from the Commonwealth of KY the property of the Lexington & Ohio Railroad which had fallen on hard times 1842	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1850	3	4	L&N	The Maysville & Lexington Railroad was chartered to build a road from Maysville (Ohio River) to Lexington, KY;	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1850	3	5	L&N	L & N chartered by the Commonwealth of KY to build a railroad between Louisville, KY and the Tennessee State Line in the direction of Nashville.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1851	9	8	L&N	Louisville & Frankfort Railroad was incorporated in 1847. Bought out bankrupt Lexington & Ohio Railroad and assumed the right of way of that company to complete their line.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1851	12	4	L&N	Tennessee General Assembly authorized the L & N company to extend its road from Tennessee state line to Nashville from Louisville KY.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1853	2	13	L&N	The very same day the Louisville and Nashville Railroad was chartered another charter was granted to the Bowling Green & Tennessee Railroad for the approximate same route.. After some negotiations an agreement was reached and they consolidated as the Louisville & Nashville RR June 1852	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1853	4	13	L&N	A contract was let for the construction of the 185 mile line at the rate of \$35,000 per mile and was to be completed on in 2 and 1/2 yrs. This contract was later abrogated and instead the road was built in five different sections or divisions.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1854	3	10	L&N	Kentucky Union RR incorporated from Hedges, KY to Abingdon VA,; went into receivership 1891 and emerged as the Lexington & Eastern RR 10/4/94	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1854	12	19	L&N	The Maysville & Lexington Railroad was completed from Paris to Lexington (18 miles of track) which was later leased to the Covington & Lexington Railroad.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose

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1855	5		L&N	Track began being layed for the L & N at Ninth Street and Broadway in Louisville. The founding fathers of the L&N (mostly from Louisville) had raised nearly \$3 million to finance the construction.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1855	8	25	L&N	The first L&N train to operate over the railroad ran with some 300 people who traveled 8 miles from Louisville at a speed of 15 MPH!	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1855	10	1	L&N	The first part of the road was opened from Louisville, KY running to Lebanon Jct.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1857	8	10	L&N	Construction of the railroad was completed to Bowling Green, KY	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1859	8	13	L&N	The Covington & Lexington RR was hauled into court for defaulting of interest upon bonds. 1863 the Company emerged as the Kentucky Central Railroad Association which was formed for the express purpose of operating and acquiring the properties formerly owned by the4 Covington & Lexington RR.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1859	10	27	L&N	The first train operated all the way from Louisville to Nashville, 187 miles Rr was complete.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1859	10	27	L&N	The Nashville division of the road was completed and joint the other four sections to Louisville	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1861			L&N	At time Civil War began, L&N had 269 miles of track located right in the middle of the opposing armies; the L&N at various times served both the Union and the Confederacy.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1862			L&N	Civil war struck the L&N RR in the summer and from July to October numerous bridges and vital installations along the right of way were destroyed. By wars end total damages was \$688,372 but even at that the railroad showed a profit by wars end.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1863			L&N	The Covington & Lexington went into default in 1859 and in 1863 was released by the courts and reorganized as the Kentucky Central Railroad Association.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1864			L&N	A branch to Bardstown was merged with the mainline and called Bardstown Junction	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1869	9	7	L&N	The Louisville & Frankford Railroad and the Lexington & Frankfort Railroads consolidated to for the short line Louisville, Cincinnati & Lexington RR Co.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1869	9	7	L&N	The Lexington & Frankfort consolidated with the Louisville & Frankfort Railroad	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose

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1869	9	7	L&N	The Louisville Cincinnati & Lexington RR (Short Line RR) was organized by consolidating the Lexington & Frankfort and the Louisville & Frankfort Railroads.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1869			L&N	Branch line off the Louisville & Frankfort was constructed from LaGrange, KY and terminated at the Ohio River opposite Cincinnati, Oh.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1871	2	22	L&N	KY Central Railroad was incorporated	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1872	2	9	L&N	A charter for the construction of a bridge across the Ohio River between the Evansville, IN and Henderson, KY had been issued to the Henderson Bridge Company built by the L&N and was completed on 7/13/1885. Bridge carried traffic for the next 47 years. In 1931 the structure was replaced by a new bridge that was completed 12/31/1932. The new structure was 12,123 feet in length and was built at a cost of \$3,019,086	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1872			L&N	L & N reaches Memphis TN and had obtained enough track to start running on down to Montgomery, Alabama.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1872			L&N	The Louisville Cincinnati & Lexington RR was extended into Newport, KY and then into Cincinnati by use of the Newport & Cincinnati Bridge which was constructed mostly by the Little Miami RR.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1873	4	27	L&N	Maysville & Lexington Railroad completed from Lexington to Maysville, KY	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1874	9	12	L&N	The Louisville Cincinnati & Lexington RR entered in receivership to emerge in 1877 as the Louisville Cincinnati & Lexington Railway. The receivership was mostly caused by the heavy drain of resources during the construction of the Cincinnati branch which was completed in 1869	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1875	7	7	L&N	Kentucky Central RR Association property was turned over to the Kentucky Central Railroad; The KY Central RR Association had remained dormant from 1871.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1879			L&N	1879-1881 - Through the purchase of track in KY, TN, IN, and IL the L&N gained access to the coal fields in Western KY.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1880			L&N	L&N President Milton H. Smith stepped to the helm and stayed President for 40 years. Under his hand the small carrier grew into one of America's major railroad systems.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1881			L&N	L&N enters Gulf of Mexico ports opening up international markets	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1881			L&N	Lebanon Branch 9in KY across Tennessee state line to Jellico was built.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose

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1881			L&N	The Maysville & Lexington Railroad was leased to the Kentucky Central Railroad	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1881			L&N	Collis P. Huntington and associates gained control of the Kentucky Central RR; they built the line to Richmond and the sinks of Roundtree, KY.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1882	11	1	L&N	The L&N completed the construction of a sixteen mile branch line running off the line of the old Evansville Henderson & Nashville RR at Madisonville, KY and extended to Providence, KY in the heart of the western KY fields	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1883			L&N	L&N completed 180 mile track from KY to Pensacola, FL In all, 56 railroads were acquired, leased, or constructed during the 1880's -1890 expansion to create the L&N System	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1886	5	30	L&N	The L&N as were most southern lines, was built with a five foot gauge, however all northern railroads had built to 4'8"; In order to make the interchange the L&N undertook the task of changing their gauge on their entire line in one day, Sunday, 5/30/1886. Early that morning trains were suspended and work started to realign the tracks; (Previous work was done to the car trucks to make the adjustment); the track relocation took 12 hours.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1891			L&N	Lebanon Branch then extended into Norton Virginia and another to Atlanta, GA.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1900			L&N	L&N most important expansion came early in the 1900's when the railroad pushed its tracks deep into the coal fields surrounding Hazard and Harlan in eastern KY.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1904	6	16	L&N	The Newport and Cincinnati Bridge was opened and had been constructed by the Little Miami RR. It then came into possession of the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR through the perpetual lease of the Little Miami Rr. It was sold to the L&N RR in 1904	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1909			L&N	Acquisition of two small lines and construction in 1911 and 1912 gave the L& N 150 more track miles along the Cumberland River and the North Fork of KY River that opened up the landlocked bituminous coal riches	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1911	5	1	L&N	Kentucky Highlands Railroad was a line of approximately 16 miles that ran from Versailles, Ky and Frankfort, KY.	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1915	10	5	L&N	L&N purchased stock of the Lexington & Eastern RR	Cincinnati RR Club Archives - Genealogy of the L&N as interpreted by L. Rose
1935			L&N	Entered the streamlined passenger service with the advent of the Humming Bird and the Georgian; gradually updated equipment on such passenger trans as the Pan-American; the Piedmont Limited; the Crescent, The Azalean, The Dixie Flyer, the flamingo and the Southland.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose

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1939			L&N	L&N purchased its first diesel engine;	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1941			L&N	Due to high traffic increased during WWII the business of the L&N grew 80% during the war years.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1946			L&N	Pushbutton electronic classification freight yards were created in all L&N major cities complete with computers, telecommunications and microwave transmission; hundreds of miles of continuously-welded rail was laid and new signaling and centralized traffic dispatching systems were created after the war and during the fifties.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1957			L&N	L&N retired its last steam engine in 1957	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1969			L&N	L&N acquired a portion of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR between Evansville, IN and Chicago which permitted it to enter the mid-west market.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1969			L&N	L & N purchased a segment of the Tennessee Central RR between Nashville and Crossville, TN.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1971			L&N	The Monon and the L&N merged thus connecting Louisville and Chicago; by this time they were operating 6574 miles of track in 13 states.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1971			L&N	Seaboard who owned 35 percent of the L&N stock for many years bought the remainder of the outstanding shares and the L&N became the wholly-owned subsidiary of Seaboard Coast Line Industries.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1982	12		L&N	The L&N corporate entity known as the Louisville & Nashville RR Co was officially merged into the Seaboard System RR ending the 132 year existence under a single name.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose
1986			L&N	The Seaboard System lost its identity to Chessie System which became CSX.	L&N Historical Society, Charles b. Castner; as interpreted by L. Rose