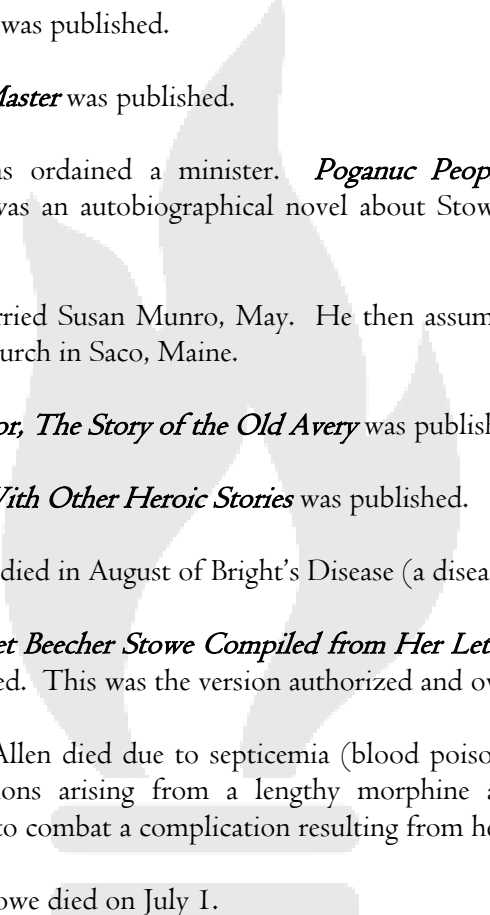


## Harriet Beecher Stowe Timeline of Events

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- 1811 Harriet Elisabeth Beecher, daughter of Lyman Beecher and Roxanna Foote, was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, June 14.
- 1816 Roxanna Foote Beecher died in September.
- 1817 Lyman Beecher married Harriet Porter in October.
- 1824-31 Harriet Beecher studied and taught at the Hartford Female Seminary, the school founded by her sisters Catharine and Mary.
- 1832 The Beecher family moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Lyman Beecher was appointed President of Lane Theological Seminary.
- 1833 First book *Primary Geography for Children, on an Improved Plan* was published.
- 1834 "A New England Sketch" is published in *Western Monthly Magazine*. This was Harriet's first signed story and she received \$50 for her effort.
- 1835 Harriet Porter, Lyman Beecher's second wife, died in July.
- 1836 Harriet Beecher and Calvin Ellis Stowe married in January. Their twin daughters, Harriet and Eliza, were born in September. Lyman Beecher married Lydia Beals Jackson in October.
- 1838 Henry Ellis Stowe was born in January.
- 1840 Frederick William Stowe was born in May.
- 1843 Georgiana May Stowe was born in May. *The Mayflower: or Sketches of Scenes and Characters Among the Descendants of the Pilgrims* was published.
- 1848 Samuel Charles Stowe was born in January. He died during a cholera epidemic in July 1849.
- 1850 The Stowe family moved to Brunswick, Maine, where Calvin was appointed to the faculty of Bowdoin College. Harriet moved first with the children, and then Calvin followed. Charles Edward Stowe was born September 18. The Fugitive Slave Act passed. Stowe was urged to write against slavery.
- 1851-52 *Uncle Tom's Cabin: or Life Among the Lowly*, appeared as a serial in the abolitionist newspaper *The National Era*, June 5, 1851 though April 1, 1852.
- 1852 *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was published in book form March 20. Over 300,000 copies sold in the first year.

- 1853 *A Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin* and *Uncle Sam's Emancipation* were published. The Stowe family moved to Andover, Massachusetts, where Calvin had been appointed to the faculty of Andover Theological Seminary. Stowe, now recognized as a leader of the abolitionist movement, toured the British Isles and Europe at the invitation of the Glasgow Antislavery Society.
- 1854 Published *Sunny Memories of Foreign Lands* on her European travels.
- 1856 *Dred*, Stowe's 3<sup>rd</sup> anti-slavery book is published. Stowe travels to Europe.
- 1857 Henry Ellis Stowe drowns in the Connecticut River near Dartmouth College. He had been swimming in the river with friends.
- 1859 Stowe takes her final trip to Europe to secure copyright for her *Minister's Wooing*. In it she challenges Calvinism and predetermination, making her part of the broader protestant movement emphasizing a Christian God based more on mercy and forgiveness than rules and punishment.
- 1862 Stowe visits Abraham Lincoln in White House.
- 1864 Oakholm was completed: Stowe's dream home in Hartford CT's Nook Farm.
- 1865 Georgiana Stowe married Henry F. Allen
- 1867 Bought property in northern Florida for winter home.
- 1869 *American Women's Home* is published, coauthored with Catharine Beecher, her sister.
- 1870 Published *Lady Byron Vindicated*.
- 1871 *My Wife and I; or, Harry Henderson's History* and *Pink and White Tyranny; a Society Novel* were published.
- 1872 *Oldtown Fireside Stories* was published.
- 1873 The Stowes move into their new home on Forest Street in Hartford, Connecticut, a short distance from "Oakholm," their previous home in the neighborhood. *Palmetto Leaves* was published.
- 1874 *Woman in Sacred History; A Series of Sketches Drawn from Scriptural, Historical and Legendary Sources* was published.
- 1875 Charles Edward Stowe, the surviving Stowe son, graduates from Harvard. *We and Our Neighbors; or, the Records of an Unfashionable Street* was published. Theodore Tilton charged Stowe's brother Henry Ward Beecher had affair with his wife Elizabeth; public trial splits Beecher family.

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- 1876 *Betty's Bright Idea* was published.
- 1877 *Footsteps of the Master* was published.
- 1878 Charles Stowe was ordained a minister. *Poganuc People; Their Loves and Lives* published. This was an autobiographical novel about Stowe's childhood in Litchfield, Connecticut.
- 1879 Charles Stowe married Susan Munro, May. He then assumed the ministry of the First Congregational Church in Saco, Maine.
- 1881 *A Dog's Mission; or, The Story of the Old Avery* was published.
- 1883 *Nelly's Heroics. With Other Heroic Stories* was published.
- 1886 Calvin Ellis Stowe died in August of Bright's Disease (a disease of the kidneys).
- 1889 *The Life of Harriet Beecher Stowe Compiled from Her Letters and Journals* by Charles Stowe was published. This was the version authorized and overseen by Stowe.
- 1890 Georgiana Stowe Allen died due to septicemia (blood poisoning). This may have been due to complications arising from a lengthy morphine addiction. This had been prescribed for her to combat a complication resulting from her pregnancy years earlier.
- 1896 Harriet Beecher Stowe died on July 1.