

Chesapeake & Ohio RR Family History

Note 1 - The Virginia Assembly authorized the construction of the C&O in 1853, Work started, but was never finished before the Civil War broke out. After the war, Virginia did not have the money to finish the project, so it was decided to merge the project with the Virginia Central to form the Chesapeake and Ohio RR. So the Covington & Ohio was only a railroad on paper at the time.

Louisa RR
2-18-1836

Blue Ridge RR
1849

1840 - Reaches Gordonsville

1852 - Reaches base of the Blue Ridge Mountains

12-1856* - Blue Ridge Tunnel completed, 4263ft
4 Tunnels Were Built as Part of the Project
One is still in use

Virginia Central Rwy
LRR renamed the VCR in 1850

1851* - Expands East from Doswell to Richmond

1857 - Reaches Clifton Forge

Covington & Ohio RR
1853
see note 1

1858 - Begins Operating the Blue Ridge RR

7-1865 - Reaches Prewar Strength

Chesapeake & Ohio RR
1868

1870

1873 - Reaches the Ohio River

1875 - Receivership - JP Huntington

1880's - Reaches Newport News via Peninsula Division

Chesapeake & Ohio Rwy
7-1-1878

1910

Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville RR

1930

Hocking Valley RR

1947

Pere Marquette Rwy

* = Dates (and other information, like the length of the tunnel) with an asterisk are not in agreement from different pages on Wikipedia, one reason teachers do not like the use of Wikipedia as a reference for obtaining information.

1963 - Acquires Control of the B&O RR

C&O / B&O

Chessie System
2-26-1973

Seaboard System

CSX
11-1-1980

1986 - B&O Disappears from Corporate Existence

2004 - Buckingham Branch RR leases line from Richmond to Clifton Forge

?

© Todd Sestero
may be printed and used for personal use only
With help from Denver Todd