

Our 175th Year · 1833-2008

A JOURNEY
THROUGH THE PAST
1847-1848

*As we celebrate 175 years, we take a look
at our history and the world around us
through News-Sentinel archives.*

1847

- ◆ Flood does considerable damage in Fort Wayne
- ◆ Mexico surrenders; peace negotiations begin
- ◆ Postage stamps first received in the city
- ◆ Members of the Jacob and George Donner party found after being trapped by snow. Cannibalism was practiced for survival; 45 out of 87 people survived.
- ◆ Smithsonian Institution formally dedicated in Washington, D.C.

1848

- ◆ First telegraph dispatch sent between Fort Wayne and Toledo
- ◆ Wisconsin admitted as the 30th state
- ◆ Work started on Washington Monument at Washington, D.C.
- ◆ St. Mary's Catholic Church established
- ◆ Gold discovered near Sacramento, Calif.
- ◆ Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo signing ends war with Mexico
- ◆ Financial panic in Europe reflected in the United States
- ◆ Emily Bronte's "Wuthering Heights" published in United States
- ◆ Boston Female Medical School opens as first medical school for women