

Events Around the World in 1857

January 9 – Earthquake at Fort Tejon, California with an estimated magnitude of 7.9.

February 16 – The National Deaf Mute College (later named Gallaudet University) is established in Washington, D.C., becoming the first school for the advanced education of the deaf.

March 4 – End of term for President of the United States Franklin Pierce. He is succeeded by James Buchanan.

March 6 – The Supreme Court of the United States rules in the *Dred Scott v. Sandford* case, driving the country further towards the American Civil War.

March 21 – Earthquake in Tokyo, Japan kills over 100,000.

March 23 – Elisha Otis' first elevator is installed (at 488 Broadway, New York City).

June 6 – Sophia of Nassau marries the future King Oscar II of Sweden-Norway.

August – Calcutta University established.

September 11 – Mountain Meadows Massacre in Utah.

October 24 – Sheffield F. C., the world's first football (soccer) team, is founded in Sheffield, England.

December 16 – An earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 6.9 kills 11,000 in Naples, Italy.

December 31 – Queen Victoria chooses Ottawa, Ontario as the capital of Canada.

Unknown Dates in 1857

* Speculation in U. S. railway shares causes financial crisis in Europe.

* The Mormons abandon Las Vegas.

* Founding of Hollywood.

* William Daniel, American politician proposes Local Option for prohibition.

Famous Births in 1857

May 31 – Pope Pius XI (d. 1939).

July 28 – Ballington Booth, Salvation Army Officer and co-founder of Volunteers of America (d. 1940).

September 13 – Milton S. Hershey, American chocolate manufacturer (d. 1945).

September 15 – William Howard Taft, 27th President of the United States (d. 1930).