Feb. 12, 1853

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Feb. 12, 1853, the day lawmakers chartered Boonville College.

The institution had been around for a few years, but the Missouri Legislature started chartering colleges all over the state before the 1850s.

The “Boonville male collegiate institute,” as it was also known, was founded by F.T. Kemper. You now know the institution as Kemper Military School. It transitioned into a military academy after the Civil War.

The college was known for not only its agricultural curriculum, but also its religious teachings, as it was a Presbyterian college.

Boonville College, chartered by the Missouri General Assembly on Feb. 12, 1853, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

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