March 1, 1855

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was March 1, 1855, the day [Central Methodist College](http://www.centralmethodist.edu/) in Fayette was incorporated by the Missouri Legislature.

It is worth noting some historians believe this took place on March 15 of that year.

The original building dates back to 1823, and later become known as Howard College. The building would later become part of a church in Fayette, become Howard High School and then Howard Female College.

By 1853, Central College would be founded. Following its chartering two years later, classes started on the single-acre campus, with three faculty members and 114 students.

In the years that would follow, it would take in students from other schools across the state. The name change to Central Methodist happened in 1961.

Central Methodist College remains in operation today.

March 1, 1855, the date marking legislative chartering of Central Methodist College in Fayette, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Sources: [The History of Central](https://www.centralmethodist.edu/about/historyofcentral.php))