

Correspondence re: Arthur V Snell....Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce 1941

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Dear Miriam Hamilton:

I am doing research on time zones in North America and came across the following statement on page 99 of Downing, Michael, 2005. Spring Forward. Shoemaker and Hoard. Washington, DC.

"According to the *New York Times*, the director of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce suggested that all states east of the Mississippi River be included in the Eastern Time Zone once and for all. Arthur v. Snell figured the remaining three zones could be condensed into two, divided by the Rocky Mountain watershed."

Director Snell was basically making two suggestions-the first to consolidate all states east of the Mississippi into a single time zone and the second to consolidate the remaining three zones in the contiguous USA (and by default Canada as well) into two zones.

The references listed do not state specifically the date of the article except that the above quotation is included in other text that indicates the year was 1941.

Do you have information on Mr. Snell and whether or not the Chamber ever followed up on his recommendations?

Yours truly,

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Post Script: I received a reply indicating that the good folks at the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce had not followed up on Director Snell's recommendation.