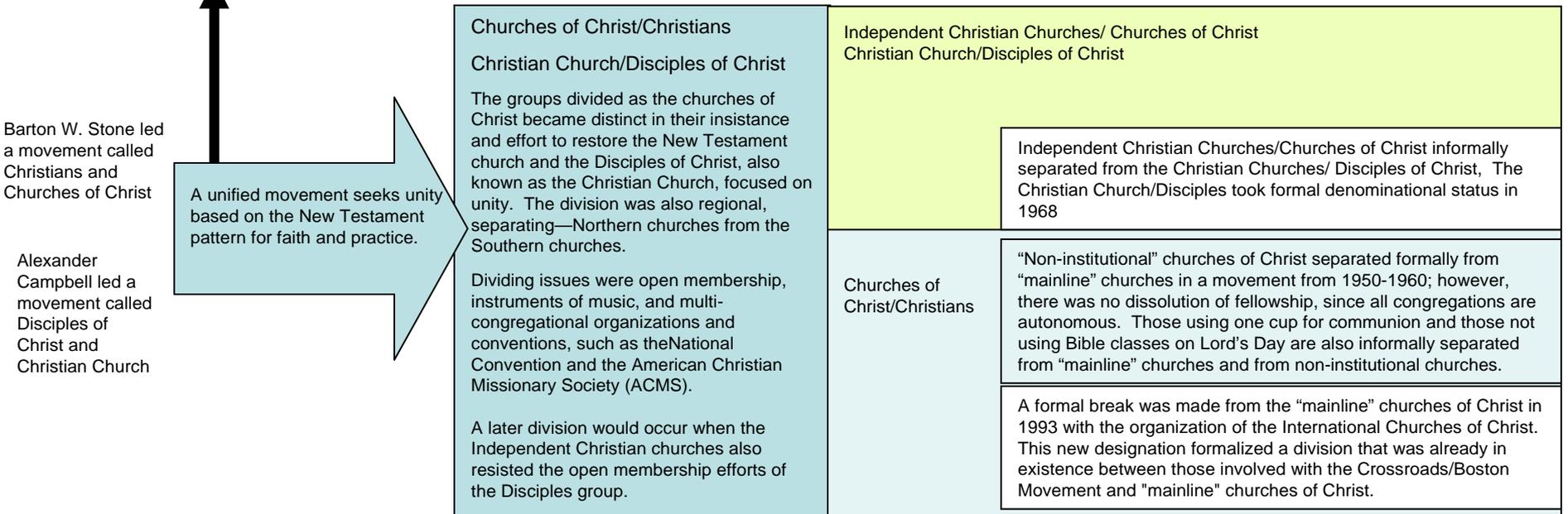
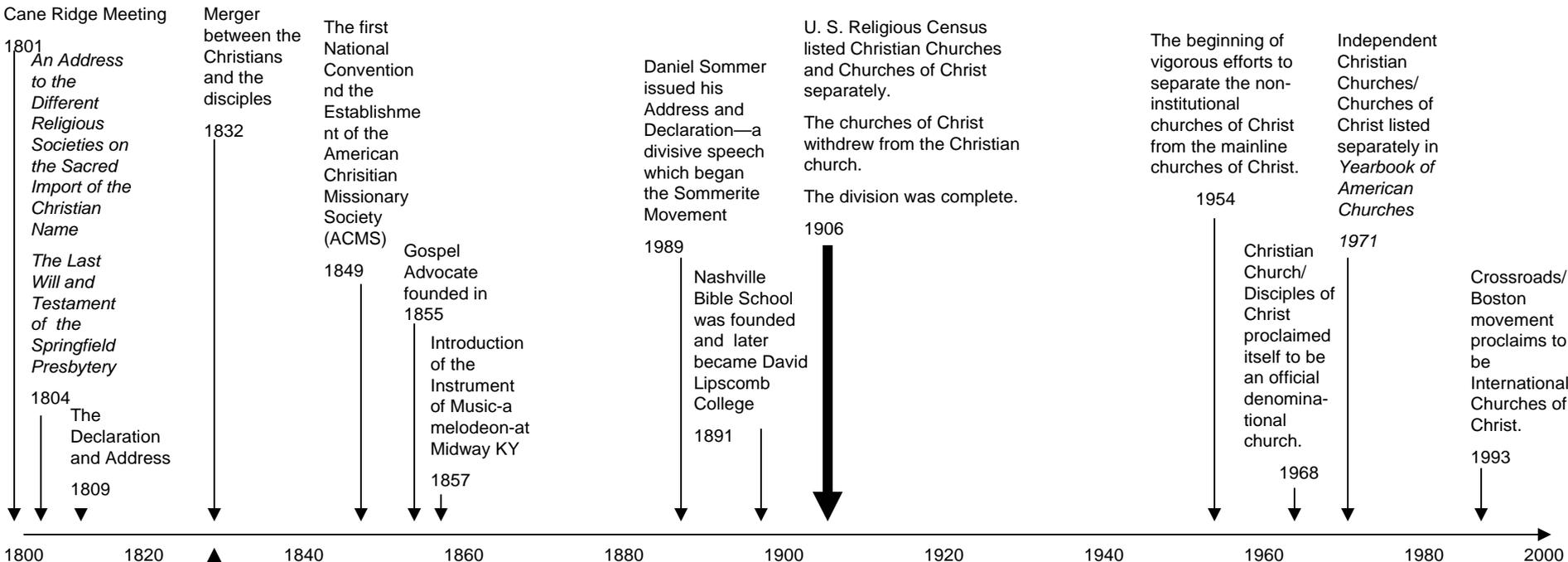


# 12b. Timeline for the Restoration of the Churches of Christ: 1800-2000



Barton W. Stone led a movement called Christians and Churches of Christ

Alexander Campbell led a movement called Disciples of Christ and Christian Church

A unified movement seeks unity based on the New Testament pattern for faith and practice.

**Churches of Christ/Christians**  
**Christian Church/Disciples of Christ**  
 The groups divided as the churches of Christ became distinct in their insistence and effort to restore the New Testament church and the Disciples of Christ, also known as the Christian Church, focused on unity. The division was also regional, separating—Northern churches from the Southern churches.  
 Dividing issues were open membership, instruments of music, and multi-congregational organizations and conventions, such as the National Convention and the American Christian Missionary Society (ACMS).  
 A later division would occur when the Independent Christian churches also resisted the open membership efforts of the Disciples group.

**Independent Christian Churches/ Churches of Christ**  
**Christian Church/Disciples of Christ**  
 Independent Christian Churches/ Churches of Christ informally separated from the Christian Churches/ Disciples of Christ, The Christian Church/Disciples took formal denominational status in 1968

**Churches of Christ/Christians**  
 "Non-institutional" churches of Christ separated formally from "mainline" churches in a movement from 1950-1960; however, there was no dissolution of fellowship, since all congregations are autonomous. Those using one cup for communion and those not using Bible classes on Lord's Day are also informally separated from "mainline" churches and from non-institutional churches.  
 A formal break was made from the "mainline" churches of Christ in 1993 with the organization of the International Churches of Christ. This new designation formalized a division that was already in existence between those involved with the Crossroads/Boston Movement and "mainline" churches of Christ.