

CCGS – German SIG
November 6, 2018 Meeting
WORKSHEET – FAMILY & PLACE HISTORICAL TIMELINES
What Was Going on in the Lives of Your Family?

Name of Immigrant _____

Timeline of the Immigrant & his Family (birth of parents thru date of death; include siblings) (Ancestry/Family Search Trees are useful as a starting point)

Timeline in the Homeland – Where? _____

Timeline in America – Where? _____

Specialty Timelines (1700-1900) Sign Up:

Pick out 5-10 events that may have impacted our immigrants

Wars & Military _____

Science & Technology _____

Government _____

Social & Education _____

Religion _____

Agricultural & Natural Sciences _____

Transportation _____

Economy _____

Literature _____

Health & Medical _____

Geopolitical _____

Arts & Music _____

History of Women in Germany _____

Resources:

OurTimeLines.com

TimeLine.knightlab.com

Just google “timelines” and anything more specific.

[FamilySearch](#) builds a simple timeline for you. Every time you add a census record, for example, you can choose to add the information about where a person lived during that year to the respective family record.

Ancestry

[Ancestry.com](#) has a similar feature on their new interface. A timeline of life events you have added to their personal page is featured on the left-hand side of each individual's profile, conveniently including the person's age beside each event.

HistoryLines

[HistoryLines](#) is the easiest way I found to create a timeline that integrates life events with historical events. HistoryLines uploads your family tree or gedcom file (.ged) from FamilySearch, Ancestry, or MyHeritage. You can also manually enter data from an ancestor's life right into the program.

One click later, you have a beautiful timeline of your ancestor's life juxtaposed with significant historical events. A small Google map shows you different places your ancestor lived, with pins you can click for details. Below the timeline, the site adds a detailed narrative describing aspects of daily life at that time (everything from diet, commerce, and entertainment to politics) as well as historical events ("Clarence was 4 when the case of Plessy v. Ferguson was heard before the United States Supreme Court."). You can create two timelines from HistoryLines for free. If you would like to continue using the site, you can subscribe

Other Sites

[Pinterest](#) – Create a board for an ancestor's life. See this blog post,

[TimeToast](#) – Create a free account; manually add events and pictures to timeline. Timelines with TimeToast appear as a line with dots representing events; when you hover over a dot you see a picture with brief text. If you click the dot you can see an expanded explanation of the event. With TimeToast, you can publish a public timeline with unlimited media, and share drafts with others. With an easy-to-use interface, it's a great site for beginners!

[Tiki-Toki](#) – With Tiki-Toki you can create one free timeline or pay for a subscription. This site allows for greater customization, with the ability to display multiple ancestors' events on one timeline, categorize and color code events, and even add 3D elements.

[OurStory](#) – Create a free or paid account, and post rich media and family history information on a personal or collaborative timeline.

From Cyndi's list (Go to Cyndi's List to get the link):

- [Anyday Today-In-History](#)
- [Creating Timelines That Produce Answers](#) ^{FREE}
- [Family Tree Forum - Timeline](#) 11th - 20th Century Historical Timeline
- [FamilySearch Blog - Using Timelines to Plot Out Your Ancestor's Life](#)
- [FamilySearch Learning Center - Using Excel to Create Timelines](#)
- [FamilySearch Wiki - Timeline Grids](#)
- [Genealogy Decoded - Creating Timelines to Make Sense of Genealogy Records](#)
- [Genealogy Timeline](#) Timeline software for genealogy.
- [Genealogy Timelines – Ancestor and Historic](#)
- [Genealogy.com - Using Timelines in Your Research](#)
- [HyperHistory](#) 3,000 years of world history in timeline format.
- [Import Your Geni Family Tree to view it as an interactive story | myHistro](#)
- [The Food Timeline](#)
- [TIMELINE: Some historical events, chosen at random](#)
- [Timelines of History Index](#) From the Learning Center by Linda Haas Davenport.
- [Timelines of History, Today in History, World History](#) Searchable database of all kinds of history - from the Big Bang to the current history of many countries, US country history, by state and by city, to the histories of various subjects including jazz, black history, medical and more.
- [Using Timelines & Chronologies](#) Presentation by Janet Camarata.