

## Ancestral Timelines: [Short-Cuts to Customize Your Own](#)

As a follow through on the previous post of August 28, 2020 entitled: [Ancestral Timelines: Compare The Good Olde Years with Yours of Today?](#), consider these short-cuts to make it easier for you to customize your own ancestral timelines for any dates needed. Which decade would you choose to be born in?

For a general synopsis of your desired timeline, go to Wikipedia for the year(s) desired and you will have more information than you need. For the data of my birth in 1943, check out what was going on at that time. The world was in severe turmoil during World War II at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1943>. Not much different than today with the coronavirus pandemic and other distractions of limited travel bans and strong social unrest in our country and world-wide.

For the specific value of the U.S. dollar, do a browser search on the year desired. Here are two different URL's to do some creative research.

### 1. Calculate the value of \$100 in 1943. How much is it worth today?

[www.dollartimes.com/inflation/inflation.php?...](http://www.dollartimes.com/inflation/inflation.php?...)

Value of a dollar. Calculates inflation to see what a U.S. dollar was worth in the past and today. View historical and today's current inflation rates, using the CPI provided by the United States government.

### 2. Value of \$100 in 1943. Inflation Calculator for Today's Dollars

[www.saving.org/inflation/inflation.php?amount=...](http://www.saving.org/inflation/inflation.php?amount=...)

What is a US dollar worth in today's money? This calculator shows inflation during the selected time frame. We use the Consumer Price Index (CPI) data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States government.

**Outline of The Year 1943:** [Value of 1943 dollars today | Inflation Calculator](#). There are some very significant differences to note. These U.S. statistics from over a hundred years ago may surprise you and perhaps provide some gratitude and appreciation for all that has been done to make our lives today more prosperous and comfortable because of the efforts and sacrifices of our ancestors.

- **The average life expectancy in the U.S. in 1943 was 63 years which is a huge difference from 1906 of 47 years.** However, this average differs widely world-wide with life expectancy in the U.S. not nearly as high as Sweden and Asia. Click [here](#) for details.
- **[What percentage of homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.](#)** In 1940, only 55 percent of homes with plumbing had what the government considers a "complete system" -- hot and cold running water, a flush toilet and a tub or shower. In 1906, only 14% of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.
- **[Historical pricing for Food since 1943:](#)** There's a marked difference in cost between 1943 and today's pricings
- Comparing 1940's To Today: click [here](#) for an in-depth analysis for art, literature, music, super-heroes and more.
- Time for major epidemics in the U.S. from 1616/1620 to 2020 Click [here](#).
- Compare cost of living between different cities: click [here](#).
- "General statistics of living in the U.S. today: click [here](#) for the answers to these questions below.
  - What US city has the highest cost of living?
  - What state has the lowest cost of living?
  - What is the average cost of living in the US?
  - What are the most affordable places to live in?
- Best states for healthcare? Click [here](#).

For a more simplified timeline of any year, go to <http://www.fsmitha.com/time/1906.htm> and substitute the year and insert that year cited above. Note: this specific substitution only works with the years 1901. However, you can also go backwards to 1000 years BCE by clicking on the links at top of each page by decades and centuries. For example this modified update for a specific year after 1900 will read as <http://www.fsmitha.com/time/1943.htm>. One of our faithful Facebook group followers, Helen Graul's genealogy goes back to 78 A.D. and will particularly enjoy this timeline for her multiple royalty ancestors!

## Closing Comments

Knowing, understanding and appreciating the different time periods of your ancestors is important. Every generation had their own challenges and uniqueness. Here's a neat article entitled: [Inside the Guide: Creating Ancestor Timelines](#) to help you create individual timelines for your ancestors to bring their uniqueness to their lives. Below are the component parts of this creative article for your consideration in supporting the importance of constructing timelines for your ancestors.

- Creating a timeline of your ancestor's life to note discrepancies.
- Creating a timeline to sort identities.
- Creating a timeline to put your ancestor's life in historical context.
- Creating a timeline to track immigration and migration.
- Creating a timeline as a visual for events in your ancestor's life.

### Stalingrad in Russia during WWII



### Detroit Michigan Race Riots



### Classic WWII Photo in Italy



### Judy Garland



**When A Penny Was Worth Something  
WWII**



**Women Assembly-Line Workers on the Plain during  
WWII**



**Tehran Conference: Joseph Stalin, Franklin  
Delano Roosevelt & Winston Churchill**



**Robin and Batman**



**Philadelphia Eagles Game with Pittsburgh Steelers**



1943 Studebaker Pickup



MGN's Star-Studded Movie stars



1943 Superman



Donna Reed

