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# Using Timelines to Solve Genealogical Problems

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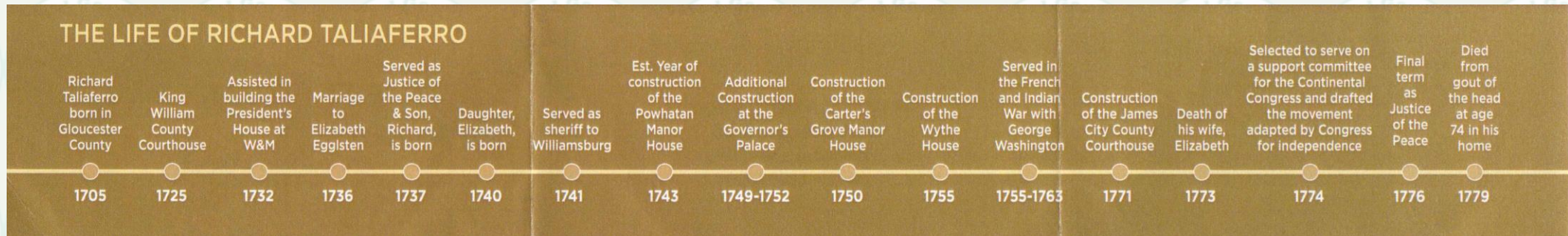
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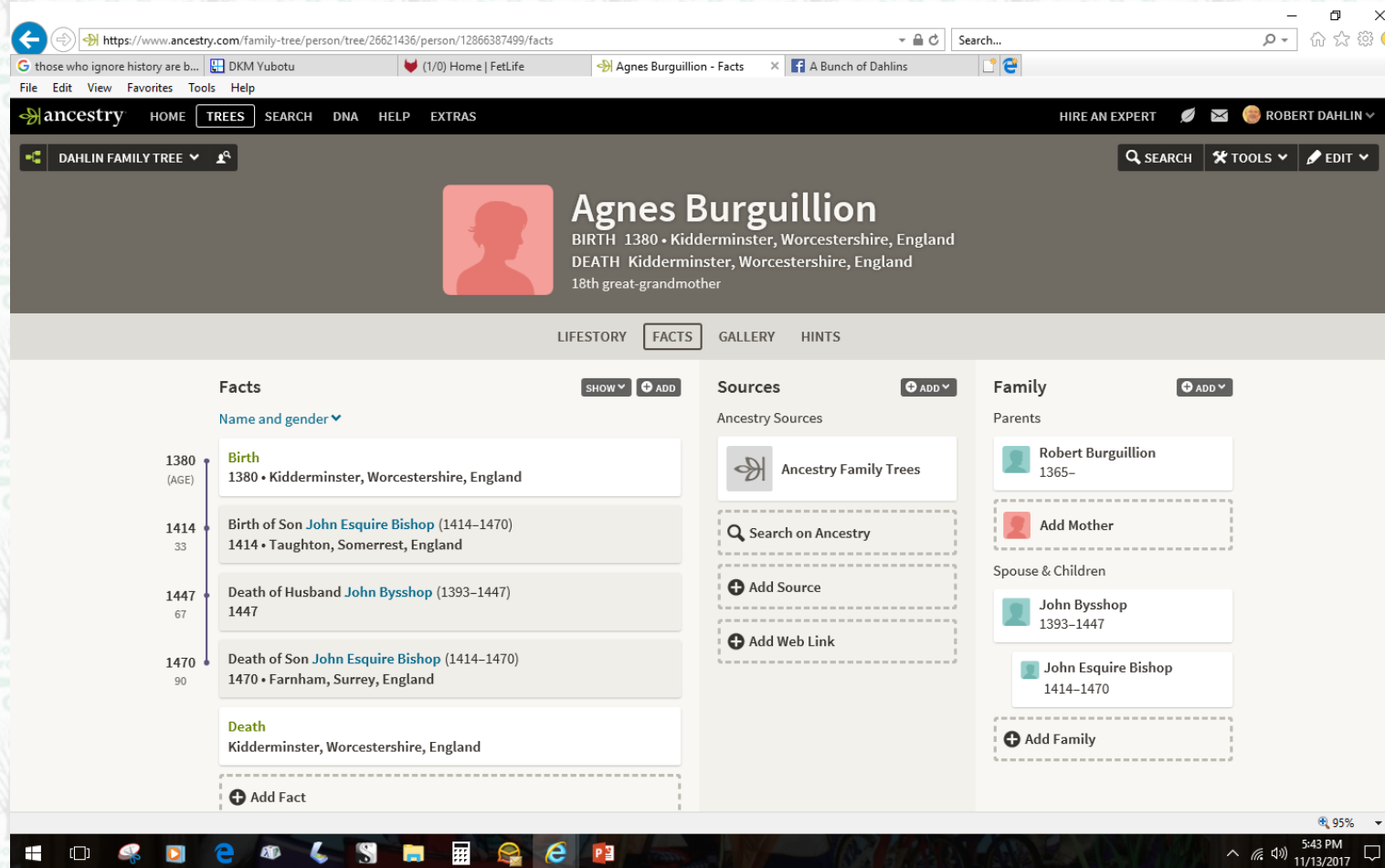
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# Presentation Timelines

# Simple Timeline



# Ancestry List of Facts



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Ancestry.com profile for Agnes Burguillion. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/26621436/person/12866387499/facts>. The page header includes the Ancestry logo, navigation links (HOME, TREES, SEARCH, DNA, HELP, EXTRAS), and a user profile for Robert Dahlin. The main content area is titled "Agnes Burguillion" and includes her birth and death information: BIRTH 1380 • Kidderminster, Worcestershire, England; DEATH Kidderminster, Worcestershire, England; 18th great-grandmother. Below this, there are tabs for LIFESTORY, FACTS, GALLERY, and HINTS. The "FACTS" tab is active, showing a vertical timeline of events from 1380 to 1470. The "Sources" section lists "Ancestry Family Trees" and "Search on Ancestry". The "Family" section shows parents (Robert Burguillion, 1365-) and children (John Bysshop, 1393-1447; John Esquire Bishop, 1414-1470).

**Agnes Burguillion**  
BIRTH 1380 • Kidderminster, Worcestershire, England  
DEATH Kidderminster, Worcestershire, England  
18th great-grandmother

**FACTS**

**Facts** SHOW + ADD

**Name and gender**

1380 (AGE) Birth 1380 • Kidderminster, Worcestershire, England

1414 33 Birth of Son [John Esquire Bishop](#) (1414–1470)  
1414 • Taughton, Somerrest, England

1447 67 Death of Husband [John Bysshop](#) (1393–1447)  
1447

1470 90 Death of Son [John Esquire Bishop](#) (1414–1470)  
1470 • Farnham, Surrey, England

**Death**  
Kidderminster, Worcestershire, England

+ Add Fact

**Sources** + ADD

Ancestry Sources

Ancestry Family Trees

Search on Ancestry

+ Add Source

+ Add Web Link

**Family** + ADD

Parents

[Robert Burguillion](#)  
1365–

+ Add Mother

Spouse & Children

[John Bysshop](#)  
1393–1447

[John Esquire Bishop](#)  
1414–1470

+ Add Family

95% 5:43 PM 11/13/2017

# Ancestry Life Story View

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Ancestry Life Story View for Clarence Ellis CANFIELD. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/26621436/person/1882519024/story>. The browser tabs include "those who ignore history are b...", "DKM Yubotu", "(2/0) Home | FetLife", "Clarence Ellis CANFIELD - Li...", and "A Bunch of Dahls".

The Life Story View features a vertical timeline on the left with three key events:

- 11 SEP 1868**: Birth
- 6 NOV 1869** (AGE 1): The First Intercollegiate Football Game
- 27 MAR 1875** (AGE 6): Birth of Brother

The main content area displays the following information:

- Birth** (EDIT): Clarence Ellis CANFIELD was born on September 11, 1868, in Newark, New Jersey, to Maria Elizabeth CONdit, age 21, and Marsena C CANFIELD, age 32. 11 Sep 1868 • Newark, Essex, New Jersey, United States
- Baptism** (EDIT): New Jersey, United States
- The First Intercollegiate Football Game** (REVIEW IGNORE): Clarence Ellis CANFIELD was living in Newark, New Jersey, in 1869 when the very first game of intercollegiate football was played nearby. Below the text is a black and white photograph of a group of men, likely the first intercollegiate football team, with one man holding a football.
- Birth of Brother**

The bottom right corner of the page includes a "TUTORIALS" link and a zoom level of 95%. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system tray with the time 5:48 PM and date 11/13/2017.

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# Working or Research Timelines



# You can use timelines to answer these questions.

- **Who** – Discriminate two persons with the same name in the same location.
- **What** – Uncover gaps in your research.
- **When** – Demonstrate mathematical inconsistencies (5-year old giving birth).
- **Where** – Discover location where an ancestor may have lived over time.
- **Why** – Compare an ancestor's life to historical events.
- **How** – Demonstrate how lives are interconnected.

# Other Timeline Objectives

- Compare members of a family
- Divide an ancestors life into workable parts
- Look at the detail of events in one person's Life



# Steps to Creating a Timeline

- Decide on the Objective (Problem Statement).
- Decide what Records and Events of the Ancestor(s) you want to include.
- Add the Events to the Timeline in Chronological Order.
- Add all known Dates (close counts).
- Add Events from a Historical Timeline (World, Country, Wars, States, Local, etc.)
- Add other pertinent information.



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condemned to repeat it.

-George Santayana

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condemned to miss important genealogical  
clues.

-Bob Dahlin

# Paper v. Electronic

- Time Lines can be done on paper or electronically with a spreadsheet program.
- A spreadsheet allows for more flexibility.
  - Add rows or columns as needed
  - Reusable template
  - Saves paper while maintaining a permanent record
  - Color code entries – Not in all spreadsheet programs

# Spreadsheet Template

The image shows a screenshot of an Excel spreadsheet titled "Timeline Template.xlsx" in the "Excel" application. The ribbon is set to "Home", and the "Merge & Center" button is highlighted. The spreadsheet is a timeline template with the following columns:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1													
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3	<b>Date</b>	<b>Life Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Historical Event</b>	<b>Comments</b>							
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The spreadsheet is displayed on "Sheet 2" of a workbook. The status bar at the bottom indicates "Ready" and "100%" zoom.

# Spreadsheet Sources

- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Works
- Google Docs
- <https://www.thebalance.com/free-spreadsheet-programs-1356337> - Lists 5 free spreadsheet programs that you can download



# Timeline Sources

## Blank Timelines

- <http://ReadWriteThink.org> – Search by Keyword “Timeline”
- [http://ourtimelines.com/create\\_tl\\_2c.html](http://ourtimelines.com/create_tl_2c.html)

## Specific Time Lines

- Miscellaneous Timelines – Google “\_\_\_\_\_ Timeline”