

# Timeline Sept 2007 class handout.

Use timelines to learn background history of ancestors.

What kind of lives did your ancestors lived?

What caused your ancestors to migrate?

What events happened that may have affected recording and preservation of the records?

Where are older records kept today?

Little Ice Age Weather and climate

<http://academic.emporia.edu/aberjame/ice/lec19/holocene.htm>

30 Years War Wars and rebellions

“Battles of the Thirty Years War” - by William P. Guthrie - 352 pages

Religious and Political events

<http://rollintl.com/roll/grsettle.htm> list of date origins and settlement areas for Germans to Russia

Persecutions and Border changes

Creating Timelines

The mechanics of creating timelines.

Color

Horizontal (width landscape) or vertical (height portrait)

Mechanical creation --- EXCEL

Tips and tricks – wide gaps, enlarging busy time periods

Theme of the timeline

Individual's life and events

Family events

Arrival dates to help fill gaps

History of their houses and residences

Establishing an Immigration Timeframe

by Maureen Taylor

[http://www.genealogy.com/86\\_taylor.html](http://www.genealogy.com/86_taylor.html)

Step 1: Be Methodical

Step 2: Locate a Variety of Records

Step 3: Examine Immigration Patterns

Settlement

Family and Friends others follow where one dares to lead

Repeat Migration

Don't Forget Collateral Lines mailing lists, message boards --Rootsweb.com

**BEWARE FAKE GENEALOGIES**

Step 4: What's in a Name?

Step 5: Watch out for History

Finally: Retrace Your Steps

## **Commercial timeline programs**

### **TimelineMaker program**

<http://www.progenysoftware.com/>

Professional \$195.00

Basic \$49.95

### **Timeline Studio**

<http://www.timelinestudio.co.uk/>

Timeline Lite (TL1) £ 12 = \$24.20 ( as of Sept 2, 2007).

Timeline Pro (TL3) £ 35 = \$70.58 ( as of Sept 2, 2007)

**See currency calculator/converter for current rates.**

**><http://www.x-rates.com/calculator.html> <**

**<http://images.google.com/images?q=+timeline&hl=en&client=firefox-a&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&hs=Ghg&um=1&sa=X&oi=images&ct=title>  
hundreds of samples**

### **FREE Timeline program**

[http://www.teach-nology.com/web\\_tools/materials/timeline/](http://www.teach-nology.com/web_tools/materials/timeline/)

directions for making timeline landscape

<http://www.teach-nology.com/cgi-bin/timeline.cgi>

sample of landscape timeline

[http://www.teach-nology.com/web\\_tools/materials/bigtimeline/](http://www.teach-nology.com/web_tools/materials/bigtimeline/)

directions for making timeline - portrait

<http://www.teach-nology.com/cgi-bin/bigtimeline.cgi>

sample for portrait timeline

## **SUMMARY**

There are always SOME ways that timelines can help in your research.

Assists in Recording data

Assists in Organizing data

Assists in Reminding you of things to re-check

Assists in Pointing out gaps in data or records

Assists in Pointing out errors or mistakes in data or records

Assists in Pointing out different ways of viewing data or records

Assists in Providing background information

Assists in Pointing out themes, trends or patterns

Assists in narrowing your search areas and time periods

Assists in making your published research look fancier