A Timeline of Theodore Roosevelt Jr.'s life

**1858 - Born in New York City, New York, U.S.**

1864 – Witness the funeral procession of Abraham Lincol.

1865 – Establishes the “Roosevelt Museum of Natural History” to study and display animal specimens.

1867 – Writes a paper titled “The Natural History of Insects.”

1878 – his beloved father dies.

**1880 – Marries Alice Hathaway Lee and graduates Harvard *manum cum laude*.**

**1882 – Elected to the New York State Assembly and publishes *The Naval War of 1812*, his first of many books.**

1884 – His daughter, Alice Lee Roosevelt, born. Alice Hathaway and Roosevelt’s mother die shortly after. He to the Badlands to be a rancher.

1886 – Marries Edith Kermit Carrow.

1888 – Appointed United States Civil Service Commissioner where he vigorously battles the spoil system.

1894 – Becomes New York City Police Commissioner.

1897 – Appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

1898 – Resigns from his post as Assistant Secretary of the Navy to form a Volunteer Cavalry regiment popularly known as the “Rough Riders” and is elected Governor of New York.

1900 – elected Vice President.

1901-1908 – ascends to the Presidency following the assassination of President William McKinley.

Helps settle major Coal Strike.

Sues and successfully breaks up the Northern Securities Company, a short-lived railroad trust.

Establishes the United States Department of Commerce and Labor.

1904 – Reelected to the presidency.

Issues the Roosevelt corollary, establishing U.S. preponderance over the Western Hemisphere.

Leads the construction of the Panama Canal.

Negotiates the end of the Russo-Japanese War.

Establishes the United States Forest Service, five National Parks, and eighteen U.S. Monuments under the Antiquity Act.

Increases the size of the U.S. Navy to be second only to Great Britain.

1908 – Forgoes a third term and supports his former Scretary of War, William Howard Taft, to the Presidency.

1909 – Leaves for Africa on the Smithsonian-Roosevelt-African expedition where he travels extensively, hunting, collecting specimens for the Smithsonian, and writing.

1910 – Tours Europe where he meets most royalty, heads of states, and delivers speeches at various universities.

1912 – After breaking with the Republican party, he loses a Presential election running for the Progressive “Bull Moose” Party. Gets shot by a would-be assassin, but is not critically wounded and goes onto deliver his scheduled 90 minute speech.

1913 – Explores the Amazon river under the Roosevelt-Rondon Scientific Expedition.

**1919 - Dies in Oyster Bay, New York, U.S.**

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