“NARRATIVE HISTORY” AMOUNTS TO FABULATION,
THE REAL STUFF BEING MERE CHRONOLOGY
June 24, Wednesday (Old Style). **1741**: Alexander Adam was born near Forres in Morayshire, Scotland.

**Nobody could guess what would happen next**
1757: Alexander Adam matriculated at the University of Edinburgh. Upon graduation he would become an assistant at Watson’s Hospital.

**Life is lived forward but understood backward?**
— **No, that’s giving too much to the historian’s stories. Life isn’t to be understood either forward or backward.**
1761: Alexander Adam became headmaster at Watson’s Hospital.

THE FUTURE IS MOST READILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT
1764: Alexander Adam was employed as a private tutor to Alexander Kincaid (who would become Lord Provost of Edinburgh).

THE FUTURE CAN BE EASILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT

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Dr. Alexander Adam
1768: Alexander Adam, who had for some time been substituting for the rector, Mr. Matheson, at the High School, upon Mr. Matheson’s retirement was himself appointed rector. Among his students would be Walter Scott, Lord Brougham, and Francis Jeffrey.

CHANGE IS ETERNITY, STASIS A FIGMENT
1772: Alexander Adam’s PRINCIPLES OF LATIN AND ENGLISH GRAMMAR. This textbook, because it was offered in English instead of Latin, would get him into considerable hot water in his profession.

RUDIMENTS OF GRAMMAR

Do I have your attention? Good.
1780: The University of Edinburgh conferred upon Alexander Adam the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Edmund Burke switched over from representing Bristol, becoming instead MP for Malton.
1791: Dr. Alexander Adam’s ROMAN ANTIQUITIES; OR, AN ACCOUNT OF THE MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF THE ROMANS.... This textbook would be republished in New-York by Collins and Hannay, etc. in 1833 and used by Henry Thoreau during his formal education.

James Hutton’s AN INVESTIGATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF KNOWLEDGE AND OF THE PROGRESS OF REASON, FROM SENSE TO SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY (Edinburgh: Strahan & Cadell) — buried within the 2,138 pages
of the 3 volumes of this philosophical tome that advanced “Plutonism” as an alternative for Abraham Gottlob Werner’s “Neptunism” is a chapter about variety in nature in which the author anticipates Charles Darwin’s theory of natural selection!
ADAM’S SUMMARY

W. Creech, at Edinburgh).
1805: Dr. Alexander Adam’s Compendious Dictionary of the Latin Tongue.
December 18, Monday, 1809: George Gordon, Lord Byron and Hobhouse left Arakhova and arrived in Livadia.

After an illness of five days during which he sometimes thought he was giving Latin instruction, Alexander Adam died. His last words were “It grows dark, boys, you may go.”

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 12 Mo// Brother David & wife & John & Wife & sister Ruth took tea with us & passed the eveng very pleasantly on our part
1820: Republication of Dr. Alexander Adam’s 1772 textbook as *The Rudiments of Latin and English Grammar; Designed to Facilitate the Study of Both Languages, by Connecting Them Together ... with a Metrical Key to the Odes of Horace*. This was the 2d New-York edition (E. Duyckinck and G. Long) and derived from the 9th English edition. This textbook would be used by David Henry Thoreau during his formal education.
1829: Benjamin Apthorp Gould’s ADAM’S LATIN GRAMMAR, WITH SOME IMPROVEMENTS AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS: RULES FOR THE RIGHT PRONUNCIATION OF THE LATIN LANGUAGE; A METRICAL KEY TO THE ODES OF HORACE; A LIST OF LATIN AUTHORS ARRANGED ACCORDING TO THE DIFFERENT AGES OF ROMAN LITERATURE; TABLES SHOWING THE VALUE OF THE VARIOUS COINS, WEIGHTS, AND MEASURES, USED AMONG THE ROMANS. (Boston: Hilliard, Gray, Little, and Wilkins; and Richardson and Lord).

This textbook was in the tradition of Dr. Alexander Adam’s 1772 PRINCIPLES OF LATIN AND ENGLISH GRAMMAR and had the prior endorsement of Harvard College: “This Edition is adopted by the University at Cambridge, Mass. and is recommended to the use of those who are preparing for that Seminary.”

ADAM’S LATIN GRAMMAR

The Swiss educator Phokian Clias published a popular physical education textbook called KALISTHENIE (from a Greek word meaning “beauty” and “strength”). Clias favored light to moderate exercise, and rejected ball games for women because they might result in an unfortunate over-enlargement of women’s shoulder and
pectoral muscles.

This edition would be a required text during the education of Henry Thoreau, and would be found in his personal library after his death.
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“Magisterial History” is fantasizing, history is chronology.
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“It’s all now you see. Yesterday won’t be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago.”

- Remark by character “Garin Stevens” in William Faulkner’s INTRUDER IN THE DUST

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This stuff presumably looks to you as if it were generated by a human. Such is not the case. Instead, someone has requested that we pull it out of the hat of a pirate who has grown out of the shoulder of our pet parrot “Laura” (as above). What these chronological lists are: they are research reports compiled by ARRGH algorithms out of a database of modules which we term the Kouroo Contexture (this is data mining). To respond to such a request for information we merely push a button.
Commonly, the first output of the algorithm has obvious deficiencies and we need to go back into the modules stored in the contexture and do a minor amount of tweaking, and then we need to punch that button again and recompile the chronology — but there is nothing here that remotely resembles the ordinary “writerly” process you know and love. As the contents of this originating contexture improve, and as the programming improves, and as funding becomes available (to date no funding whatever has been needed in the creation of this facility, the entire operation being run out of pocket change) we expect a diminished need to do such tweaking and recompiling, and we fully expect to achieve a simulation of a generous and untiring robotic research librarian. Onward and upward in this brave new world.

First come first serve. There is no charge.
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