“Narrative History” amounts to fabulation,  
The real stuff being mere chronology.
December 5, Wednesday: Philip Karl Buttmann was born at Frankfort-on-Main, a son of the Huguenot stationer Jacob Buttmann. He would be educated in Frankfort-on-Main and then at Göttingen, and would teach at Joachimsthalsche Gymnasium in Berlin and spend most of his life at the university there. The works for which he is best remembered are his *GRIECHISCHE SCHUL-GRAMMATIK* and his *LEXILOGUS* for Hesiod and Homer.

Nobody could guess what would happen next.

Philip Karl Buttmann

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Philip Karl Buttmann went to study at Göttingen.
Philip Karl Buttmann made his initial contribution to scholarship, in providing some notes for an edition of Polybius. For a brief period he would be geography tutor to a German prince.
Philip Karl Buttmann relocated to Berlin.
Philip Karl Buttmann obtained an appointment in the royal library at Berlin, and for some years would edit Spener’s Journal.
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.

Philip Karl Buttmann’s *Griechische Schul-Grammatik* (this would go through many editions, and would be translated into English).
Philip Karl Buttmann became professor at Joachimsthalsche Gymnasium in Berlin, a post which he would hold until becoming a university professor in 1808.
Philip Karl Buttmann got married with the eldest daughter of the king’s physician, Dr. Selle.
From this year into 1811, Philip Karl Buttmann’s ÜBER DAS GESCHICHTLICHE UND DIE ANSPIELUNGEN IM HORAZ and ÜBER DIE WASSERORGEL UND DIE FEUERSPRÜTZE DER ALTEN.

DO I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION? GOOD.
Philip Karl Buttmann was admitted to the Academy of Sciences.

The Science of 1806
Alexander von Humboldt’s series of Berlin winter lectures about the regions which he had experienced in his travels was published as *Ansichten Der Natur*.

His brother Wilhelm von Humboldt began to organize a new university in Berlin, that would be known initially as Universität zu Berlin and then as Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität and then as Universität unter den Linden.
and now as Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Philip Karl Buttmann of Joachimsthal's Gymnasium in Berlin was selected to be a professor at this new university (he would soon be selected also as classics tutor for the prince royal, successor to the throne).
June: Professor Philip Karl Buttmann was made secretary of the Historico-Philological Section of the Academy of Sciences.

**THE SCIENCE OF 1811**
Alexander Buttmann was born, a son of Professor Philip Karl Buttmann.
In this year and the following one, Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s ÜBER DEN KRONOS ODER SATURNUS and his ÜBER DEN MYTHOS VON DEN ÄLTESTEN MENSCHENGESCHLECHTERN.

CHANGE IS ETERNITY, STASIS A FIGMENT
In this year and the following one, Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s ÜBER DEN JANUS and his ÜBER DEN MYTHOS VOM NOACH’S SÖHNNEN.

THE FUTURE IS MOST READILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT
In this year and the following one, Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s ÜBER DIE MYTISCHEN VERBINDUNGEN VON GRIECHENLAND MIT ASIEN, his SCHREIBENS DES HERRN BUTTMANN AN HERRN UHDEN ÜBER DEN SELBEN GEGENSTAND (d.h. VIRBIUS UND HIPPOLYTUS), his ÜBER DAS ELEKTRON, and his ÜBER DEN BEGRIFF DES WORTES FRATRIA.

From this year into 1825, Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s LEXILOGUS, a study of some difficult words in the poems of Hesiod and Homer (this would be translated into English).
The initial volume of Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s *AUSFUHRLICHE GRIECHISCHE SPRACHLEHRE* (the other volume would appear in 1827).
Professor Philip Karl Buttmann became head librarian to the king.

During this year and the following one, Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s ÜBER DIE MINYAE DER ÄLTESTEN ZEIT and his ÜBER LERNA, DESSEN LAGE UND ÖRTLICHKEITEN.

THE FUTURE CAN BE EASILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT
August: The initial edition of an English translation of Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s GRIECHISCHE SCHUL-GRAMMATIK, titled GREEK GRAMMAR FOR THE USE OF SCHOOLS, FROM THE GERMAN OF PHILIP BUTTMANN (Boston: O. Everett, translated by Edward Everett of Cambridge, Massachusetts).¹

¹ During this year and the following one Professor Buttmann was issuing his ÜBER DIE ALTEN NAMEN VON OSROÈNE UND EDESSA, his ÜBER DIE KOTYTIA UND DIE BAPTAE, and his VON DEN ALEUADEN.
Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s presentation of Demosthenes’s oration against Midias, *In Midiam*. 
In 1824 Professor Philip Karl Buttmann was made a knight of the Prussian Red Eagle of the 3d class. Republication in London of Edward Everett’s English translation of Professor Buttmann’s GRIECHISCHE SCHUL-GRAMMATIK, titled GREEK GRAMMAR FOR THE USE OF SCHOOLS, FROM THE GERMAN OF PHILIP BUTTMANN.²

2. During this year Professor Buttmann was issuing his ERKLÄRUNG DER GRIECHISCHEN BEISCHRIFT AUF EINEM ÄGYPTISCHEN PAPYRUS. In this year he suffered his initial attack of apoplexy.
Heinrich Heine’s *DIE HARZREISE* (THE HARZ JOURNEY).

The 2d American edition of Edward Everett’s English translation of Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s *GRIECHISCHE SCHUL-GRAMMATIK*, titled GREEK GRAMMAR FOR THE USE OF SCHOOLS, FROM THE GERMAN OF PHILIP BUTTMANN (Boston: Cummings, Hilliard, and Company), prepared by George Bancroft and George Henry Bode at the Round Hill School in Northampton.

(At the Concord Free Public Library, under Accession # 10443, is Henry David Thoreau’s personal copy, presented to the library by Sophia Elizabeth Thoreau in 1874. On the front free endpaper is inscribed “D.H. Thoreau / Cambridge / Mass 1833.”)

3. During this year Professor Buttmann was issuing his *ÜBER DIE ENTSTEHUNG DER STERNBILDER AUF DER GRIECHISCHEN SFÄRE.*
May 1, Monday: At the Round Hill School in Northampton, George Bancroft and George Henry Bode signed the preface to the 2d edition of Edward Everett’s English translation of Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s BUTTMANN’S GREEK GRAMMAR.

The Rensselaer field expedition on the Erie Canal needed to stand by for a day due to the large quantity of baggage and bedding that was being loaded onto their canal boat, the LaFayette.

Jonas Wheeler of Concord died at the age of 37.

JONAS WHEELER, son of Jotham Wheeler, was born February 9, 1789, and graduated [at Harvard College] in 1810. He read law with Erastus Root, Esq., of Camden, Maine, and settled in the profession in that town. He was justice of the peace, Colonel in the militia, delegate to form the constitution, a representative and a member of the Senate of Maine, of which he was President the two last years of his life. He died May 1, 1826, aged 37.4
4. Lemuel Shattuck’s 1835 *A History of the Town of Concord*,... Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: John Stacy
(On or about November 11, 1837 Henry Thoreau would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)
The final volume of Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s *AUSFUHRLICHE GRIECHISCHE SPRACHEHRE* (the other volume had been published in 1819).
During this year and the following one, Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s collection of mythological and historical essays *MYTHOLOGUS*.
June 21, Sunday: Philip Karl Buttmann died after many attacks of apoplexy. A son, Alexander Buttmann (1813-1893), would continue in his father’s footsteps.
Philip Karl Buttmann’s son Alexander Buttmann (1813-1893) republished his father’s presentation of Demosthenes’s oration against Midias, *In Miliam*. Boileau’s translation into English of Professor Buttmann’s intermediate Greek Grammar was published in London. An American translation appeared, by Professor Robinson.
Sophia Elizabeth Thoreau presented her brother Henry Thoreau’s personal copy, between blue-gray paper boards and bearing a printed spine label, of Giacomo Costantino Beltrami’s *La découverte des sources du Mississippi et de la RIVIÈRE Sanglante ...* (Nouvelle-Orléans: Impr. par Benjamin Levy, 1824) to the Concord Free Public Library. We note in this volume, now filed as Accession No. 10423, some markings and annotations in pencil.

She presented, also, her brother’s personal copy of the 2d edition of the English translation of Professor Philip Karl Buttmann’s *GREEK GRAMMAR FOR THE USE OF SCHOOLS, FROM THE GERMAN OF PHILIP BUTTMANN* (Boston: Cummings, Hilliard, and Company, 1826), and this is now filed as Accession # 10443. On the front free endpaper is inscribed “D.H. Thoreau / Cambridge / Mass 1833.”

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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.
Place requests with <Kouroo@kouroo.info>. Argh.