“NARRATIVE HISTORY” AMOUNTS TO FABULATION,
THE REAL STUFF BEING MERE CHRONOLOGY
March 30, Friday: A French fleet under Villeneuve slipped out of Toulon heading west.

Theodatus Garlick was born to Daniel Garlick and Sabra S. Kirby Garlick on a farm in Middlebury, Vermont (this infant would wind up its existence on this earth by bragging on its tombstone that it had made itself “The first man in America to breed fish by artificial methods”).

1. The name “Theodotus,” in Greek, means “given to God.” I have no idea what “Theodatus” is supposed to mean: “God’s memory card?” “God’s little piece of info?” “God’s blind date?” There was in fact a Theodatus in ancient times; he was the rhetorician who had triumphantly displayed to Gaius Julius Caesar the head of Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus as he debarked in Alexandria, Egypt.
Theodatus Garlick joined with his brother Abel Garlick in producing Cleveland, Ohio’s 1st shipped goods (burr millstones). He began to serve in Cleveland, Newburgh, and Brookfield, Ohio as a blacksmith, and as a carver of tombstones, while studying medicine with local physicians.

**NOBODY COULD GUESS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT**
Theodatus Garlick and his brother Abel Garlick excavated one of the aboriginal mounds near Cleveland, Ohio (many such mounds have now disappeared, due to a rise in the level of the lake as well as to construction within the city).

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.
Theodatus Garlick opened his own stoneyard in Brookfield, Ohio.

The future is most readily predicted in retrospect.

"Stack of the Artist of Kouroo" Project  
Dr. Theodatus A. Garlick, M.D.
The Ohio Anti-Slavery Society was founded in Zanesville.

Theodatus Garlick graduated from the University of Maryland in Baltimore. While a college student he had prepared wax medallion portraits of Dean of the Faculty Eli Geddings and of several of his professors, and had been invited to fashion wax medallion portraits also of Dr. Jared Kirtland, Henry Clay, and President Andrew Jackson (the President had in fact sat for him four times).

By a vote of 28 to 18, the US Senate censured President Andrew Jackson.

But see the events of 1837.

THE FUTURE CAN BE EASILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT
December: Following Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre’s methods, Theodatus Garlick constructed for himself a camera and, using a silvered brass plate, exposed the 1st Daguerreotype done in the Western Reserve (that is, in the territory then claimed by Connecticut in the Northwest Territory, which has now become northeastern Ohio).

**1839**

**DO I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION? GOOD.**
August 11, Tuesday: Theodatus Garlick, M.D. placed an article in the Maryland Medical and Surgical Journal in regard to the proper preparation of Daguerreotype plates.

**Garlick on the Preparation of Daguerreotype Plates.**

**Baltimore, August 11th, 1840.**

The wonderful discovery of M. Daguerre, of the mode of fixing the images of the camera obscura, has induced many to repeat his experiments; some with the hope of simplifying the complicated and somewhat obscure processes by which he obtains his very interesting results. In the early part of last January I commenced a series of experiments, with a view to ascertain if better and cheaper plates could not be made than those used by M. Daguerre. I am happy to say that my success has exceeded my most sanguine expectations.

The difficulty of procuring good plates, and their costliness, present the first obstacles. It being absolutely necessary to have a perfectly pure surface of silver to produce a good picture, the common plated sheet copper used by the saddlers will not answer. The materials of the plates I now use can be easily procured anywhere, and at a trifling expense. The operator can make them himself in a very short time, for they neither require to be heated, nor the application of nitric acid, as directed by M. Daguerre, which abbreviates and simplifies the process very much. I use sheet brass; copper is as good, if it be well planished, so as to make it very dense. The plate must be highly polished, first using fine pumice and oil, which gives a tolerably fine and regular surface, then rotten stone and oil, which improves it considerably. You now cleanse it well by washing or wiping, when it must be finished very highly by the buff with the peroxide of iron without oil. The plate must be as bright as a mirror to produce a fine picture.

It is now ready for the silvering. Make a weak solution of the nitrate of silver, which must be applied equally over the surface of the brass, with a camel's hair brush. The silver is instantly precipitated, and adheres to the plate very firmly in the form of a dark brown powder. The surface should then be rubbed over gently with super tartrate of potash made moist with water, which restores it to its bright color. The successive application of the solution of the nitrate of silver and the super-tartrate should be repeated at least three times. The solution of the nitrate should not be too strong, as it then corrodes the brass, and the silver will come off in flakes. The best criterion is to try the solution upon the edge of the plate. If it turns the plate instantly black it is too strong. It should produce a deep brown color, and that rather gradually. You now take another buff, (which should be used for no other purpose, and must be soft,) and a little very fine peroxide of iron, and polish the plate finally as highly as possible. The buff should pass over the plate transversely, instead of circularly, as recommended by M. Daguerre, so that the marks it leaves should all run one way.

It is now ready for the iodine. The whole process is easily accomplished after a little practice. I could polish and silver the plate, and produce the picture in less time than it has taken to sketch this article. When these plates are properly prepared, they are capable of producing the very finest specimens of Daguerreotype drawing. I have made a number of drawings with them, and some of them are the finest I have ever seen. I have been assisted in my labors by my friend, Dr. Augustus Barnum, and embrace with pleasure this occasion to express my deep sensibility of his kindness, and my high estimation of his character.

THEODATUS GARLICK, M.D.
September 9, Friday: Augustin Pyramus de Candolle died at Geneva.

By this point Theodatus Garlick had rented a room in Cleveland, Ohio and was producing miniatures “perfect in all aspects, drawn by the Daguerreotype art true to nature” (quoting here from his advertisement). — It has been alleged that in this year he not only exposed the 1st Daguerreotype landscape image made in the United States, but also created the 1st acceptable Daguerreotype portrait to be made, without the use of sunlight directly to brighten the face of the sitter.

CHANGE IS ETERNITY, STASIS A FIGMENT
Lucy Sessions graduated from Oberlin College. This was the first college diploma knowingly granted to a woman of color in America. In her childhood, this girl had been driven from every public school in Toledo, Ohio, on account of her color: “But never, my dear, did a teacher send me home; it was only the visitors that did not know me, who objected to my presence.” When she had been taken in at Oberlin College, on trial, she had been too young to be formally admitted. She appears to have been the daughter of the Mrs. Lucy Sessions who had taken part in the Convention of Friends of Universal Reform at the Chardon Street Chapel in Boston in 1840.

Ohio led all the states not only in the production of college graduates of color and of female gender but also in the production of corn, horses, sheep, and wool.

Horace Greeley persuaded the poet sisters Phoebe and Alice Cary to come from Cincinnati, Ohio to live in New-York.

Spirit rappings were demonstrated in Cincinnati, Ohio by Mrs. B.G. Bushnell, a witness to the Rochester manifestations.

At about this point Theodatus Garlick returned to Cleveland, Ohio for additional work in anatomical dissection. He would practice surgery in the Youngstown area until 1852, and during this decade would produce eight sets of precise painted plaster anatomical models for use at the Cleveland Medical College and elsewhere (meanwhile he would be, also, experimenting with the Daguerreotype).

The 2d US Women’s Rights Convention was held, in Salem, Ohio (men were not permitted to speak).
Dr. Theodatus Garlick became a partner of Dr. Horace A. Ackley at the Cleveland Medical College. He would develop new procedures in plastic and facial surgery and operative midwifery, and invent splints and instruments for amputation, trepanning, and obstetrics.
Theodatus Garlick artificially fertilized trout eggs in vitro, creating America’s 1st fish hatchery.
A Treatise on the Artificial Propagation of Certain Kinds of Fish, with the Description and Habits of Such Kinds as Are the Most Suitable for Pisciculture, by Theodatus Garlick, M.D., Vice President of Cleveland Academy of Natural Science. Giving the author's first experiments contained in a paper read before the Cleveland Academy of Natural Science. Also, Directions for the Most Successful Modes of Angling for Such Kinds of Fish as Are Herein Described (Cleveland: Tho. Brown, Publisher, Ohio Farmer Office).
April 21, Wednesday: President James Buchanan sent a message to the federal senate in regard to the African slave trade. The gist of his message was that the French government seemed to be establishing a colony in its African coastal territories.

Maria Ross of Leicester obtained a patent, for frames for looking-glasses.

Officers of the US Army vigorously defended themselves against an accusation that had been leveled against them in the Deseret News gazette, that they had incited some Indians to massacre a group of Mormons: “The policy adopted and strictly adhered to, in all my intercourse with Indians thus far, has been to avoid inciting them against the Mormons, either person or property.”

April 21. George Melvin says that Joshua Haynes once saw a perch depositing her spawn and the male following behind and devouring it! (?) Garlick in his book on pisciculture says that the perch spawn in May. Melvin says that those short-nosed brook pickerel are caught in the river also, but rarely weigh more than two pounds.

The puddles have dried off along the road and left thick deposits or water-lines of the (lark-purple anthers of the elm, coloring the ground like sawdust. You could collect great quantities of them.

The arbor-vitas is apparently effete already. Ed. Hoar says he heard a wood thrush the 18th.

P.M. — To Easterbrooks’s and Bateman’s Pond.

The benzoin yesterday and possibly the 19th, so much being killed. It might otherwise have been earlier yet. *Populus grandidentata* some days at least. The *Cornus florida* flower-buds are killed.

The rocks on the east side of Bateman’s Pond are a very good place for ferns. I see some very large leather-apron umbilicaria there. They are flaccid and unrolled now, showing most of the olivaceous-fuscous upper side. This side feels cold and damp, while the other, the black, is dry and warm, notwithstanding the warm air. This side, evidently, is not expanded by moisture. It is a little exciting even to meet with a rock covered with these *livid (?)* green aprons, betraying so much life. Some of them are three quarters of a foot in diameter. What a growth for a bare rock!
Theodatus Garlick began to exhibit the symptoms of a progressive disease of the spinal cord.
Theodatus Garlick retired from surgical practice to spend his remaining years in Bedford, Ohio.
December 9, Tuesday: Theodatus Garlick died in Bedford, Ohio (his tombstone would be made to inform us, that here had been the first man in America to breed fish by artificial methods).

“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.

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