Today in History - March 31

On March 31, 1917, the U.S. took formal possession of the Danish West Indies. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 30

John James Audubon, naturalist and artist famous for his drawings and paintings of North American birds, died at his home in New York City on January 27, 1851. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 29

An enormous ice jam formed at the source of the Niagara River on the eastern shore of Lake Erie on March 29, 1848. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 28

Brewing magnate August Anheuser Busch Jr. was born March 28, 1899, in St. Louis, Missouri. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 27

On March 27, 1912, First Lady Helen Herron Taft and the Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, planted two Yoshino cherry trees on the northern bank of the Potomac River Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 26

On March 26, 1874, publisher Condé Nast was born. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 25

On Saturday, March 25, 1911, at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in the heart of New York City, a lethal fire broke out on the factory floor, located at the top of the ten-story Asch Building near Washington Square East. Continue reading.

On March 25, 1634, the first group of settlers landed in what is now southern Maryland, an event commemorated each year on Maryland Day. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 24

On March 24, 1776, one week after the British troops under General William Howe evacuated Boston, General George Washington wrote a letter to the Continental Congress. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 23

Born on March 23, 1857, Bostonian Fannie Merritt Farmer significantly influenced the way Americans cook. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 22

On March 22, 1961, industrial designer Raymond Loewy made several sketches of a futuristic sports car at the request of Sherwood Egbert, the recently appointed president of the ailing Studebaker Corporation. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 21

Legendary showman Florenz Ziegfeld Jr., impresario behind what became known as the Ziegfeld Follies, was born on March 21, 1867 (possibly 1869), in Chicago, Illinois. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 20

On Wednesday, March 20, 1985, at 9:00am, Libby Riddles became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, the dog-pulling sled race from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 19

William Jenning Bryan, gifted orator and three-time presidential candidate was born on March 19, 1860, in Salem, Illinois. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 18

On March 18, 1782, John C. Calhoun was born near Abbeville, South Carolina. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 17

Today is St. Patrick's Day, an Irish and Irish-American holiday commemorating the death, as legend has it , of Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, on March 17, circa 492. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 14

On March 14, 1896, San Francisco celebrated the official opening of the Sutro Baths, an extravagant public bathhouse envisioned and developed by the one-time mayor of San Francisco, Adolph Sutro. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 13

Inside the Library of Congress copy of a rare children's Bible, someone carefully wrote "Enoch Brooks' Book, Princeton, March 13, 1789" in ink, with a flourish. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 12

On March 12, 1901, Andrew Carnegie, one of the world's foremost industrialists, offered the city of New York $5.2 million for the construction of sixty-five branch libraries. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 11

During March and April of 1865, troops under command of Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston fought General William T. Sherman's 60,000-man force as it marched north through the Carolinas during the final weeks of the Civil War. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 10

Hallie Quinn Brown was an African American born free on March 10, 1845, according to some sources. Continue reading.

On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell conducted a successful experiment with the telephone. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 9

The Supreme Court issued a ruling on March 9, 1841 freeing the remaining thirty-five survivors of the Amistad mutiny. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 8

On March 8, 1884, Susan B. Anthony appeared before the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 7

On Sunday, March 7, 1965, about six hundred people began a fifty-four mile march from Selma, Alabama to the state capitol in Montgomery. Continue reading.

On March 7, 1850, Senator Daniel Webster delivered his famous "Seventh of March" speech urging sectional compromise on the issue of slavery. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 6

Texans (or "Texians" according to some sources) began fighting for independence from Mexico in 1835. By December of that year the small Texas army captured the important crossroads town of San Antonio de Bexar and seized the garrison known as the Alamo. Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna recaptured the town on March 6, 1836. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 5

Late in the afternoon of March 5, 1770, British sentries guarding the Boston Customs House shot into a crowd of civilians, killing three men and injuring eight, two of them mortally. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 4

Until the ratification of the Twentieth Amendment in 1933, the official day for presidential inaugurations was March 4. Continue reading.

On Monday, March 4, 1861, President James Buchanan and President-elect Abraham Lincoln left the Willard Hotel in Washington D.C., in a horse-drawn carriage bound for the Capitol and Lincoln's inauguration. Continue reading.

On March 4, 1863, President Lincoln signed an act creating Idaho Territory. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 3

On March 3, 1859, journalist Q. K. Philander Doesticks (Mortimer Thomson) attended an auction of 436 men, women, and children formerly held by Pierce M. Butler. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 2

On March 2, 1899, President William McKinley signed legislation creating Mount Rainier National Park in central Washington. Continue reading.

Today in History - March 1

On March 1, 1692, Salem, Massachusetts authorities interrogated Sarah Good, Sarah Osborne, and an Indian slave, Tituba to determine if they indeed practiced witchcraft. Continue reading.