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<p>2 1727: Abraham Markoe was an escort to General Washington on his way to assume command of the Continental Army, a large landholder on STX. He was an international businessman, who traded rum, sugar, and other goods, and founder of the first militia called the Philadelphia Light Horse & later the First Troop. He was born on STX, USVI.</p> 	<p>3 1848: On St. Croix slaves led by Moses Gottlieb, Martin King, and others converged full rebellion demanding emancipation. From Fort Frederik at 4:00pm, Governor Peter von Scholten issued Emancipation Proclamation granting freedom to all Danish West Indies slaves.</p> 	<p>4 1923: Antoine Joseph, Legal Counsel to the Legislature who drafted legislation to restructure the local courts & major revisions to the election code, was born on STX, USVI. He was appointed judge for three terms spanning 15 years & later entered private practice.</p> 	<p>5 1848: The Chief Constable on STJ issued a public notice prohibiting boat owners and other vessels, under penalties of severe pain, from transporting working class persons out of the island in an effort to reduce a possible mass exodus.</p> 	<p>6 1985: The Mungo Niles Cultural Dancers' Good-Will Tour, which included performances and visits to the Catskills Mountains, Edison New Jersey Job Corps Center, TV stations in New York, presentations, and VI representative in the National's 209th Birthday Celebration on the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, DC, concluded.</p> 	<p>7 1912: Danish King grants a 99 year concession to a Danish business consortium to deepen Long Bay on St. Thomas, fill in 42 acres and construct piers.</p> 	<p>8 1827: The Lutheran Church, which was rebuilt after being destroyed by fire in the year before, was rededicated by Pastor Soren Risberg Ortved of Christiansted.</p> 
<p>9 1909: Nationally renowned photographer, Fritz Henle was born. He lived in STX and documented the history and changes of the British and US Virgin Islands through his photographs.</p> 	<p>10 1940: Juan F. Luis, the only governor to serve ten consecutive years, was born in Vieques, PR.</p> 	<p>11 1804: Alexander Hamilton, a founding father who grew up on STX was accused of making disparaging and vicious remarks about Aaron Burr. Burr challenged Hamilton to a duel. On the duel day, Hamilton fired first & deliberately missed. Burr fired and mortally wounded Hamilton.</p> 	<p>12 1945: Following a US House-Senate conference to resolve differences between both bills, both gave their approval to the Revised Organic Act for the VI.</p> 	<p>13 1901: Peter Jackson, world renowned boxer, died in Australia from tuberculosis. This was just ten days after his 40th birthday. He was born on St. Croix, US VI.</p> 	<p>14 1827: Peter von Scholten was named Acting Governor Ad Interim. Eight years later, he was appointed Governor General.</p> 	<p>15 1988: Act #533 was passed to rename the Long Bay and Havensight roads easterly through Estate Bakkeroe on St. Thomas USVI, the Edward Wilmot Blyden Road.</p> 
<p>16 2007: The investiture of Attorneys James S. Carroll, III and Michael C. Dunston took place in the Ceremonial Courtroom at the Alexander A. Farrelly Justice Center on St. Thomas, USVI.</p> 	<p>17 1925: Samuel "Sam" B. King, who advanced the Boy Scouts movement in the VI by organizing three districts of over 100 units and spearheaded the construction and refurbishing of buildings on STT & STX, obtained land for camping sites.</p> 	<p>18 1996: Act #6113 was approved to honor and commend Alphonso "Piggy" Gerard for his contributions to baseball and to rename the Basin Triangle Housing Development, the 'Alphonso "Piggy" Gerard Housing Project.'</p> 	<p>19 1998: The Territorial Court Complex on STX was rededicated & renamed the R.H. Amphlett Leader Justice Complex. This was in honor of the highly regarded Crucian newspaper publisher, teacher, carpenter, draftsman, Frederiksted Postmaster, labor leader and attorney.</p> 	<p>20 1984: The Territorial Court on St. Croix, US Virgin Island was opened.</p> 	<p>21 1983: The leadership of The 15th Legislature under Elmo D. Roebuck was ousted & replaced with President Hugo Dennis, Vice-President Bent Lawaetz, Secretary Cleone Creque Maynard, & Majority Leader Lloyd Williams.</p> 	<p>22 1954: President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands into law.</p> 
<p>23 1731: Following conversations with Anthony Ulrich at the coronation of King Christian VI about the need for missionaries to come to the Danish West Indies to educate and Christianize the enslaved, Count Nicolas von Zinzendorf spoke to the Moravians at his Saxony estate and Leonard Dober and Tobias Leupold volunteered to go.</p> 	<p>24 2009; St. Thomas artist Barbara Demaras celebrated the opening of her new exhibit, "Into the Light" Part I and II at the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts.</p> 	<p>25 1926: The Most Reverend Elliott G. Thomas, D.D. retired, member of CAHS Class of 1945, US Army veteran, pharmacist, Catholic pastor, Dean, Vicar General, third Catholic Bishop of the VI, and the first Virgin Islander to hold that office, was born to VI parents in Pittsburgh, PA.</p> 	<p>26 1926: Arthur A. Schomburg, Bibliophile & collector of Black literature & artifacts of DWI ancestry, travelled to Europe on this day to conduct 8 weeks of research in Germany, France, Spain, & England & to search for books on black & their contributions.</p> 	<p>27 1851: On St. Croix USVI, the Lutheran Sunday School was organized in Christiansted, while in Frederiksted, it was organized on September 7 of the same year.</p> 	<p>28 1847: On the Queen's birthday, King Christian VIII issued a proclamation granting emancipation to all children born from that day to all others, twelve years later.</p> 	<p>29 1848: The Planters Committee issued an order stipulating that the ex-slaves were to find employment on the plantations, where they served as slaves, or in the towns.</p> 
<p>30 1971: Resolution #583 was passed to designate the first week in October of each year as the Beauticians', Manicurists', and Barbers' Week.</p> 	<p>31 1978: The Legislature passed Bill No. 7902, which became Act No. 4165, to rename Bjerger Gade on St. Thomas USVI, Cyril Michael Street in honor of his lengthy and distinguished time spent on the Bench and as a long time resident of Bjerger Gade.</p> 					