

## TIMELINES IN AA HISTORY

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- (N) NOT-GOD by Ernest Kurtz
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- (W) A.A., THE WAY IT BEGAN by Bill Pittman

(Note: Each snippet is referenced: example (B 147)=Bill W. page 147, (N 283)=Not-God page 283,(P 111)=Pass It On page 111.)

- 1864  
Bill's great-uncle killed Battle Wilderness (P 54)
- 1865  
William C. Wilson married Helen Barrows, Bill's grandparents (W 136)
- 1870  
Bill's parents Gilman & Emily Griffith Wilson born (B 12)
- 1878  
June 4: Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman born (W 114)
- 1879  
August 8: Dr. Bob born (C 2) (D 9) (N 29)
- 1885-1894  
Dr. Bob attended St. Johnsbury, Vermont Summer Street elementary school (D 12)
- 1888  
summer: Dr. Bob's 1st drink, jug hard cider, turning 9 (D 13)
- 1889  
January 2: Sister Ignatia born, Ballyhane Ireland (S 42)
- 1894  
Dr. Bob entered St. Johnsbury Academy, Calvin Coolidge 30th president attended; Bill's parents married; Clarence Griffin, Gardner Fayette Griffith's only son died Colorado (D 15) (P 13,28)  
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September: Gilly Wilson married Emily Griffin, Bill's parents (B 15) (W 137)  
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December: Clarence, Fayette Wilson's son died Colorado (B 33)
- 1894  
Dr. Bob entered St. Johnsbury Academy, Calvin Coolidge 30th President attended (D 15)
- 1895  
November 26: Bill born East Dorset Vermont, small room behind bar (B 15) (C 4) (N 10) (P 407) (W 138)
- 1898  
Dr. Bob graduated St. Johnsbury Academy entered Dartmouth College; Dorothy Brewster Wilson, Bill's sister born (C 2) (D 348) (P 15)
- 1902  
Varieties Religious Experience published, William James wrote; Dr. Bob graduated Dartmouth College; E.B. Watson class president Dartmouth Dr. Bob's class (C 2) (D 348) (N 30) (W 172)
- 1902-1904  
Dr. Bob employed by Fairbanks Morse, St. Johnsbury scales manufacturing company (D 24)
- 1903  
Bills family moves Rutland Vermont, fathers work (P 20)
- 1904

Dr. Bob worked short time Filene's department store (D 25)  
1904-1905  
Bill's father deserts family, Bill (age 10 or 11) & sister went to live with grandparents (P 25) (B 19) (N 10) (W 139)  
1905  
autumn: Bill's father left family, Bill didn't see again until summer 1914 (B 11,17)  
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fall: Dr. Bob entered University Michigan pre-medical student, age 26 (C 2) (D 25) (N 30)  
1906  
Bill's parents, Emily & Gilman Wilson Bill & sister Emily & mother move back East Dorset from Rutland Vermont (P 25,407)  
1907  
spring: Dr. Bob tries geographic cure on farm year (D 26)  
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summer: Bill's grandfather says only Australians make boomerang (A 53) (B 30) (L 20)  
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fall: Dr. Bob forced leave University Michigan drinking went Rush University near Chicago (C 2) (D 26) (N 30)  
1908  
seed Oxford Group planted in Frank Buchman, native Allentown Pennsylvania, had remarkable spiritual transformation, been running home orphan boys Philadelphia, resigned bitter dispute trustees, sailed England, drifted religious conference Keswick, Salvation Member's inspiring sermon profound effect, made amends former trustees brought great relief & joy, shared this, began see personal spiritual change way healing world; Dr. Frank Buchman & Dr. Sam Shoemaker met China; 1st Century Christian Fellowship started, later became Oxford Group (N 9) (W 141)  
\*\*\*\*  
spring or early summer: Bill met closet friend, Mark Whalon (B 43) (W 141)  
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February: Bill made boomerang, that night grandfather gave Bill Clarence's violin (A 53) (B 36-37)  
1909  
Bill's grandparents decide send Bill age 14 Burr & Burton Academy; National Rubber Machinery Company founded Akron, Akron Rubber Mold & Machine Company reorganized 1928 (N 12) (P 134) (W 142)  
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late spring: application accepted Bill enroll Burr & Burton (B 52)  
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fall: Bill started secondary education Burr & Burton Academy (C 4) (N 12)  
1910  
Dr. Bob receives medical degree Rush University age 31, received highly coveted 2 year internship City Hospital (C 2) (D 27) (N 30)  
1910-1912  
Dr. Bob's internship City Hospital, no problem with drinking; Bill said happiest time life (D 27) (W 143)  
1911  
summer: 1st time Bill saw father since Autumn 1905 when left family (B 11)  
1912  
Dr. Bob age 33 started medical practice 2nd National Bank Building Akron until 1948; Lois graduated Packer Institute Brooklyn (D 28,348) (L 12)  
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Summer-early fall: 1 happiest, most ecstatic periods Bill's life (P 35)  
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November 18: Bill's childhood sweetheart Bertha Bamford died (N 12) (P 35)  
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November 19: Bill learned schools chapel from Burr & Burton principal, childhood sweetheart Bertha Bamford died (N 12) (P 35)  
1912-1915  
period depression Bill following childhood sweetheart Bertha Bamford's death (P 36)  
1913  
summer: Bill's grandfather took him Pennsylvania 50 anniversary Gettysburg; Bill, mother, sister camped Emerald Lake (B 68) (L 13,15)  
1913-1914  
school year, Bill went live with mother & sister Dorothy Arlington Massachusetts (P 40)  
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fall/winter: Bill attended special courses Arlington High prepare Massachusetts Institute Technology (B 72)  
1914

early: Judge Smith dispatched doctor St. Johnsbury instructions bring Dr. Bob St. Johnsbury, stayed 2  
months (D 28-29)

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summer: Bill & Lois meet (B 82)

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midsummer: Europe verge war (P 42)

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August: Bill sees father 1st time 8 years, British Columbia (B 72) (P 42)

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September: Bill age 19 enters Norwich University military college, freshman (B 67) (P 43) (W 144)  
1915

Dr. Bob & Anne Ripley married; T. Henry Williams came Akron (C 2) (P 140,145)

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summer: Bill peddling kerosene lamp burners, Lois opened small tea arbor north end Emerald Lake, Bill &  
Lois Burnham engaged kept secret except Bill's friend Mark Whalon (B 82) (L 14) (P 48-49) (W 145)

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January 25: Dr. Bob & Annie marry 17 years after meeting (D 16,29,348)

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September 11: Bill & Lois engaged (B 87)

1916

Bill suspended Norwich College due participation hazing situation; U.S. troops under General Pershing sent  
Mexico vain attempt capture Pancho Villa, Norwich University cadets part Vermont National Guard so  
mobilized; Bill's 1/2 sister born  
(B 96) (L 18) (P 49,80) (W 145)

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February: hazing incident Norwich University, Bill onlooker, Bill & sophomore class suspended (B 96)

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June early: Bill & sophomore class reinstated from February hazing suspension, sent Fort Ethan Allen part  
expedition against Mexican Pancho Villa (B 96) (P 49) (W 145)

1917

Bill passes Army's physical examination, Bill called up; takes 1st drink Bronx cocktail at Grinnells', never  
graduates Norwich University (B 112) (C 4) (N 13) (P 46,54,56,407)

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summer: Bill completed training Fort Monroe Virginia, became 2nd lieutenant Army Artillery, 1st assignment  
Fort Rodman Massachusetts (W 145)

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January: Lois taught aunts Marion's school (L 12)

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April 6: U.S. entered WWI (W 145)

1918

18th Amendment passed [Prohibition]; Dr. Bob's father died; Bill stationed Fort Adams, last stop before  
embarkation (B 112) (D 10,30)

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early: U.S. fully at war (P 56)

summer: Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman saw 1st house party Calling China, became Oxford Group technique (W  
117)

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January: Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman Samuel M. Shoemaker meet Peking; Lois left Aunt Marian's school (L  
22) (W 118)

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January 24: Bill & Lois married Swedenborgian Church Brooklyn (B 111) (P 58,407) (W 146)

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February 1: original wedding date Bill & Lois, changed January 24 due war (B 111) (P 58)

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February 15: daughter Suzanne Smith Windows born (C 11)

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June 5: Dr. Bob's son Robert Ripley Smith born (C 2) (P 140)

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July: thought Lois pregnant, not (B 114)

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July 17: last night Bill & Lois together before Bill sailed overseas (B 113)  
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July 18: Bill sailed from Boston on Lancashire with 66th C.A.C. 5 months left WWI  
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July 20: Bill's 1st drink brandy board ship Lancashire (B 113,115) (W 146)  
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November 18: WWI ended (B 121) (W 146)  
1919

March: Bill sailed Bordeaux board S.S. Powhatan to New York harbor (B 121,122)  
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May: Bill discharged Army Camp Devens, Wilson's settle Brooklyn (B 121) (L 27) (P 62,407) (W 147)  
1920's

Bill pursued dreams wealth; Late, Dr. Bob went quite often St. Thomas Hospital (C 4) (D 45)  
1920

January 17: 18th Amendment law (P 67,122)  
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February: Lois working Red Cross occupational therapy aid Brooklyn Naval Hospital; Bill & Lois move 1  
room apartment State Street (L 31)  
1921

Frank Buchman Pennsylvanian Lutheran minister started Oxford Group after spiritual experience traveling  
Scotland; Bill's grandmother Ella Brock died; Bill took Thomas Edison's employment test, passed declined  
work; 1st exposure Wall Street investigative work United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company; Lois 1st  
series miscarriages; Bill & Lois move apartment Amity Street (B 135-137,139) (C 3) (L 34) (P 28,70)  
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February: Lois got another job Bellevue Hospital until September 1922 (L 34)  
1922

Bill & Lois move apartment Amity Street; Ebby's family business failed (B 138) (P 67,83)  
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July: Lois 2nd ectopic pregnancy (B 142-143) (L 34) (W 147)  
1923

Smith's adopt Suzanne Smith, age 5 same age son (C 2,11)  
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May: Lois's 3rd ectopic pregnancy, Bill often too drunk visit hospital (L 34)  
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Christmas: Bill vowed stay sober 1 year, lasted 2 months (B 141) (W 148)  
1924

Bill's substitute father, grandfather Gardner Fayette Griffith died; Bill finished law school (L 31) (P 70)  
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February: Bill vowed no more drinking (B 141)  
1925

April: Wilson's start motorcycle trip 3-wheeler Harley-Davidson (B 148) (L 36-37) (P 69)  
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June 17: Lois's sister Kitty married ( 60) (P 75)  
1925-1929

Bill's success securities analyst marred worsening drinking problem (P 407)  
1926

Spring: Kitty Burnham married; Bill's drinking discussed business conferences Frank Shaw (B 156)  
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June: fortune threw money applause Bill's way (P 75)  
1927

summer: Bill & Lois on-site investigation Cuban Sugar; rented expensive 3 room apartment 38 Livingston  
Street New York not big enough rented 1 beside make larger (L 71) (P 79-80)  
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end: Bill very depressed, signed Lois all rights, titles & interest (L 72) (P 82)  
1928

Dr. Bob met Sister Mary Ignatia St. Thomas Hospital; Bill, star among Wall Street associates; 1st Century  
Christian Fellowship renamed Oxford Group; Bill & Lois move new apartment Livingston Street, knocked  
down walls make bigger; Bill's brother-in-law Dr. Leonard Strong gave Bill physical examination, confronted  
Bill drinking (B 159-160) (D 45) (P 81,130)  
(S 9) (W 120,148)  
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October 20: Bill wrote promise family Bible quit drinking (P 81)

1928-1939  
 Sister Ignatia worked with alcoholics Akron (S 25)

1929  
 Bill broke friend & benefactor Frank Shaw; Dr. Silkworth loses life's savings; Bill, Ebby, pilot charted airplane  
 flew into new airfield Manchester Vermont, delegation met them, they drunk (B 203) (H 367) (L 79) (P  
 77,85,101,175)  
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early: 1st time Bill & Ebby drank together (P 83)  
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January: Bill wrote promise family Bible quit drinking (P 81)  
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May: Dr. Bob surgeon proctologist (C 105)  
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October: stock market crash, Bill \$60,000 debt (B 168) (N 14) (W 148)  
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December: Bill & Lois move Canada work friend Dick Johnson (L 81) (P 86)  
 1920's late  
 Dr. Bob going often St. Thomas Hospital; Wilson's enjoyed affluence (D 45) (P 77)

1930's  
 early: Sister Ignatia secretly hospitalizing isolated cases alcoholics; double standards men & women  
 alcoholics (S 118,124)  
 1930's early  
 Joe Hirshhorn financier hired Bill analyze & evaluate companies (G 71)  
 1930-1933  
 Bill's drinking prevents financial comeback after 1929 crash (C 4) (P 407)  
 1930  
 Bill & Lois move Canada, small apartment Gerald Street, job, Bill's friend Canadian Dick Johnson let him go  
 due drinking; Wilson's taken in Lois's parents; Dr. Silkworth arrives Towns Hospital; Rowland Hazard visited  
 Carl Jung (B 169,231) (H 277) (N 8) (P 86-87) (W 149)  
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early fall: firm Greenshields & Company Canada let Bill due drinking (B 170) (L 81)  
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May: Bill & Lois moved handsome, expense apartment Cotes des Neiges; Bill started nipping morning (B  
 169-170)  
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September: Bill wrote promise family Bible quit drinking (P 86)  
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December 25: Bill returned Canada, mother-in-law died Bill to drunk attend funeral (B 172) (L 82) (P 87) (W  
 149)  
 1931  
 Bill enters helpless drinking phase; wife job Macy's Department Store; Rowland H. joins Oxford Group (P  
 128)  
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May: Lois start work R.H. Macy (B 174) (P 90)  
 1932  
 Anne Smith began attending Oxford Group meetings with friend Henrietta Seiberling; received guidance  
 have special Oxford Group meeting Dr. Bob's drinking (C 2-3) (E 10)  
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late: called Henrietta Seiberling reference Dr. Bob's drinking (N 31)  
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April 8: Bill, Author Wheeler, Frank Winans formed long-term speculative syndicate based on Bill not taking  
 even 1 drink  
 (B 180-181) (P 90-92)  
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May middle: Bound Brook New Jersey small hotel, Bill drank Jersey Lighting applejack, learned never was,  
 would be just 1 drink, blew deal long-term speculative syndicate Arthur Wheeler, Frank Winans, Bill now  
 drank simply escape & block from mind what he did (A 56) (B 182-184) (L 83)  
 1933  
 Bill & Joe Hirshhorn break due Bill's drinking; Bill's last chance Wall Street; Lois takes 3 month leave  
 absence Macy's; Dr. Bob started attending Oxford Group; President Roosevelt declared mortgage  
 moratorium, allowed people stay houses even couldn't make payments; Dr. Bob began going Oxford Group  
 meetings cope with alcoholism; Bill renewed childhood past time reading (C 29,114) (D 348) (P 98) (W 150)

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early: beer legal, Dr. Bob tried beer experiment (D 42,53)  
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autumn: Bill enters Towns Hospital 1st time; oblivion drinking (P 93,100,407)  
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May: Lois's father remarried, Joan Jones (L 84)  
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December 5: Prohibition ended (P 122) (W 150)  
1933-1934  
Bill admitted Charles B. Towns Hospital 4 times, Bill's memories totally disordered (B 191-193) (C 4) (N 14)  
(W 150)  
1934  
Dr. Bob appointed courtesy staff St. Thomas Hospital Akron; Dr. Thomas Scuderi young intern medical  
director Ignatia Hall, alcoholic ward St. Thomas Hospital; Sister Ignatia & Dr. Scuderi secretly treated A.A.  
#3 lawyer (D 45,51) (N 79) (S 8,11)  
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summer: Dr. Silkworth pronounces Bill hopeless alcoholic (A vii)  
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early fall: Lois working drapery department Loesser's Brooklyn (B 196)  
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March: Lois quit job Macy's, didn't want ask another leave absence (L 85) (P 105)  
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May: Lois's father remarries (P 98)  
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July: Ebby trying complete paint job, told arrested again drunkenness 6 months Windsor Prison (P 113)  
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August: Rowland H. & Cebra G. from Oxford Group intervene with judge, sober up Ebby (A vii) (N 9)  
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September: Bill back Town's hospital, 3rd time (L 87) (P 108)  
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November: Ebby phoned Bill, asked to stop by haven't seen each other 1 year, Ebby sober, 2 nights later  
Ebby & Bill sat together Bill's Kitchen 182 Clinton Street, Ebby told about himself & Oxford Group, got Bill  
meeting Old Calvary Church group New York; Bill went 1st time Sam Shoemaker Calvary Church Mission (A  
58,62) (B 202-203) (C 4) (H 367) (L 197) (N 18) (P 111) (W 196)  
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November 11: Armistice Day; Bill started drinking after dry spell, beginning Bill's last drunk (A vii,57)(B  
198)(L 87)(P 109)  
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November, around 26th: Ebby visited Bill (A 58,62) (W 151)  
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December: Bill investigates Calvary Episcopal Mission 23rd Street, New York Dr. Sam Shoemaker's Calvary  
Church operated; Howard Tompkins Beer & Company sent Bill glowing letter encouragement concerning  
sobriety (L 94) (N 18) (P 116,133)  
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December 11: Bill's last drink 4 beers, month to day since started, entered Towns Hospital 4th time year,  
received then-current Towns treatment [barbiturates sedate & belladonna reducing stomach acids], has  
spiritual experience 39 years old, released obsession drink (A vii) (H 197) (L 197) (P 16,120-121,123,407)  
(W 152,162)  
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December 13 or 14: Ebby visited Bill hospital, explained Oxford Group principles, brought William James's  
book, Varieties Religious Experience, Ebby didn't read, Oxford Group members recommended (H  
197,279,298) (N 20) (P 120,124) (W 152)  
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December 18: Bill discharged 4th last hospitalization Towns Hospital 2:30PM; Bill & Lois start attending  
Oxford Group meetings Calvary House adjacent Calvary Episcopal Church, Dr. Sam Shoemaker rector;  
leading Oxford Group figure  
(P 104,127,407) (W 155)  
1934 December-1935 May  
Bill works alcoholics fails sober any up (A vii)  
1934 late-1937  
Wilson's attended Oxford Group meetings Calvary church, attended house parties (P 168)  
1935

Dr. Bob confessed drinking problem Oxford Group before meeting Bill (S 18)  
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early: Bill preached Oxford Group message, no 1 sobered up (B 233) (P 131-132)  
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spring: T. Henry Williams lost chief engineer job National Rubber Machine Company (L 104)  
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fall: Bill & Lois began weekly meetings Tuesday nights 182 Clinton Street; 2nd A.A. group formed New York (A 10) (P 162)  
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autumn: Dr. Bob's daughter met Ernie W. Galbraith (C 11)  
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near end: alcoholics living Calvary Mission instructed not attend meetings Clinton Street (P 169)  
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end: A.A. had 5 members (A 310)  
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April: Dr. Silkworth told Bill quit preaching at drunks religion usually fills them guilt or rebellion & said tell them obsession & allergy; Bill returned Wall Street April 1935, got involved proxy fight control small machine-tool factory Akron (A 65) (B 233-234) (N 26-27)  
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May 10: business deal brought Bill Akron, attend annual stockholders meeting small machine-tool factory, lost proxy fight; called Dr. Walter Tunks Episcopalian minister from Mayflower Hotel get drunk talk with, talked Henrietta Seiberling put him touch Dr. Bob (A 66) (B 235-236) (C 4,5) (G 69) (H 355) (L 95,197) (N 26-27) (W 156-157)  
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May 11: Dr. Tunks gives Bill Henrietta Seiberling phone, she received call from Bill (D 60,64) (L 95) (N 27)  
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May 12: Bill & Dr. Bob meet (A vii) (C 4-5) (D 348) (L 197) (N 35) (P 407) (S 18)  
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June: Bill 1st overnight Smiths A.A. guest (S 114)  
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June 1st week: American Medical Association Convention, Dr. Bob not missed one in 20 years (D 72) (N 32)  
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June 10: Dr. Bob's last drink, beer; A.A. born 855 Ardmore Avenue; celebrated Founder's Day Akron (A vii,10,71) (B 243) (C 5,40-41,124) (D 348) (E 13) (G 83) (H 199,357) (L 96,197) (N 33) (P 149,407) (W 156-157)  
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June 28: A.A. #3, attorney; his wife & Dr. Bob's wife met; Bill & Dr. Bob meet Bill D. (C 42) (N 37) (S 117)  
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June 29: Lois goes Akron, spends week with Smiths (L 197)  
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June late: Dr. Bob calls Akron City Hospital looking drunk him & Bill work on (P 152)  
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July: Lois came Akron 2 week visit (B 249)  
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July 4: Bill D., A.A. #3 left hospital (P 154)  
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August end: 4 A.A.'s, 5 counting Phil S. Bill returned New York from Akron (B 249) (D 108)  
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late August or early September: Phil S., A.A. #5 came in (D 95)  
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November 19: Ebby stays 182 Clinton Street (L 197)  
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December: Bill attended 1st Oxford Group house party Richmond Virginia (L 103)  
1935 on  
Hank & Fitz joined Wilson's Oxford Group meetings, Calvary church & number Oxford Group house parties (P 168)  
1935-1940  
period concerned learning get sober, creating text book & publishing business office & board trustees guidance (G 85)  
1936

Charlie Towns owner Towns Hospital offered Bill job lay therapist, Bill told group thus 1 A.A.'s 1st group consciences derived; Ebby slipped after 2 years 7 months drank heavy long time later; Bill's mother 2nd husband died; Groups oldest Dr. Bob, said, What would the Master do? when group deciding let victim another addiction join; Ruth Hock came work Bill & Hank P., office 17 William Street Newark (A 100-101,115,159) (D 240) (E 20) (G 82) (L 107,197) (N 63-64) (P 176,177,290)

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early: Dr. Bob's wife organized wives group (C 43,132) (S 118)

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middle: small & solid A.A. group developing Bill's house (B 252)

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Fall: Bill & Hank form small company Sharing Inc raise money Honor Dealers project (L 101)

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end: A.A. had 15 members (A 310)

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January: Paul S. early Akron A.A. meets Dr. Bob (D 111)

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February 23: Bill persuaded Lois quit job Loeser's department store (L 104,197) (P 175)

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March: A.A. had 10 members (A 302)

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April 26: Wilson's forced out 182 Clinton Street mortgage company sold it, in Burnham family 1/2 century, went Hank & wife's live; lived vagabonds next 2 years, 1st 1 A.A. family, then another, around 50 families (P 213-214)

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April 26 soon after: Sunday meeting held Hank's & Kathleen's (P 216)

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June: Oxford Group height 10,000 people flocked Berkshires, attend Stockbridge Massachusetts meeting, 10 day affair; Bill & Lois attend Oxford Group house party Stockbridge; Bill's mother 2nd husband died (L 103,106) (P 170)

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August: New York World Telegram published article Dr. Frank Buchman charging pro-Nazi, vindicated (P 170-171)

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September: J.H.D. joined A.A.; Lois's father Dr. Burnham died (D 111) (P 175)

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October: Bill C. young Canadian alkie, former attorney, compulsive gambler, stayed Bill's house nearly year, committed suicide, gas stove (B 263,265) (P 165)

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November: Alumni Magazine included short note reference Dr. Bob's making class reunions (D 22)

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November 18: Ebby came live Wilson's (W 157)

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December: Bill met Charlie Towns & associate Dr. Alexander Lambert, asked work Towns Hospital; Bill & Lois attend Oxford Group house party Poconos Pennsylvania; 1st group conscience (A 100-101,115) (L 10,107,197) (N 63-64) (W 157-158)

1936-1937

last time Bill serious effort reestablish himself securities field (P 175)

1936-1942

Ruth Hock Bill's secretary (E 20) (G 111)

1937

Bill & New York alcoholics separate Oxford Group, more than 40 alcoholics staying sober; Dr. Silkworth wrote article Medical Record [Alcoholism Manifestation Allergy, Dr. Silkworth called Bill say had prospect, Fitz M. 1st, Hank P. 2nd; Akron & New York Groups authorized Dr. Bob & Bill create over-all services spread A.A. message world-wide; Dr. Anton Carlson with group scientists formed subsidiary body Research Council Problems Alcohol (A vii,74) (C 6) (G 82) (H 187) (P 102,407) (TC 10)

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fall: Dr. Bob & Bill realize 40 alcoholics sober, wonder how to share message, thought of book (A 144) (H 10)

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summer: Bill, Hank P., Fitz tried start A.A. Washington & Philadelphia no luck (B 263)



fall: Bill's work Quaw & Foley collapsed economic troubles; visited brother-in-law Dr. Leonard Strong Jr. got interview with Willard -- Richardson connected Rockefeller philanthropies; prospects came Akron from Cleveland (A 148) (D 348) (H 142) (P 177,181)

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end: A.A. had 40 members (A 310)

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January: Bill & Lois attend Oxford Group house party West Point New York; Bill got job Quaw & Foley stockbrokers (L 103,107)

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February: Dick S. tried get brother Paul in A.A. (D 111)

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February: 12 A.A.'s 1/2 had & would slip, Bob E. joined A.A. (D 101,108)

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March: Bill & Lois start attending Oxford Group meetings (L 197)

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May: Ebby drunk, dry since November 1936 (L 197) (W 157)

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August: Bill others broke away Oxford Group (B 262) (L 103,197) (W 159)

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September: Bill V.H. joined A.A., Akron (D 119)

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October: group had 40 members Akron & New York, Dr. Leonard Strong introduces Bill Reverend Willard S. Richardson (L 197)

(W 159)

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November: Dr. Bob & Bill realized chain reaction begun; Akron A.A.'s agreed on book; 40 alcoholics sober New York & Ohio, least 20 dry longer 1 year, all diagnosed hopeless; special meeting T. Henry Williams house, 18 present voted 10 yes 8 no, raise money printed material & hospitals (A vii,76,145) (B 266,269-270) (D 348) (E 22-23) (H 142) (MS 9) (P 180)

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December: Bill, Dr. Bob, Hank P., Fitz, Ned P., Dr. Silkworth met John D. Rockefeller's contingent Willard Richardson, Frank Amos, A. Leroy Chipman, Albert Scott 56th floor R.C.A. Building (A 148) (B 274) (H 142) (L 109) (MS 9)

1938

Bill & Dr. Bob accumulating stories Big Book; Oxford Group renamed Moral Rearmament; A.A. had 50 men 2 women when Frank Amos investigated it; Alcoholics Foundation set up, now General Service Board, 5 members 3 John D. Rockefeller Jr's friends, advisory committee created, 8 members Bill & Dr. Strong on; Bill using name Alcoholics Anonymous letters & pamphlets; Ruth Hock typed original manuscript Big Book; Bill & Dr. Bob commenced work upon world service structure (A 149-150) (C 6) (D 126) (G 51,103,111) (H 106,126,168) (L 92) (N 9,48) (P 130,187,407) (TC 6)

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summer: 1st 2nd chapters Big Book written Multilithed immediately used scheme raise money (A 153) (E 23) (P 193,223) (S 121)

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fall: Bill talked Lois quitting her job (B 288)

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end: Big Book manuscript ready preliminary distribution, 400 copies were Multilithed circulated; Hank's business collapsed; office moved tiny 1 room 17 William Street Newark; A.A. had 100 members (A 159,310) (B 292) (L 198) (P 200)

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February: Frank Amos investigated A.A. gave report John D. Rockefeller (D 129) (P 185)

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February 4: Dick Richardson proposed Alcoholic Foundation be formed (L 197)

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March or April: Bill drafted 1st 2 chapters Big Book (A 153) (E 16) (H 143) (L 110,197) (MS 10) (P 193)

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April: Alcoholic Foundation formed, Dr. Leonard Strong, A. LeRoy Chipman, Frank Amos on it as trustees; Bill started dictating Ruth Hock Big Book (B 277-278) (E 18) (H 106,126) (N 67) (TC 11)

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May: Big Book started; Alcoholic Foundation established trusteeship A.A.; 1st members 1st Board Dick Richardson, Frank Amos, Dr. Strong, Dr. Bob, New York A.A. who got drunk (A vii,152) (D 151) (L 111) (W 160)

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June: 1st 2 chapters Big Book written (D 151) (H 143)

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July 15: 1st documented use name Alcoholics Anonymous, A.A. archives letter Bill to Willard Richardson (P 202)

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July 18: from letter Dr. Richards Johns Hopkins, Bill using Alcoholics Anonymous working title Big Book & name fellowship

(P 202)

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August 11: Alcoholic Foundation implemented, set up trust for A.A., board directors 5 members, 3 nonalcoholics Willard Richardson, Frank Amos, John Wood, 2 alcoholics Bill & Dr. Bob (E 18) (L 197) (N 67) (P 188,394)

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September: Frank Amos suggested show Big Book friend Gene Exman editor religious books Harper & Brothers (B 279)(H 143)(N 68)

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October: Bill believed name Alcoholics Anonymous appeared discussions this time (A 165) (P 202)

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December: Bill stretched out bed wrote 12 Steps (A vii) (B 282) (L 198)

1938-1951

Alcoholic Board operated without support a Conference (TC 37)

1939

Dr. Harry Tiebout chief psychiatrist Blythewood Sanitarium Connecticut began lifelong absorption through scientific investigation techniques and principles A.A.; Honor Dealers office 17 William Street Newark New Jersey Bill's major headquarters evicted; Dr. Silkworth wrote article Medical Record about alcoholism; Gabriel Heatter popular radio program

[We People]; Honor Dealers evicted offices 17 Williams Street Newark New Jersey; Hank P. started drinking; Dr. Bob going St. Thomas Hospital looking prospects; Akron A.A.'s split Oxford Group; Jud O., Alex M. joined A.A. Akron; Archie T., nonalcoholic friend Sarah Klein helped start A.A. group Detroit; Rollie H. famous baseball player, 1 1st go public 1939, sports writer really responsible; Fulton Oursler editor Liberty magazine; Akron alcoholics parted Oxford Group; pioneered 1st alcoholism ward utilizing Alcoholics Anonymous philosophy Akron, modern treatment alcoholism began; A.A. membership 100

(A vii,159,176)(B 303)(C 6,49)(D 146,182,230)(G 46,73,82) (H 145,369) (MS 11) (N 85,90,95) (P 193,201,207,220,228) (S 12,113)

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early: Bill & Hank P. form Works Publishing Company publish Big Book (A 157) (G 79) (L 198)

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spring: Ruth T. joined A.A. (D 242)

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summer: Charles ("C.J.") K. & Eddie B. 12 stepped Duke P. Toledo, both state insane asylum Toledo voluntary commitments, read Big Book manuscript, got out (D 253)

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fall: Bill tried get money for Dr. Bob Guggenheim Foundation (D 172) (G 80)

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late fall: wife early Akron A.A. Ty, took Big Book Los Angeles (D 177)

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end: A.A. had 400 members (A 310)

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January: Alcoholic Foundation board increased, 5 members to 7, nonalcoholics still majority (P 189)

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January early: Morgan R. Catholic, ex-adman, came A.A. early January 1939 recently released Rockland asylum, had friend on Catholic Committee Publications New York Archdiocese, commissioned deliver mimeograph copy Big Book committee (A 168) (B 286)

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January middle: except few last details Big Book ready printers, sent mimeographed manuscript various doctors & ministers criticism (B 285)

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March 1: Jonny R. joined A.A. (C 81)

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April: Big book published, run 4,730 copies; Elgie R., John R. joined A.A.; 2 groups, no name A.A.; Hank P. planned have Morgan R. interviewed by Gabriel Heatter M.C. We the People fantastically popular radio show to sell books; sent 20,000 cards every physician east Mississippi reference Big Book (A viii, 159, 175) (B 288) (D 80,348) (E 25) (G 85) (H 145,388) (L 104,115) (MS 11) (P 203,407) (S 32) (W 160)

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April 17: Abby G. early Cleveland A.A. entered hospital (D 202)

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May 1: Bill & Lois had leave 182 Clinton Street, house sold (A 11,173) (B 288) (L 6,125)

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May 11: 1st meeting Cleveland A.A. group [no Oxford Group connection] (D 164,348) (N 78)

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May 16: A.A. meeting Bert's tailor shop 5th Avenue New York (L 198)

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May end of: 1st alcoholic patient enters Deaconess Hospital Cleveland, bartender (D 201)

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May 18: Clarence S. started 1st group Cleveland, 1st group called Alcoholics Anonymous Cleveland Heights home Abby G., 16 members (G 103) (N 78) (P 203) (S 32)

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June 5: New York Times good review Big Book (H 145) (L 198) (P 223)

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June 30: Harry Emerson Fosdick writes good review Big Book (A viii) (L 198)

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July: Warren C. came A.A. Cleveland, caused debate not hospitalized, 12 stepped by Clarence S. (D 102) (N 236)

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July 4: 1st meeting Harold S. Flatbush Brooklyn (L 198)

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August: Dr. Bob wrote & may have signed article Faith magazine; Mag & Bob V. started Sunday meetings their house (D 175)

(L 127)

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August 1: 1st meeting Bert's larger tailoring work loft (L 198)

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August 16: Dr. Bob persuaded Sister Ignatia admit Walter B. notorious alcoholic & regular consumer paregoric [over counter] opiate, Sister Ignatia labeled problem acute gastritis; some say this occurred

August 18; put in Flower Room (D 348) (H 374) (S 14,16,79,122,146)

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August 18: some say 1st alcoholic admitted St. Thomas Hospital, most believe August 16; special meeting Mag & Bob Montclair New Jersey 6 doctors present 2 Rockland State Hospital 2 Bellevue, Dr. Silkworth, A.A. doctor (L 198) (S 14)

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September: Chicago group starting; Nell Wing learns A.A., Keuka College central New York State; Walter B. joined A.A.; Morris Markey article Alcoholics & God Liberty magazine brought 800 pieces mail; Cleveland Plain Dealer carried series articles center editorial page, 1 day for week, A.A. membership Cleveland from 12 over 100 in 1 month; Mort J. Denver resident, book convert (A viii,93,134,177-178) (B 291) (D 348) (G 5) (H 62,145,180,373) (N 83,90,102) (S 122)

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September 30: article [Alcoholics & God] published Liberty magazine Morris Markey (A 17,87,177-178) (D 175) (H 62,145,180) (MS 11) (N 90)

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October: 1st central committee 7 men 5 women Cleveland; 1st example A.A. rotation: A.A. articles Cleveland Plains Dealer

(A 134) (D 202,348) (H 62) (N 83,88)

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October 14: Journal American Medical Association published unsympathetic review Big Book (N 92)

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November: 1st all A.A. group formed Cleveland; old Borton Group named after T.E. Borton wealthy Cleveland Heights nonalcoholic (D 169,209) (MS 11) (S 31,85)

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November 26: Reverend Dr. Dilworth Lupton Cleveland preached sermon reprinted pamphlet form (N 85)

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November-December: Akron A.A.'s broke from Oxford Group, began meeting Dr. Bob's house (A viii) (D 348)

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December: Matt Talbot Club 88 members, used wagons collect old furniture to recondition & sell, not A.A., used A.A. program, material, marked 1st A.A. effort reach alcoholics outside married middle-class category; Dr. Russell Blaisdell head Rockland State Hospital asked Bill speak; 1st A.A. group mental hospital (A viii) (D 210) (G 73)

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December 19: 1st home meeting Los Angeles Kaye M.'s house (A 92)

1930's late

Dr. Bob talks with Roland J. spiritualist (D 311)

1939-1940

Bill & Lois moved 51 times not counting weekend stops; winter 1939 & spring 1940 Bill & Lois stay with Bob & Mag (A 179)

(L 126)

1940's

Ebby familiar visitor 415 Lexington A.A. office; Bill wrote memos Code Tradition & Code Headquarters & Code Grapevine; Bill pushing hard A.A. self-government through general service conference, visited groups get support; St. Thomas & Knickerbocker Hospitals pioneered best techniques combined medicine & A.A. worked out (G 9,13) (MS 16)

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early: wife's A.A. prospects interviewed to this time; A.A. Canada started; Lillian R. popular singer went public (D 109)

(G 9,46)

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middle: number black alcoholics found sobriety; Aunt Jenny radio soap opera involving alcoholic family member; U.S. groups proliferating rapidly & starting abroad; radio discovered A.A., call in radio show Ask An Alcoholic; Wilson's traveled among groups U.S. & Canada, movie Lost Weekend out portrayed alcoholic 1st time not Bowery bum successful middle-class businessperson reduced Bowery bum (G 8) (N 120) (P 317)

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late: Bill stumped U.S. & Canada explaining, cajoling need for Fellowship continuity after he & Dr. Bob gone (G 51)

1940

Father Ed Dowling wrote 1st Catholic recommendation A.A.; Bill selling wire rope; A.A. got building for meetings 334 1/2 24th Street called 24th Street Clubhouse; Fitz M. long loner Washington D.C. area joined Hardin C. & Bill A.; Paddy K. founded A.A. Boston; Sister Ignatia made hospitalization available alcoholics St. Vincent's Charity Hospital Akron took alcoholic patients single rooms; Akron Group starting meeting King School, Big Book done Braille, Norman Y. had done, never read it;

Deaconess hospital took alcoholic patients single room; rainy night Bill & Father Edward Dowling, S.J. meet 24th Street clubhouse; Bill Dr. Bob royalties Big Book starting 1940; impressive A.A. growth; end 3,000 copies Big Book, 1,500 members coast, about 50 groups, 12-13 cities quite stable groups Akron, New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Greenwich Connecticut, Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston, Little Rock, Arkansas, Washington D.C. Richmond Virginia, St. Louis; official office set up 30 Vesey Street Room 703 downtown Manhattan; membership about 2,000; book sales sole support A.A. office; stock ownership Works Publishing Inc turned over Board Trustees; Toronto minister Reverend George Little saw copy Big Book, gave to parishioner who sobered up; A.A.'s 1st club house 24th Street New York opened; Jimmy B. started A.A. Philadelphia home George S.; Dr. Haggard & Dr. Jellinek published Quarterly Journal Studies Alcohol (A 11,17,180,253) (D 202,220,249-250) (E 34-35)

(G 24,66,79,86) (H 188,204,366) (L 122,128,171-172) (MS 12) (N 98) (P 222,238,257) (S 34) (TC 11)

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early: Dick P. 1st Spanish-speaking joined A.A.; no word John D. Rockefeller 3 years (B 294) (D 249)

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late: 1st news bulletin Vesey Street headquarters issues groups, 1st pamphlet A.A. published called A.A., John D Rockefeller Jr. A.A. dinner, 1st A.A. clubhouse 24th Street, 1st A.A. oriented drying facility High Watch Farm Kent Connecticut, passing hat custom started, Father Edward Dowling S.J. & Reverend Harry Emerson Fosdick 1st religious leaders endorse A.A. (G 86)

(H 147)

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winter: reporter Saturday Evening Post Jack Alexander assigned investigate & perhaps do A.A. story (A 190-191) (B 310)

(H 148,181) (N 100)

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end: A.A. had 2,000 members (A 310) (H 147)  
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January: Akron group found new home King School, started take collections rent, custodial expenses; most groups required hospitalization, being talked to least 5 A.A.'s or passed committee before new person join; Youngstown 2 couples visit prospective A.A. before could attend 1st meeting; John S. joined A.A.; definite working agreement Sister Ignatia superior Sister Clementine, Dr. Bob, probably Chief Staff St. Thomas Hospital (D 100,146,263,348) (S 85,87)  
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February: Grand Central Station Lois started weeping due not having home, started looking own place; Lorraine Greim Ruth Hock's assistant started work Newark office; Bill & Lois move Monsey apt small place Greenwich Village; Bert T. & Horace C. discover & guarantee rent building 334 1/2 West 24th Street, old Illustrators Club (B 297,304) (L 128) (P 216)  
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February 8: John D. Rockefeller Jr. gives A.A. dinner, Manhattan's exclusive Union Club (A 87) (B 295) (E 15) (G 73) (H 145) (L 128,198) (P 232)  
March: Mort J. early A.A., book convert, came Los Angeles from Denver & helped faltering group; started custom reading Chapter 5 Big Book Cecil group (A 93) (P 266,288)  
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March 16: Works Publishing moves offices Newark, 30 Vesey Street Room 703 lower Manhattan (A 187) (L 129,198) (P 235)  
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April 21: 1st rehabilitation home for alcoholics Joy Farm near Kent Connecticut (L 122,199)  
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May: 1st anonymity break national level Rollie H. catcher Cleveland Indians just caught Bob Feller no-hitter, revealed been sober A.A. year, caused lot publicity (D 251) (N 85,95) (P 236)  
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June: 2nd A.A. meeting Baltimore (P 258)  
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June 30: Works Publishing Company incorporated (W 160)  
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September: 1st meeting Toledo A.A., Duke P., others started; Journal Nervous & Mental Diseases published most unsympathetic review Big Book (D 255) (N 92)  
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October 1: total A.A. membership 1,433, 30% + Cleveland, 47% Ohio (S 157)  
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November 4: Wilson's moved upstairs bedroom 334 1/2 24th Street 24th Street Clubhouse (H 366) (P 238)  
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November 2nd week: 3 groups Cleveland, 3rd week Orchard Grove Group started making 4 (D 209-210)  
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December: group started Ashtabula, Ohio due Plain Dealer articles A.A., Cleveland about 30 groups (A 134) (D 207,211) (H 62)  
1941

Wilson's buy & move home [Stepping Stones], rural area New York State; Ernie G. A.A. #4 marries Dr. Bob's daughter Sue; Bill looking work, early gives up; fellowship likened noisy robust infant, midst terrible 2's; Vi S. & husband Freddie S. Cleveland join A.A.; Serenity Prayer brought Ruth Hock's attention; 1st professional intervention Charity Hospital, Dr. Harry Nash complied with junior assistant Dr. Victor D. Ippolito operating room not operate; Alcoholics Anonymous established  
American institution; started year 2,000 members end 8,000 due Saturday Evening Post Article Jack Alexander article; groups began send contributions Alcoholic Foundation (A 87,94,134,196) (B 312,315) (D 91,245) (G 37,111,133) (H 1,148,181) (MS 14) (N 101) (P 154,222,264,265) (S 163) (TC 11)  
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early: began evident co-founders ultimate responsibility & authority services should never be wholly vested Board Trustees  
(TC 12)  
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spring: Bill & Lois move Stepping Stones New Bedford after 23 years marriage; 2,000 members (A 190) (B 317) (L 133)  
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fall: Doc Smith Day planned Clarence S. other Cleveland A.A.'s  
(D 265)

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end: membership from 1,500 to 8,000, 170 groups, inquiries letters Canada, Africa, England, France, Australia; Big Book sales 3,600 for year, Big Book 2nd printing; Serenity Prayer adopted; groups asked contribute \$1 twice year support headquarters; A.A. had 8,000 members (A 192,196,310) (G 86-87) (H 1,150)

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January 4: Wilson's find home Bedford Hill's New York (P 259)

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February 24: Jack Alexander Saturday Evening Post article lead story dated March 1 put A.A. on map out (A viii,87,89,94,191) (E 16) (H 148,181) (MS 13) (L 132) (P 244,247,407)

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March: Cleveland's A.A.'s celebrated Doc Smith Day (D 348)

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March 1: Jack Alexander A.A. story Saturday Evening Post opened flood gates to A.A. (A 87,89,94,134,191) (B 311-312) (C 7) (G 73,86) (H 148,181) (L 132) (MS 13) (N 101) (S 140)

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April: Bill cold in chest, took medicine high % alcohol, Lois away cruise, Bill started thinking about drinking (L 134)

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April 11: Wilson's move Bedford Hills, 1st home 23 years marriage (P 260)

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April 20: Lois cruise with Chris's mother (L 134)

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May: Ethel M., Rollo M., Freddie S. & wife joined A.A.; Bill & Lois accept plan buy Stepping Stones (D 223,245) (L 133)

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June: Jack C. brought Serenity Prayer Vesey Street office (A 196) (P 252)

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September: Dr. Bob's daughter, Ernie G. A.A. #4 married (C 12,51)

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November: eve Pearl Harbor; A.A. 200 groups, 6,000 A.A.'s, most never seen Bill (P 266)  
1941-1944

Bill in groups getting know A.A., making himself available individuals, talking, listening, counseling, sharing, giving himself, nurture Fellowship; received as messiah (P 267-268)

1941-April 1961

Leonard V. Harrison board trustee except 5 year hiatus 1956-1961 chairman (G 74)

1942

Dr. Bob & Bill accused making undue profits on Big Book; started work down-and-outers, skid row Cleveland; Joe P. joined A.A., Dr. Bob's fellow Dartmouth College alumnus; Clinton Duffy allowed 1st A.A. prison meeting; Ruth Hock left A.A. get married, Bobbie B. took over; 1st prison A.A. group (A viii,16,89,195) (D 18,191,267,248,348) (E 62) (H 152)

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March: received recommendation Colonel Donovan Washington Supply Service, interviewed brigadier general charge Army's Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, offered accept Bill as Captain, Bill failed physical ulcers; Ruth Hock left remarry A.A., moved Ohio (L 138) (P 272)

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November: 1902 class reporter wrote Dr. Bob's A.A. involvement (D 22)

1942-1943

Bruce M. met Dr. Bob, sober 1945 (D 276)

1943

Bill & Lois make 1st cross-country tour A.A. groups, Traditions idea rose due constant & similar questions; Polly F.L. joined Chicago A.A.; Dr. E.M. Jellinek & Dr. Haggard inaugurated Yale Summer School Alcohol Studies (D 246) (H 188) (L 145)

(P 305,407)

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late: Bill spoke more 1,000 A.A.'s Los Angeles; met Warden Clinton T. Duffy 1st known corrections official in country permit A.A. meeting inside prison (G 74)

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October 24: Wilson's start 1st major A.A. tour planning return January 19, 1944; start Windsor group Canada (A 84)(P 286-287)

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November 24: A.A.'s 8th Anniversary Dinner (G 73)

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November 28: Bill guest speaker San Quentin Penitentiary (E 62)

1943 late-1944 early

Bill & Lois visited groups West, South (L 143)

1943-1947

2 week gathering Minnesota, attendance invitation only usually those considered founders Midwest groups (D 299)

1944

Wilson's acquired name Stepping Stones house visited Nantucket; about 300 military A.A.'s stayed sober; Bill realized name inextricably linked Fellowship; Bill began see Dr. Harry Tiebout Blythewood psychiatrist brought Marty M. A.A.; 360 groups, 10,000 A.A.'s; Bill invited address New York State Medical Society; moved Vesey Street 415 Lexington Avenue near Grand Central Station; time magazine article National Committee Education Alcoholism, Marty M. headed; Betty Smith, Dr. Bob's son's wife, married; Betty's father alcoholic sober after Betty brought him Big Book; Medical Society New York invited Bill read paper its annual meeting, following Dr. Harry Tiebout, Dr. Kirby Collier, Dr. Foster Kennedy indorsed

(A 2,198,204) (D 303) (E 19) (H 100,152) (MS 15-16) (P 260,274,304, 310,407)

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summer: Bill started seeing Dr. Harry Tiebout series regular sessions for self (B 334,335)

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end: 500 groups (H 1)

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January: onset Bill's depression upon return 3 month tour groups

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March: Al S. New York A.A. joined, early member General Service Office, advertising & film man; help reform Manhattan Group roots Wilson's house late 1935 (G 87)

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April 19: St. Thomas "1st permanent haven treatment" opened (S 102)

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June: Grapevine published (A viii) (E 28) (H xiii) (L 144) (P 305)

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October 2: Marty M. founded National Committee Education Alcoholism [N.C.E.A.] became National Council Alcoholism, received enthusiastic support Grapevine, only 4 months old; Dr. Bob & Bill withdraw N.C.E.A. (H 100) (P 320)

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October: A.A. started Australia, Father T. V. Dunlea, Rex (E 41) (N 346)

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December: A.A. Grapevine article Bill's Wife Remembers When He and She and the 1st A.A.'s Were Very Young (L 199)

1944-1955

Bill depressed (P 293,303)

1944-1946

worst years Bill's 11 year depression (P 293,295)

1940's Mid

Sue adopted age 5; Peg S. joined A.A. (D 35)

1945

movie Lost Weekend released; Bruce M. met Dr. Bob 1942-1943, sober 1945; 1 paid worked every 98 groups; groups voted A.A. Grapevine national A.A. magazine; Tradition 2 written; Rowland Hazard died; Knickerbocker Hospital set aside small ward alcoholics; wrote John D. Rockefeller saying no longer need financial help (A 203) (D 276) (H 156) (L 93,145) (MS 134)

(P 343) (TC 8)

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January 24: 1st black group St. Louis (N 361)

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late: suggestion mass A.A. experience codified into principles offer tested solutions problems working living together membership, group autonomy, singleness purpose, nonendorsement, professionalism, public controversy, anonymity, other aspects

(B 333) (MS 14) (N 120) (P 306)

1945-1955

most turbulent, exciting time history A.A.; Bill's depression particularly troublesome (G 11,53)

1945-1967

Bill focused building service structure (P 336)

1946

Ernie G. A.A. #4, Sue's 1st husband quit drinking; 1946 Dick P. 1st Spanish-speaking A.A. finished translating Big Book Spanish, gives Bill; Eleanor E. heard Dr. Bob & Bill speak, didn't know who they were 1966; Bill & Dr. Bob both publicly endorsed National Committee Education Alcoholism founded Marty M., names in letter head, 1946 solicitation letter for funds distributed causing look A.A. & N.C.E.A. together, caused terrible problems, had impact wording short form 7th Tradition; Ian M. starts A.A. New Zealand; A.A. started 4 separate places South Africa; 1st Scotland alcoholic find sobriety through A.A. Glasgow 1946, preamble formulated A.A. Grapevine editor (C 52) (D 249,300) (E 42,46,51) (G 12-13) (N 254)

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Summer: Bill & Lois took trip West & North including seeing Bill's dad, drove new De Soto (L 149)

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April/May: long form 12 Traditions, 12 Points Assure Our Future prior name 12 Traditions, 1st published Grapevine May 1946

(A viii,96,203,210) (E 30) (H 21,68) (L 147) (MS 15) (N 113,346) (P 306,324)

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June: 24,000 plus members (H 30)

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September: 1st A.A. group Mexico (E 48)

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November 18: 1st Dublin Ireland group met (A 83) (E 43-44)

1946-1947

film star broke her anonymity (P 308)

1947

Dr. Bob's 1st operation; Dr. Oscar Olsen friend & enthusiastic A.A. since 1947; founder Oslo Norway group from Greenwich Connecticut, found A.A. 1947; Captain Jack 1st Internationalist found A.A.; 1st A.A. meeting England; 1st group Brazil & Scotland (A 83) (B 349) (E 32,41,47,51) (G 73) (L 149) (P 334)

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early: 40,000 A.A.'s, 1,250 groups (G 9)

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March: 3 Nell Wing started work A.A. Fellowship, Alcoholic Foundation 415 Lexington Avenue across Grand Central Station, 13 employees, 2 staff members, Bill once week (G 5,7,90)

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March: 4 Nell Wing met Bill 11th floor 415 Lexington Avenue (G 7)

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June: A.A. preamble originally appeared Grapevine (E 30)

1947-1950

Bill selling Traditions (P 324)

1947-1982

Nell Wing worked General Service Office March 3 1947-1982, secretary-receptionist, secretary A.A. World Services Inc Board, General Service Conference duties, publications editor, archivist 10 years (G ix)

1948

Clint F., friend co-worker Bill's. came A.A.; Dr. Bob diagnosed terminal cancer; Al S. chaired dinner, maybe Bill's anniversary celebration, Dr. Bob, wife, Bill, wife there, so excited couldn't remember Dr. Bob's name; George H. pro-conference New York A.A., surveyed groups around country reference self-government; Bill & Lois extended trip visit

groups; Bill on road sound out groups elected conference (A 211) (D 320,322) (L 149) (P 161,334)

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summer: Dr. Bob found with cancer, retired practice (D 320,348) (TC 7)

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late: Al S. Grapevine editor succeeding Tom Y. 1st editor (G 88)

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January: 1st A.A. meeting Japan English speaking (E 56)

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December: Dr. Bob's last major talk Detroit (D 287,348)

1949

possibility international convention 1st raised Houston A.A.; Bill acts upon Earl T.'s suggestion shorten 12 Points Assure Our Future; Henry W. heard Dr. Bob, Bill, Bill D., Sister Ignatia speak Akron meeting, got drunk, sober 1950; Internationalists Seamen Group organized Captain Jack S., Dr. Bob's wife Annie died, Earl T. suggested reduce Traditions short form; Sister Ignatia admitted Dr. Bob & Anne St. Thomas Hospital;



1st National Clergy Conference Alcoholism N.C.C.A.; A.A. Grapevine international monthly journal A.A.; American Psychiatric Association recognizes A.A. (A viii,205) (D 277) (G 10-11,20,83) (MS 134) (P 333-334) (S 129,197)

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end: A.A. office about 5 staffers, 14 or more other nonalcoholic employees; membership more 96,000 (G 8) (H 1)

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March: Dr. Bob considered idea A.A. conference premature (D 348)

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May 24: Rochester's Dr. Kirby Collier, early A.A. admirer among psychiatrists invited Bill participate alcoholism symposium American Psychiatric Association meeting Montreal, printed American Journal Psychiatry (A 2,205)(H 156,173,370)(MS 16)(P 334)

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June 1: Anne Ripley Smith, Dr. Bob's wife, died age 68 heart attack (C 7,60) (D 328,348) (G 88) (P 334) (S 117,128,130)

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June: Dr. Bob's wife's burial service Akron (G 83)

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December 7: Sister Ignatia received Poverello Medal behalf A.A. (S 140)

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December 25: perhaps day Dr. Bob's last visit alcoholic ward St. Thomas Hospital (D 197) 1950's

Duke University center experiments precognition, researchers assembled extensive records extrasensory perception; General Service began; Bill relinquished overall guidance & leadership groups; put service structure into place & learning how service; Frank Shaw died (G 57,90) (L 74)

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early: Jack Alexander member Board Trustees (G 73)

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late: Bill took LSD under supervision friend Gerald Heard (G 54)

1950-1951

years leading up to debate desirability some sort advisory board (MS 17)

1950-1971

Nell Wing Bill's secretary (W 182)

1951-1952

12 & 12 written, 1st published 2 editions, 1 distribution A.A. groups, 2nd costing \$.50 more intended sale bookstores & distributed through Harper & Brothers (P 352,355-356)

1955-1967

A.A. groups increases 5,927 to 13,279, overseas groups 20% A.A. population (A x)

1956-1960

Nell Wing worked alone most time, Bill visited weekly (G 16)

1956-1961

Leonard V. Harrison chairman board (G 74)

1957-1966

Dr. Harry Tiebout General Service Board Class Trustee (G 67)

1958-1961

Al S. director A.A. Grapevine Inc & trustee General Service Board (G 89)

1960's

early: Bill reacquainted Joe Hirshhorn, brilliant financier, employed Bill during early 1930's no 1 else would; Bill became involved new idea converting heat into electricity; U.S. military instituted alcoholism & drug abuse programs; New York annual Bill's Birthday Dinners, Harold Hughes Senate Hearings alcoholism Bill involved; A.A. membership spread worldwide; 1st triannual A.A. membership survey 1960's; General Service Conference changed provide 2/3 A.A. members 1/3 nonalcoholics & adopted 12 Concepts World Service; pamphlet 12 Concepts World Service published; Bill retired active participation; critical A.A. article Arthur Cain Harper's magazine & Saturday Evening Post; Dr. Humphrey Osmond & Dr. Abram Hoffer reported some success treating depression vitamin B-3 niacin, Bill tried, put out 3 papers; A.A. headquarters took entire 14th floor old building East 45th Street; Bill wrote Dr. Carl Jung (B 361-362) (G 20,44-54,90) (L 159) (N 137, 304) (P 274,379-380)

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late: emphysema curtailing Bill's activities (G 27)

1963-1967

rapid overseas growth (A x)

1970's

Hughes Bill resulted federal money alcoholism prevention & treatment, brought large numbers treatment graduates A.A.; Dr. Norris others invited speak overseas professional meetings; better understanding General Service Office; Rand Report suggested A.A.'s emphasis abstinence inaccurate-some alcoholics could drink; special groups young people, women, nonsmokers, elderly, doctors, lawyers, airline pilots [Birds Feather], gays; scores programs using 12 Steps formed

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end: Big Book selling millions copies (G 92-93)

1970's middle

Sheila T. joined Nell Wing & Harriet G. help archives (G 126)

1971-1982

Nell Wing General Service office archivist (W 182)

1976-1985

Michael Alexander A.A. Trustee (G 140)

1980's middle

A.A. found way Soviet Union (E 54)