Carl Linnaeus: A timeline

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PART I — HIS LIFE

1707 Born in the village of Råshult in southern Sweden (23 May)
1709 Family moves to Stenbrohult where his father is appointed vicar and establishes a garden
1716 Attends Latin school – studies Latin, religion, and science
1727 Arrives in Lund to study medicine
1728 Moves to Uppsala and continues his studies
1729 Meets Olof Celsius, Professor of Theology and botanist
1730 Offers very popular demonstrations in the botanical garden
1730 Appointed Lecturer in Botany at the University of Uppsala
1732 Collecting trip to Lapland for the Royal Academy of Sciences (12 May - 10 October)
1734 Collecting trip to Dalarna in central Sweden
1735 Receives M. D. degree at Harderwijk, Holland
1735 Lives in Holland; visits Germany, Paris, and London
1735 Defends his doctoral thesis on malaria
1736 Moves to physician and naturalist’s George Clifford’s home
1736 Travels to England
1738 Travels to Paris and returns to Sweden
1738 Establishes private medical practice in Stockholm
1739 Appointed chief physician to Swedish navy
1739 Marries Sara Elisabeth Moraea
1739 Becomes first president of Royal Swedish Academy Sciences
1739 Appointed physician to the Admiralty
1741 Son Carl is born (he will be known later in scientific names as L. f.)
1741 Appointed Professor of Practical Medicine at Uppsala
1741 Travels to Gotland and Oland
1742 Restores botanical garden at Uppsala
1742 Exchanges jobs and becomes Professor of Botany
1744 Appointed Secretary of the Academy of Sciences at Uppsala
1746 Travels to Västergötland
1748 His father dies
1749 Travels to Scania
1750 Appointed Rector of Uppsala University
1758 Knighted by King Adolph Frederick and becomes Knight of the Polar Star
1758 Systema Naturae (10th edition)
1758 Purchases Hammarby manor as a summer residence
1761 Ennobled (knighted) by the King of Sweden and takes the name Carl von Linné
1763 Excused from professorial duties because of ill-health
1768 Builds museum at Hammarby to house his specimens
1772 Delivers valedictory oration, Deliciae Naturae
1774 Suffers first of a series of strokes and is partially paralyzed
1778 Dies on his farm (Hammarby) near Uppsala (10 January)
1778 Funeral ceremony at Uppsala Cathedral (22 January)
1778 Carl succeeds him as Professor
1784 Sir James Edward Smith purchases the herbarium, library, and manuscripts
1788 Linnean Society in London is founded.
PART II — HIS WORKS

1729 Praeludia sponsaliorum plantarum (his first academic paper)
1731 Hortus Uplandicus (first exposition of sexual system)
1735 Systema naturae (1st of 18 editions)
1736 Musa Cliffortiana (his first monograph)
1736 Fundamenta Botanica (sets out rules of sexual system)
1736 Musa Cliffortianus
1736 Bibliotheca Botanica
1737 Hortus Cliffortianus
1737 Genera Plantarum
1737 Flora Lapponica
1737 Critica Botanica
1737 Flora Lapponica
1737 Fundamenta Botanica
1737 Genera Plantarum ... (1st of 9 editions)
1738 Hortus Cliffortianus (flora of patron’s garden and greenhouse)
1738 Classes Plantarum
1745 Flora Suecica
1745 Öländska och Gothländska Resa
1745 Flora Suecica
1746 Fauna Suecica
1747 Flora Zeylandica
1748 Hortus Upsaliensis
1749 Flora Oeconomia
1749 Amoenitates Academicae (10 vols., to 1790)
1749 Oeconomia Naturae
1749 Materia Medica, Vol.1 (uses binomial nomenclature)
1751 Philosophia Botanica (sets forth rules of nomenclature)
1751 Skånska Resa
1753 Demonstrationes Plantarum
1753 Species Plantarum ... (starting point of botanical nomenclature)
1754 Herbarium Amboinense
1754 Flora Anglica
1755 Flora Suecica
1756 Flora Palestina
1756 Flora Monspeliensis
1756 Flora Palestina
1757 Calendarium Flora (a farmer’s almanac)
1758 Systema Naturae (10th edition, vol. 1)
1758 Opera Varia
1759 Systema Naturae (10th edition, vol. 2)
1759 Plantarum Jamaicensium
1760 Plantae Rariores Africanae
1760 Culina Mutata
1760 Flora Belgica
1762 Plantae Esculentae Patriae
1762 Termini Botanici (lists 673 botanical terms to be used on field trips)
1762 Species Plantarum (2nd edition, vol. 1)
1763 Species Plantarum (2nd edition, vol. 2)
1764 Genera Plantarum (6th edition)
1767 Mantissa Plantarum
1767 Fundamenta Agrostographiae
1767 Systema Naturae (12th edition, vol. 2)
1768 Dissertatio Botanico-medico Sistens Rariora Norvegiae
1768 Systema Naturae (12th edition, vol. 3)
1771 Mantissa Plantarum Altera
1774 Systema Vegetabilum

1828 Society purchases his collections from Sir James
PART III — BIBLIOGRAPHY


