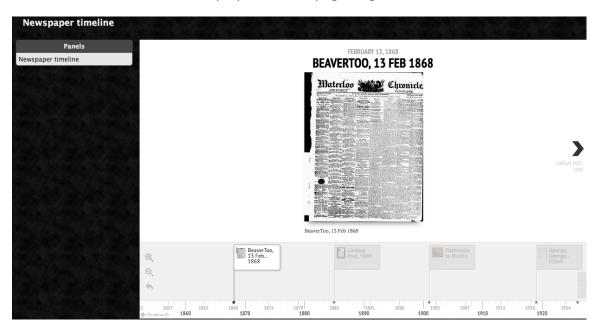


# TIMELINE FEATURE

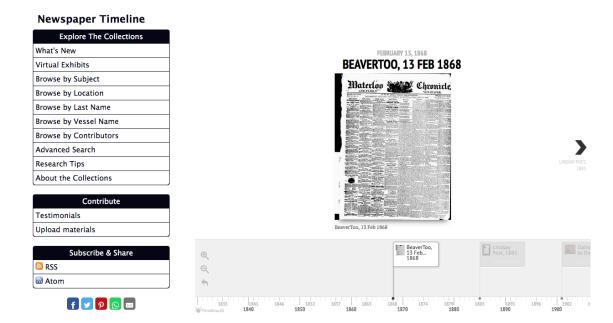
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# VITA HISTORIC TIMELINE FEATURE

The Timeline feature in VITA is a dynamic way to display sets of records from your collection. This is a visual feature and so best used for records with digital files. Multiple timelines can be created for display on Exhibit pages e.g.



or embedded in other spaces like our VITA about or web pages e.g.



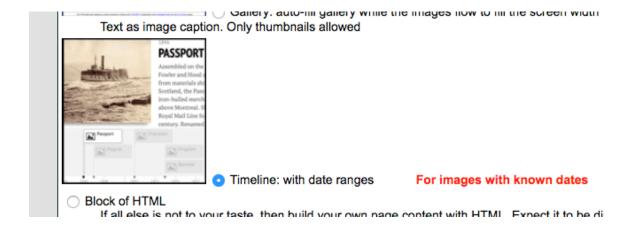
The Timeline is populated through the Exhibits module. Take a minute to refresh yourself about working in that space with the Exhibits manual and accompanying recorded tutorial. This manual will focus purely on the Timeline "layout" option.

# ACTIVATING THE TIMELINE FEATURE

Create a new Exhibit and then / or a New Panel within an exhibit

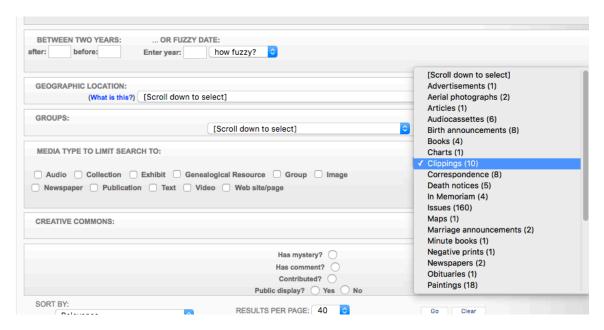


Choose new layout "Timeline" See the screen notes that are reminders to only use records with images that also have dates assigned.

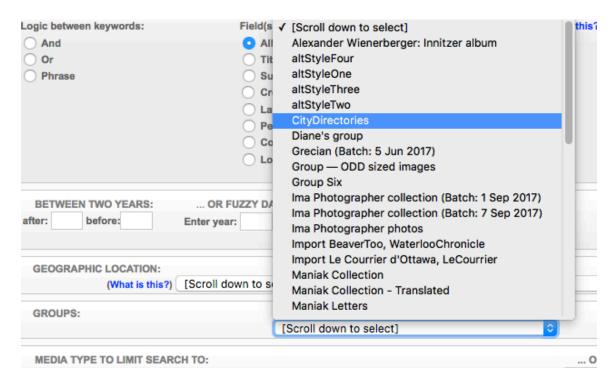


## CHOOSING GALLERY CONTENT FOR EXHIBIT

Like choosing content for any Exhibit panel, use the simple or advanced search to identify items in your collection that you want to include in the Timeline. You can select individual records (scoped by Media or Item type, for example) ...



or choose a pre-populated group...

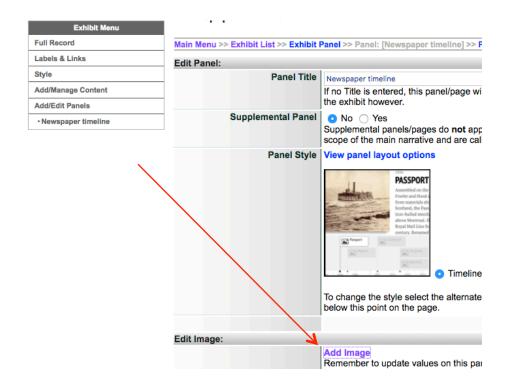


then "select checked..." or "select all..." for inclusion in the exhibit (see the next step for including the timeline itself).

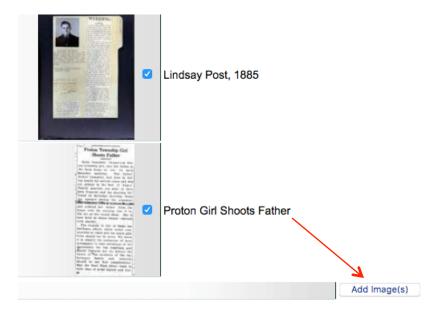


# **CHOOSING TIMELINE CONTENT**

Select your Timeline Panel and click "add image"



Now you can assign images from your selected gallery to the Timeline.



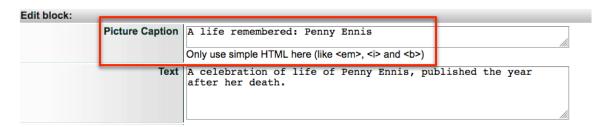
## ASSIGNING METADATA FOR TIMELINE

Some information will be brought over from the original record, but not all, and you'll definitely need to assign dates. To get started on adding metadata, click on the Edit links beside each record



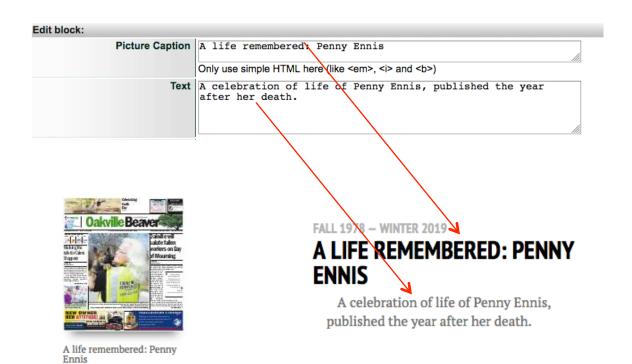
#### PICTURE CAPTION

This is automatically pulled from the record Title field. You can edit it here:



## ADDING TEXT

This field is purely for the Timeline feature, so you can decide what text to display, i.e. a Add brief description about the item, or something significant about it in relation to the other items, etc.



#### **ASSIGNING DATES**

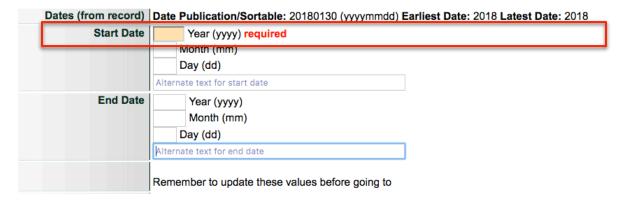
We recommend you select items for the timeline that have specific dates, otherwise the relationships between items won't be clear. The dates are **not** automatically populated from the record, but are pulled across for easy adding and editing in the exhibit module itself.

In the list of associated images, you'll notice red warnings indicating that the records have not yet had their dates assigned.



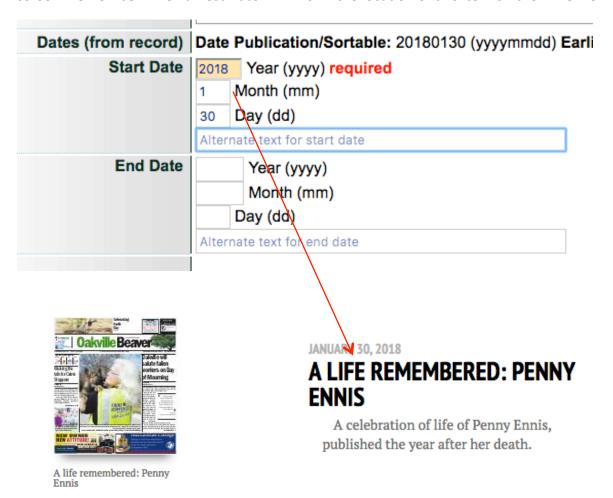
Click the Edit link to open the record details.

Any assigned Sortable date or Publication date as well as any Earliest & Latest dates from the record are displayed here for your review. Copy and paste the appropriate dates into the fields below – notice only start year (YYYY) is required.

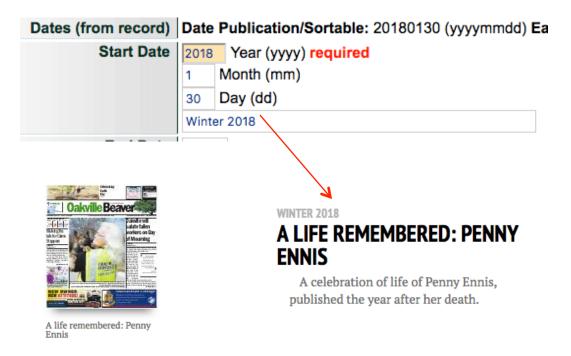


#### **DATE OPTIONS**

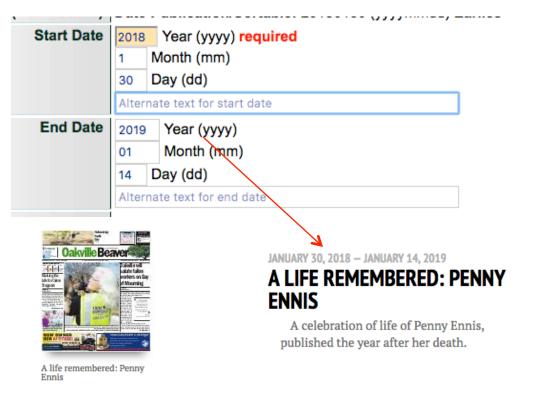
Add a **simple, machine-readable date** that will display as Month DD, YYYY on the timeline screen. **Remember:** The Earliest Date will inform the location of this item on the Timeline.



Or provide a **natural language** variation for the date display:



Use both the earliest year and latest year in the YYYY fields to assign a date range.





1966 - 1998

Our Town

After adding dates, you'll notice that the items for your timeline will start to reorder automatically on the panel screen.

## **EMBEDDING YOUR TIMELINE**

You can display your timeline as an exhibit panel or take the embed code to display the timeline in another web page (demo here in VITA)

At the bottom of the Exhibit Panel for your timeline you'll see an Embed field with autopopulated <i frame > information.

Copy the entire snippet of code

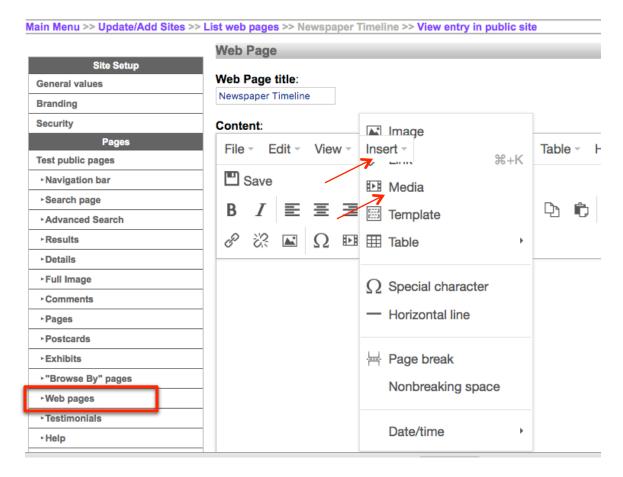


#### EMBED IN VITA WEB PAGES

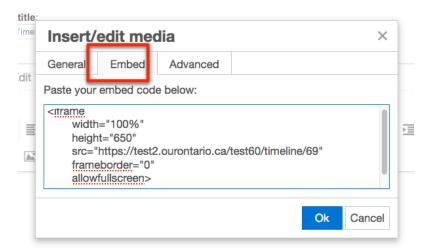
In the Site Management side bar, open your VITA About or Web pages

Start a new page or open your About page

## Open the "Insert" menu and choose "Media"

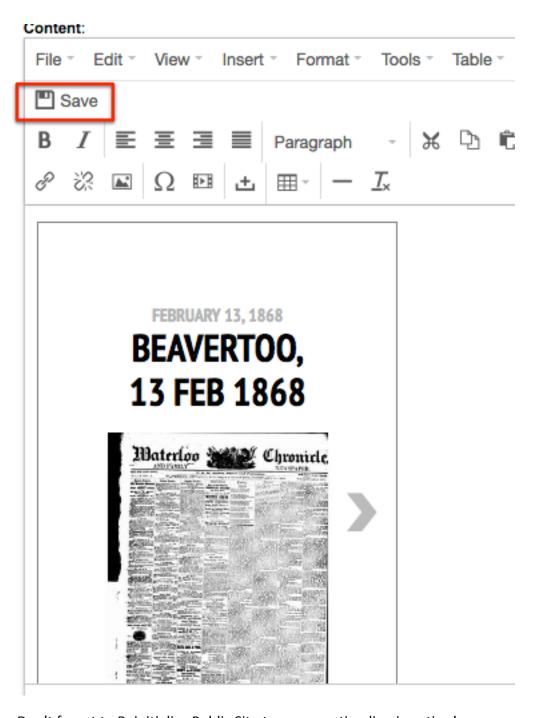


From the tabs in the Media dialogue box, open the "Embed" tab and paste your <iframe> code into the field. Click "OK"



Your timeline will preview as a small block in the body of the page field.

Click the Save icon.



Don't forget to Reinitialize Public Site to see your timeline in action!

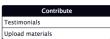


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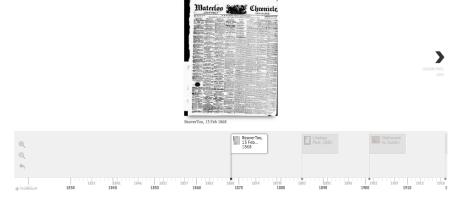


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