

## Vassa Timeline

**c. 1742** born in Essaka, in what is now southeastern Nigeria, although *The Interesting Narrative* states that he was born in 1745 in “that part of Africa, known by the name of Guinea”

**1753** kidnapped, sold to the coast, probably to Bonny in the Niger River delta in the Bight of Biafra

**1754** Vassa's Middle Passage to Virginia, via Barbados

**1754** Slave to tobacco planter Campbell

**1754** Sold to Michael Henry Pascal

**1756-1762** aboard Royal Navy vessels before and during Seven Years War

**1759** (9 February) baptized at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, London

**1762** Sold to Captain James Doran

**1763-1766** slave to Merchant Robert King of Montserrat

**1765** hears Rev. George Whitefield preach in Savannah, Georgia

**1766-1767** meets abolitionist James Ramsay in St. Kitts

**1767** arrives in London

**1768-1775** works on ships trading in the Mediterranean

**1772** employed by Dr. Charles Irving in London

**1773** Arctic expedition

**1774** converts to Methodism of the Huntingdonian Connexion

**1774** Annis affair; meets Granville Sharp

**1775-1776** Mosquito Shore venture

**1777-1779** works for Mathias Macnamara, former governor of the Province of Senegambia

**1779** rejected application to Lord Bishop of London to become missionary in Africa

**1780 – 1782** servant of George Pitt, Baron Rivers, commander of the Dorsetshire militia, at Coxheath, Kent

**1783** exposes *Zong* scandal

**1784-1786** journeys to New York and Philadelphia

**1786** appointed Commissary for the Black Poor for Sierra Leone expedition

**1787** associated with "Sons of Africa"

**1788** writes his autobiography

**1788** Parliamentary Inquiry into the Slave Trade announced; passage of Dolben Act to limit number of slaves on board ships

**1789** (March 24) first edition of *The Interesting Narrative*

**1789-1792** Parliamentary Inquiry into the Slave Trade

**1792** marries Susannah Cullen

**1793** birth of first child

**1795** birth of second child

**1796** death of wife

**1797** Vassa's death

**1807** Passage of British Abolition of the Slave Trade

**1857** Death of surviving daughter, Joanna Vassa Bromley