

William Shakespeare Timeline

A timeline of historically documented and dated facts about Shakespeare's life and works

LIFE

William Shakespeare is born in Stratford Upon Avon to John Shakespeare and his wife Mary. His baptism is recorded in the Parish register of Holy Trinity Church on April 26th, and his birthday commonly assumed to be April 23rd.

Shakespeare marries Anne Hathaway on November 27th at Temple Grafton, a village 5 miles outside Stratford.

Susanna, his first child is born.

Judith and Hamnet, twins, are born. Shakespeare goes to London and starts his theatrical career.

Shakespeare is firmly established as a playwright in London.

Shakespeare becomes the founding member of acting company the Lord Chamberlain's Men.

Shakespeare's son Hamnet dies.



Shakespeare purchases New Place - a large house in Stratford - with some of his new found wealth

Shakespeare becomes 10% shareholder of the Bankside Globe Theatre.

Shakespeare's father dies.

James I becomes King of England and Shakespeare renames his acting company The King's Men, starting to perform regularly at court.

Shakespeare's last recorded acting appearance in Ben Jonson's Sejanus

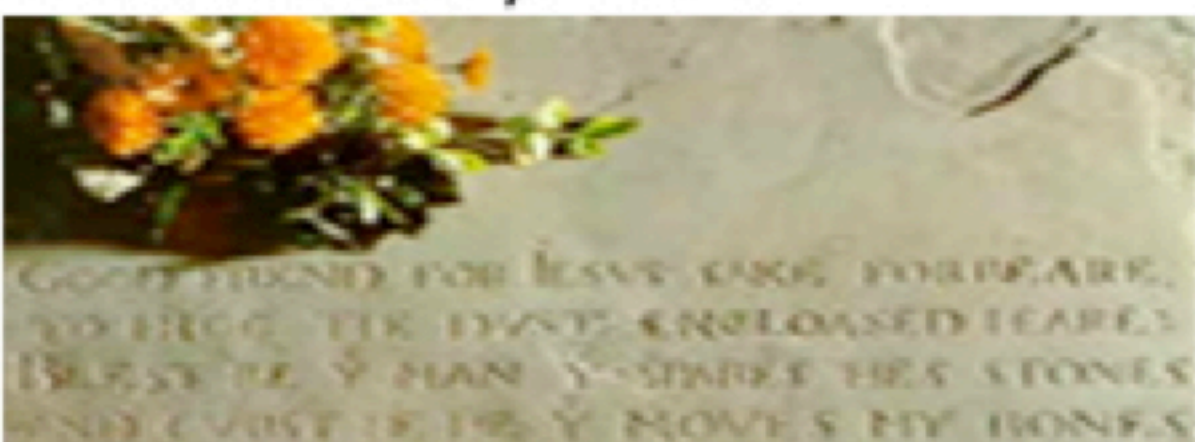
Shakespeare's daughter Susanna marries Dr. John Hall.

Shakespeare's mother dies.



Shakespeare's daughter Judith marries Thomas Quiney.

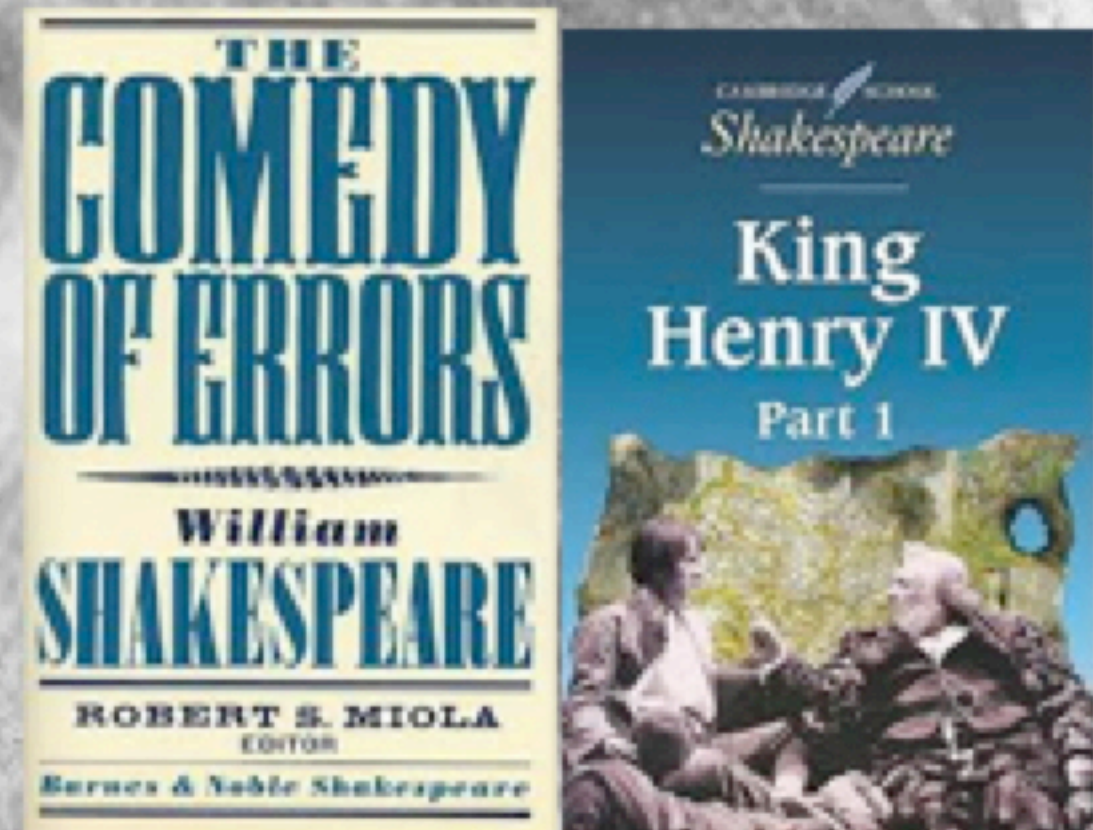
Shakespeare dies on 23rd April and is buried in Holy Trinity Church, Stratford Upon Avon. He has a curse engraved on his gravestone: "Bleste be the man that spares thes stones, and cursed be he that moves my bones".



WORK



Writes: The Comedy of Errors, Henry IV Part 1, Part 2 & Part 3, Richard III, The Taming of the Shrew, Titus Andronicus, Venus and Adonis
Begins writing: The Sonnets, Love's Labour's Lost, The Two Gentlemen of Verona



Writes: The Merchant of Venice, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Richard II, Romeo and Juliet

Writes: As You Like It, Henry IV Part 1 & Part 2, Henry V, Julius Caesar, Much Ado About Nothing, The Merry Wives of Windsor

Writes: All's Well That Ends Well, Antony and Cleopatra, Coriolanus, Hamlet, Julius Caesar, King Lear, Macbeth, Measure for Measure, Othello, Timon of Athens, Troilus & Cressida, Twelfth Night



The Sonnets are published
Writes: Cymbeline, Pericles Prince of Tyre, The Tempest, The Winter's Tale

Writes: Cardenio, Henry VIII, The Two Noble Kinsmen



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