**Timeline for Faulkner Novel *The Sound and the Fury***

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1746 Quentin MacLachan Compson escapes after Battle of

Culloden Moor (Bonnie Prince Charlie’s great loss to the

Duke of Cumberland, essentially ending Jacobite claims

to British throne) and immigrates to Carolina, then

Kentucky;

1811 Q. M. Compson’s grandson Jason Lycurgus Compson,

in north Mississipi, acquires a square mile of land from old

Ikkemotubbe, thereby creating the Compson Domain

1862 Brigadier General Jason Lycurgus Compson II fails at

Shiloh and again at Resaca (1864)

1890-1895 Quentin (1890), Caddy (1892), Jason (1894), Maury (1895)

Compson are born to Caroline Bascomb Compson and Jason

Compson III on the Compson Place, most of the square mile

long since sold to the golf club, the remaining sections only

“Benjy’s pasture” and the plot including the dilapidated

house, kitchen garden, and Dilsey’s cabin

1898 Damuddy (grandmother) dies

1900 Caroline renames Maury as Benjamin (son of my right hand,

typical name for youngest of Jewish sons)

1900-1904 Christmas letter

1905-1909 Quentin and Caddy reach puberty; Caddy uses perfume

1906 (no longer smells like trees); Caddy kisses boy in porch

swing 1906-1909

1908 Benjy finally sleeps alone

1909 Caddy loses virginity with Dalton Ames; Quentin fights

Ames; Compsons sell “Benjy’s pasture,” last of family land;

Quentin travels north to start Harvard

22 April 1910 Announcement of Caddy’s wedding

24 April 1910 Pregnant, Caddy marries Sydney Herbert Head at Compson

home, then leaves Mississippi

May-June 1910 Compsons have Benjy castrated (about age 16) after he

escapes through unlocked gate and grabs Burgess girl on

her way home from school

2 June 1910 Quentin commits suicide by drowning in Charles River

1910-1911 Caddy gives birth to daughter Quentin (not her husband’s

child); Caddy’s marriage ends; Mr. Compson brings baby to

Mississippi

1912 Mr. Compson dies (dipsomania, failure, weariness of life)

After 1912 Roskus dies

7 April 1928 Benjy turns 33; late Saturday night, Quentin2, perhaps

pregnant, escapes down a tree from her locked room and

runs away with carnival man wearing a red tie, taking about

$7,000 Jason has saved and hoarded since 1912

8 April 1928 Easter Sunday: Jason discovers Quentin2’s theft; Benjy goes

to church with Dilsey; Luster drives wrong direction around the monument

1933 Caroline Bascomb Compson dies; Jason sends Benjy

to asylum in Jackson and divides house into apartments

before selling to landlord who rents rooms to travelers before

house becomes a brothel

1943 After failed second marriage, Caddy is in Europe, pictured in

magazine with rich German officer

*Caroline* fem. dim. of *Charles*, man

*Jason* the Lord is salvation; variant of Joshua

*Maury* *(Maurice)*  dark-skinned, Moorish

*Quentin* the fifth

*Candace* brilliantly white

*Benjamin* son of the right hand; youngest son of Jacob and Rachel

*Dilsey* from *Dilys*, reliable

*Luster* perhaps var. of *Luther*, army people

*Roskus* from *Roscoe*, woods of the female deer

*Frony* perhaps var. of *Fortney*, strong