

Aldo Leopold - A Brief Chronology

- 1887 Aldo Leopold, born in Burlington, Iowa on January 11, eldest of four children of Carl and Clara Leopold.
- 1904 Attends Lawrenceville School in New Jersey from January 1904 to May, 1905, to prepare for college.
- 1906 Begins coursework at Yale Forest School (Master of Forestry, 1909).
- 1909 Joins U.S. Forest Service (established 1905). First field assignment as assistant on Apache National Forest in southeastern Arizona.
- 1911 Transferred to Carson National Forest in northern New Mexico as deputy supervisor, then supervisor. Founds and edits Carson Pine Cone, a U.S. Forest Service newsletter.
- 1912 Marries Estella Bergere of Santa Fe on October 9. Five children: Starker, 1913; Luna, 1915; Nina, 1917; Carl, 1919; Estella, 1927.
- 1922 Submits formal proposal for administration of Gila National Forest as a wilderness area (administratively designated by Forest Service on June 3, 1924).
- 1924 Accepts transfer to U.S. Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin as assistant (later associate) director.
- 1928 Leaves Forest Service Products Laboratory and Forest Service to conduct game surveys of Midwestern states as a private consultant.
- 1933 In July, accepts appointment to a new chair of game management in the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Wisconsin.
- 1935 In April, acquires the Wisconsin River farm (the Shack) that would be the setting for many of the essays in *A Sand County Almanac*.
- 1939 Becomes chair of a new Department of Wildlife Management at the University of Wisconsin.
- 1941 Develops initial plans for a volume of ecological essays.
- 1947 In December, submits revised book manuscript titled "Great Possessions" to Oxford University Press, which notifies him of acceptance on April 14, 1948.
- 1948 Stricken by heart attack and dies on April 21 while helping to fight a grass fire on a neighbor's farm near the Shack. Burial in Burlington, Iowa.
- 1949 "Great Possessions" final editing overseen by Luna B. Leopold and published as *A Sand County Almanac*.