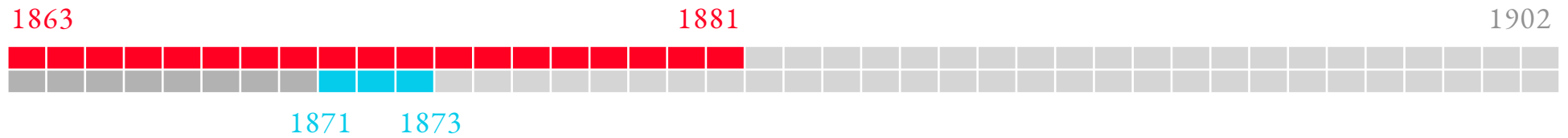


The ChronoMapia® of Swami Vivekananda

Volume 1: Early life



02: School Days (1871 to 1873)

Version 1.0

Date	Location	Description	*Source
~1871	Metropolitan institution, Sukeas Street	At age 8, He entered High school, (ninth class), in the Metropolitan school situated at Sukia Street. (equivalent to present primary class two) He was in the English department. The school was founded by Pandit Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar.	<i>Life 1: VAB: 27 15</i>
~1871		In primary school days, he used to be unusually restless and fun of high spirit. He used to furiously play marbles, jumping, running, boxing and cricket. He became very proficient in boxing and cricket.	<i>Life 1: 27</i>
~1871		He used to manage and conduct matches and games among his friends. Often quarrels used to be settled after his interference. He was exceptional in studies as well as in games.	<i>Life 1: 27</i>
~1871	Calcutta fort	Incident: Once he went to a tour to see Calcutta fort with more than 20 boys. During the tour, one boy of a group became sick and complained of pain, but nobody cared for him and laughed at the sick. He was left behind. When Naren notice his absence he asked for him. Nobody was ready to go back for the sick boy. But Naren immediately came back in search of him. When he found to be seriously ill in fever, Naren helped him get up and carried him to a carriage nearby. Naren assisted him and took him home.	<i>Life 1: 28</i>
~1871	Calcutta market	In one more similar incident , Naren saved a child and its mother from running over a carriage. When he was that a carriage is going to dash a woman and her child, Naren rushed and snatched the child with one hand and pulled the mother out of danger with the other hand.	<i>Life 1: 28</i>
~1871		Initially, he was unwilling to learn English language being a foreign language. But later on, one of his old relative explained and advised him to learn English. Once he started studying it, he quickly became very proficient in it.	<i>Life 1: 29</i>
~1872		Naren used to admire monks and sannyasins. Looking at his palm reading , he used to tell his friends that he is going to be a sannyasin.	<i>Life 1: 29</i>
~1872	At the Champaka tree, in his home compound	Incident- Ghost on the tree. There was a tree in his compound on which Naren and his friends used to play, dangle there head down on its branches, Naren used to like its flowers (Coincidentally, It was a Champaka tree, whose flowers are said to be liked by Shiva very much) Naren's Grandfather was afraid that Naren might fall while furiously swinging from the tree. So he told the boys not to play around the tree. He told them that 'there lives a Ghost on the tree and he breaks the necks of those who climb the tree.' When the Grandfather went away, the other boys frightened but Naren again started climbing the tree. When asked he said, "Don't believe everything just because someone is telling you! Why, my neck would have been broken long ago, if the old grandfather's story were true."	<i>Life 1: 30</i>

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~1872		The father of one of Naren's friend used to love Naren very much. Once found him playing and dangling on the Champaka tree, he called him and asked about his studies. He examined Naren and Naren could answer his questions about Geography and Mathematics. He even was asked to recite poems. The friend's father became very happy to see Naren's great intellect.	Life 1: 31
~1872		Narendra had a very sharp memory and could memorise a whole book just by reading it once. And not only memorising but he could understand the meaning of the text very fast. He showed proficiency in English, History and Sanskrit. He was good in Mathematics too but used to dislike it.	Life 1: 31
~1873	Metropolitan institution, Sukeas Street	During his days at Metropolitan institute, for some years, he suffered from ' Chronic Dyspepsia ' (indigestion, abdominal pain) He became very thin. But this never changes his energetic and courageous nature.	Life 1: 32
~1873		Along with studies and sports Naren had a very fine hand in drawing pictures . He had a melodious voice . He was very good at dance and acting and used to love doing mimicry . He often used to tease his friends and play pranks with them. He could win anyone's love in just five minutes.	Life 1: 33
~1873		Incident: Once one of an ill-tempered teacher turned his wrath on Naren, belted him, seized him by the ears. This damaged Naren's ear badly and it started to bleed. Of course, Naren was innocent. Bursting into tears, he cried, "Do not pull my ear. Who are you to beat me? Take care not to touch me again." But luckily, the founder of the school, Pandit Ishwarchandra came in and took Naren to his office, and consoled him. Later proper measures were taken to avoid such incidents. Next day wounded Naren came to school as usual as if nothing had happened.	Life 1: 34
~1873	home	Naren started an amateur theatrical party and presented plays in a hall of his home. But after a few plays, his uncle out of annoyance broke up the stage.	Life 1: 34
~1873	home	He once started a gymnasium in his house's courtyard. He along with his friends used to do regular physical exercise. One day his cousin broke his arm while wrestling and hence the gym was stoped by his uncle.	Life 1: 35
1873	Gym of Navagopal Mitra, Cornwallis street	At the age of 10, Naren joined a neighbouring Gym and gradually gain proficiency in ' Lathi play ', fencing , rowing , swimming , wrestling and other sports. Won first price for boxing in a Physical training show and fair.	Life 1: 35

Date	Location	Description	*Source
1873	Metropolitan institution, Sukeas Street	Once at Metropolitan institution, in a display of gymnastics, Naren suddenly challenged anyone to cross lathis. The strongest of the participant took this challenge and started to fight match with Naren. He was stronger and older than Naren. Naren all of a sudden gave such a resounding blow that the opponent's staff broke in two and he fell on ground.	<i>Life 1: 35</i>

*Source Abbreviations

We have used abbreviation for the name of the book, in the source column.

Following is a list of all the abbreviations used in the column along with the referred book name and additional details:

<i>CW</i>	Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda Mayavati Memorial Edition	Advaita Ashrama, Eighteenth Reprint, April 2001 CW1 indicates to Volume 1, CW2 indicates to Volume 2, and so on...
<i>Himalay</i>	स्वामी विवेकानंद का हिमालय- भ्रमण तथा कुछ अन्य यात्राएँ (हिन्दी) - स्वामी विदेहात्मानंद	(Swami Vivekananda ka Himalay bhramaN, tatha kuchh anya yatraen, Hindi) Advaita Ashram, Kolkata, First Edition, June 2016
<i>Life</i>	Life of Swami Vivekananda by His Eastern and Western Disciples	Advaita Ashram, Sixth Edition, Jan 1989 Life1 indicates to Volume 1, Life2 indicates to Volume 2.
<i>Maha97</i>	महाराष्ट्रात स्वामी विवेकानंद (मराठी) - स्वामी विदेहात्मानंद	(Maharashtrat Swami Vivekananda) Ramakrishna Math, Nagpur, Maharashtra, First Edition, 1997
<i>ND</i>	Swami Vivekananda In The West: New Discoveries - Marie Louise Burke	Advaita Ashrama, Forth Edition, April 2013 ND1 indicates to Volume 1, ND2 indicates to Volume 2; and so on..
<i>Rajas19</i>	स्वामी विवेकानंद और राजस्थान (हिन्दी) - स्वामी विदेहात्मानंद	(Swami Vivekananda aur Rajasthan, Hindi) Advaita Ashram, Kolkata, First Edition, April 2019
<i>Rajkot19</i>	Swami Vivekananda and Gujarat	Souvenir. 125 Anniversary of Swamiji's Visit to Gujarat. by Sw. Nikhileshwarananda Shri Ramakrishna Ashram,Rajkot, First Edition, June 2019
<i>RVinfo</i>	RamakrishnaVivekananda.info	http://www.ramakrishnavivekananda.info/ . It contains online versions of many literary works on the Holy Trio. Although, Chitramrit is not affiliated with this website, but the owners of the website have kindly allowed us to link to the pages from this website. (Specially for Swamiji's letters and lecture links from his 'Complete Works' series.). Special thanks to the developers of this site.
<i>VAB</i>	Vivekananda A Biography	by Swami Nikhilananda, Advaita Ashrama, First Indian Edition, Nov 1964
<i>wvca</i>	Vivekananda Vedanta Society of British Columbia (Canada)	https://vedantavancouver.ca/arrival-in-vancouver/

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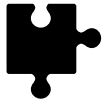
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