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◆◆April 9, 1830, Born - Eadweard Muybridge: from photography to murder, a man of professional and distinct life episodes.

Muybridge was born in Surrey, England. During recovery from a serious accident, he took up professional photography and photographic inventions and received several patents.

After immigrating to San Francisco in 1868, selling his Yosemite Valley photography welcomed world fame and connections to his door.

By 1872, railroad tycoon and former California Governor, Leland Stanford, hired Muybridge for a portfolio job of his mansion and racehorse. But a crazy side job developed... not so crazy.

Stanford wanted a photo of his horse galloping with all four hooves airborne. What?

Remember, this is 1872 which equals one camera and a wilted shutter speed compared to a horse's gallop. Muybridge was intrigued. Experimentation began.

BUT - A stinging "interruption" two years later occurred when Muybridge decided to murder his wife's lover. Aware his wife was cheating, he was not prepared their son might not be his own.

Hard hit, his killing plan was in play. The photographer tracked the lover to Calistoga, CA, and paid a visit, just the two of them; Muybridge and his gun. Lover and Muybridge greeted briefly. Boom, the deed was done.

Arrested the same night, Muybridge sat in jail and was tried a year later. Interestingly, he gained an acquittal on the jury's belief that the trauma he incurred from his prior accident caused mental affliction.

Muybridge returned to his experiments for Stanford.

He finally succeeded with 12 cameras and connections to auto triggers that completely confused me after perusing his process three times. But Muybridge did it.

Moving pictures is now in motion. More camera techy details are in the below references.

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Resources: Brittanica, Wikipedia, nga.org, iphf.org

◆___ April 12, 1945 Passed - Franklin D. Roosevelt was the only U.S. President to serve four consecutive terms.

Roosevelt survived the devastation of polio at age 39 and made a remarkable recovery through swimming exercises. He rose to govern New York in 1928 and then won his first presidential term in 1932.

As President, Roosevelt fought for neutrality to keep the U.S. out of the war in Europe. He (and Congress) led the U.S. through intense gauntlets lending aid to allied countries in WWII. Reaction to that aid, along with supply embargos, resulted in the attack on Pearl Harbor. Neutral was now in drive, and the U.S. was at war.

Roosevelt passed away as the war ended and during his fourth presidential term. He is one of the top-ranking U.S. Presidents to this day.

Resources: whitehouse.gov, Wikipedia, Library of Congress,



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playing with fire! Hope these facts are a tiny respite for those who yearn to learn or vow not to forget.



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