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- 1763 Colonel Bouquet fights Battle of Bushy Run, relieves siege at Ft. Pitt.
- 1764 Colonel Bouquet's expeditionary force to the Ohio Territories comes through the area where the town of Furnass will later be established. Two Highlanders of the Black Watch, Hugh Campbell and Duncan MacMurchie, get lost in the hills looking for lost sheep.
- 1765 Bouquet builds a small outpost with blockhouse named Fort Bouquet at later site of Furnass near the mouth of the Allehela River in the Valley of the Crows. Garrisoned by small contingent of The Black Watch with Lt. Robbie Stewart in command.
- 1766 Fort Bouquet comes under attack. Lt. Robbie Stewart leads a patrol upriver to investigate safety of a peaceful and friendly band of Onagona Indians led by a chief named Colonel Berry. When that patrol doesn't return, a visiting Ensign, Thomas Keating, leads remainder of garrison upriver to find out what happened to the lost patrol.
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- 1769 Duncan MacMurchie returns to the site of Fort Bouquet and, with help of other settlers and friendly Indians, establishes a farm. Because of his knowledge of herbs and other native medicines, along with his history of visions, he becomes known in the area as a healer and a seer and a holy man.
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- 1776 Sara Cawley comes to Duncan MacMurchie's farm to find out what happened to her mother who was at Fort Bouquet at the time of the attacks. She has found a book that purportedly tells what happened—*The Journal of Thomas Keating*—but is unable to read the Gaelic. She has heard that MacMurchie has magical powers. After he reads the journal to her, she stays on at the farm to help him; they eventually fall in love and a daughter is born the following year.
Malcolm Lyle born in Pittsburgh
- 1777 Anna MacMurchie born
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1793 Malcolm Lyle begins to work at iron works in Pittsburgh learning the trade; his best friend at the mill is Colin Buchanan who is a few years older.

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1798 Malcolm Lyle leaves Pittsburgh to make his fortune. Comes to the MacMurchie farm and hires on as a hand to help Duncan and Sara; he and Anna fall in love

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1801 Anna Murchie marries Malcolm Lyle.

1802 Lydia Lyle is born

Malcolm Lyle discovers iron ore and limestone near MacMurchie farm; convinces father-in-law Duncan to start an iron furnace. Contacts old friend Colin Buchanan who joins in the venture.

1803 Buchanan Lyle Iron Furnace founded. A worker is sent to make a sign to direct the drovers bringing the wagons of limestone and coke and iron ore to the furnace, but the man can't spell and the name sticks to the town that grows up around the iron plantation: Furnass.

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1807 Duncan MacMurchie dies

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1817 Colin Lyle is 11, Lydia Lyle is 15 when Lydia is sent away to school in Philadelphia; she never returns to Furnass. The old blockhouse is destroyed to make room for the iron furnace's expansion.

1818 Eugene McArtle born, Lancaster County, PA.

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1825 Elizabeth "Libby" Hayes born at Willow Plantation, South Carolina.

1826 Judson Walker born in Indian Camp, PA. John Hunt Morgan born.

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1842 Mattie Ready born.

1843 Colin Lyle takes over operation of the Lyle and Buchanan Iron Furnace at age of 37; Malcolm Lyle retires and goes to live in Ironmaster's House.

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1845 Colin sells his interest in the Buchanan Lyle Iron Furnace; the original furnace and mill becomes the Buchanan Iron Works; Colin founds a new mill called the Keystone Foundry, later Keystone Foundry and Steam Works. In the 1850s, it becomes the Keystone Steam Works because of Colin's shift of focus on steam engines.

1846 Dr. Eugene McArtle arrives in Furnass at the age of 28.

1847 Colin Lyle meets McArtle and they become friends. Start of Dr. McArtle's practice in town.

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1853 Colin Lyle meets Elizabeth Hayes at Willow Plantation in South Carolina: he is 47, she is 28. Malcolm Lyle dies at the age of 74.

1854 Elizabeth Hayes arrives in Furnass unannounced and she and Colin Lyle are married.

1855 Malcolm Hayes Lyle, first-born of Colin and Libby, born

1856 Anna Elizabeth Lyle, second-born of Colin and Libby, born

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1863 In late June, Judson Walker and Jonathan Reid come to Furnass with a detachment of Morgan's Raiders to appropriate two steam tractors to convert to war machines. At the time Colin is 57; Libby is 38.

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1880 Malcolm Hayes Lyle marries first wife, Lydia, his great love.

1881 Malcom Hayes and Lydia's first child is stillborn.

1882 Colin Lyle relinquishes control of the Keystone Steam Works to son Malcolm Hayes. Coming home from a trip to Pittsburgh, Lydia Lyle falls in gas line trench. Malcolm Hayes panics and throws flour on her, thereby roasting her alive for which he never forgives himself. As a tribute, he cuts off her braid and uses it as a watch fob for the rest of his life. Colin leaves the Lyle house and goes to live in an apartment at the Steam Works where he continues to work on new designs for machines, including war engines. Libby lives on at the Lyle House when son Malcolm Hayes takes up residence.

1883 Malcolm Hayes throws himself into his work, marketing the ideas that his father Colin is developing in his workshop at the Steam Works. New designs include well drillers, steam shovels, steam automobiles, etc.

1884 Malcolm Hayes Lyle remarries, more for progeny than for love. Marries Missy Matheny, daughter of a local Covenant Church pastor
Augustus Malcolm Lyle —later known as A.M.—first-born of Malcolm Hayes, born

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1887 Colin Lyle dies.

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1890 Bruce Henry "Doctor" Sutcliff is born in Furnass, PA

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1908 Augustus Malcolm (A.M.) marries Lyly Hughes, whom he met at Covenant College.
Augustus Malcolm Lyle, II —known as *Mal* or *Pappy*— is born
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1913 Catherine “Kitty” Todd is born in Rome, New York.
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1916 Henry “Harry” Sutcliff is born in Furnass
1917 John Lincoln goes off to war and dies in New York Harbor; his twin, Mary Lydia is never
the same
1918 At the end of WWI, Malcolm Hayes Lyle at the age of 65 turns company over to Augustus
(A.M.) who is 34; A.M. has been pressuring his father to concentrate the company’s efforts
on the Lylemobile, and Malcolm Hayes finally gives into him.
Libby Lyle, the grand old lady of Furnass, erects a statue assumed to be in honor of the
Union Forces in the Civil War. She dies later that year at the age of 93.
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1926 Keystone Steam Works is failing fast with A.M.’s emphasis on the Lylemobile and neglect of
the other product lines; A.M. increasingly out of touch with reality
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1929 Stock market crash—the final blow to A.M. Lyle; has total breakdown. His son, Augustus

Malcolm Lyle, II —*Mal* or *Pappy*—takes over company at the age of 21. Makes deep investments in stock market and is considered family hero for his attempt to save the Keystone Steam Works

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1932 Kitty Todd, age 19, goes to New York City to become a dancer. Tries to join Rockettes at the new Radio City Music Hall, told to come back.

Keystone Steam Works limps along with a few orders for well drillers, steam shovels.

1933 Kitty Todd joins Rockettes

1934 Harry Sutcliff, 18, graduates from Furnass Senior High School. Enters Covenant College in Furnass.

1935 What's left of the Keystone Steam Works goes belly-up. Mal Lyle is blamed for making poor investments. To avoid creditors, he goes to Hickory and lives with his sister Mary Lydia and her husband Claire who works a farm. There he meets a neighbor, Helen Niblock, whom he will later marry.

While Mal is in Hickory, his father A.M. totally loses his mind while living in the family mansion on the hillside above Furnass. Sees the first of a shantytown building up around the place and one night burns down the family home with him inside.

1936 Harry Sutcliff, 20, becomes impatient and leaves Covenant College. Visits New York City and sees Kitty Todd, 23, with the Rockettes at Rockefeller Center and falls in love. After dating her, returns to Furnass to start his career in real estate.

1937 Harry Sutcliff learns that Kitty is pregnant, goes back to NYC and brings her to Furnass.

Harry Sutcliff, 21, and Kitty Todd, 24, marry and set up housekeeping in Furnass. Harry establishes Sutcliff Realty and starts buying up property and subdividing into apartments for new workers moving into town.

Harry Todd Sutcliff born.

1938 Kathleen Sutcliff born.

1939 Kitty's Todd's first significant talk with Doctor Sutcliff, Harry's father.

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1940 Richard Quinton Sutcliff —for the rest of his life known only as “Dickie”— born.

Julian Augustus Lyle born.

Bryce Orr born.

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- 1955 Harry Todd Sutcliff graduates from Furnass Senior High School; is sent to Berkeley, CA to the University of California after he knocks up girlfriend. Carole Bruno sent away to have baby. Harry Todd's sister Kathleen, a senior in high school, has her first asthma attack.
- 1956 Harry Todd meets Laurel Simpson in Berkeley and begins hippie lifestyle. Kathleen graduates from Furnass Senior High School. Tries to go to Slippery Rock College, but becomes too sick and returns to Furnass. Enters Covenant College.
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- 1958 Dickie Sutcliff, 18, graduates from Furnass Senior High School; enters Penn State. Kathleen Sutcliff, 22, graduates from Covenant College and begins work in her father's office.
- 1959 Harry Todd, 22, graduates from University of California, Berkeley. Moves to North Beach in San Francisco.

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- 1960 Harry Todd opens House of Harry Todd on Upper Grant Avenue in San Francisco. Kitty has second talk with Dr. Neely where he cautions her about Kathleen's relationship with her father.
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 - 1962 Harry Todd takes Laurel back to Furnass for a visit. When they return to California, move to Marin County and opens up new House of Harry Todd. Dickie Sutcliff graduates from Penn State, returns to Furnass and begins work at Sutcliff Realty.
 - 1963 Carole Bruno returns to town; Father honors his earlier promise and gives her a job in the company.
 - 1964 Dickie marries Tinker Scranton. Has a brief affair with Carole Bruno.
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 - 1967 Julian Lyle opens law office in Furnass
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 - 1972 Kathleen dies at the age of 34.
 - 1973 Harry Sutcliff dies at the age of 59; Dickie takes over business at the age of 33.
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- 1980 After a series of failed business ventures in California, Harry Todd Sutcliff enters the management training program for Denny's Restaurants.
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 - 1983 Julian Lyle successfully defends owner of a local martial arts studio, Kim Leong, for the death of Kim's father.
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- 1985 Dickie Sutcliff bids for and wins the contract to develop the former site of the Allehela Works of Buchanan Steel into a new industrial park, Furnass Landing.
Julian Lyle obtains funding to begin the Furnass Towers, a multi-use high-rise building to be constructed on the main street of Furnass.
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- 1987 Sycamore Savings & Loan, holder of the construction loan for Furnass Towers, closes its doors in the S&L crisis across the nation. Furnass Towers halts construction.
- 1988 Harry Todd returns to Furnass from California and takes up residence in the family home. Dickie takes over full financial control of Furnass Landing as well as assumes ownership of Julian Lyle's Furnass Towers project and other assets. Initiates divorce proceedings against his wife and begins to live with Pamela DiCello.
Quinton Todd is 48; Dickie is 43; Kitty is 75.
- 1989 Dickie Sutcliff found dead in his office.