

Defrosted: a Life of Walt Disney

Marceline

Walt watches from the window as his father Elias cuts a switch from the backyard tree for his whipping.

Walt remembers riding on the back of a pig into a pool of mud.

Walt gets in trouble for painting an image on the side of his house with tar.

Walt's first commission is to do a portrait of his neighbor Doc Sherwood's horse Rupert.

The Disney family was proud of their apple tree's extra-large apples.

Walt cries.

Kansas City

Walt starts a commercial art business with the talented illustrator Ub Iwerks that fails but leads to what will eventually become Disney Studios.

Hollywood

Walt invents Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck then Snow White to launch animation as a mass entertainment. Walt becomes an international celebrity and film producer and develops an unrealized project with Salvador Dali.

After a wounding strike at his studio Walt testifies as a friendly witness before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Lonely Walt attempts various pastimes but shows the most enthusiasm for polo until he has an accident that kills another player. Model trains become his new love.

After making propaganda and educational films during the war, such as *Victory Through Air Power* and *Our Friend the Atom*, Walt expands into television, live-action feature films, robotics and theme parks.

Walt receives the Presidential Medal of Freedom from Lyndon Johnson with Willem DeKooning, T. S. Elliot, Aaron Copeland and Helen Keller among others.

Nikita Khrushchev's desire to visit Disneyland during his visit to the US is thwarted for "security" reasons.

Walt founds Cal Arts and cries from the window of his apartment above the firehouse on Main Street in Disneyland.

Florida and Beyond

Walt inaugurates plans for Epcot, Experimental Prototype City of Tomorrow, then dies at 65.

The Mickey Mouse Protection Act dramatically expands copyright power for the Disney Corporation.

Walt's ashes are interred at Forest Lawn cemetery in Glenwood, California.

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