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Birth charts of Switzerland and the USA A Midsummer Night's Dream³

Thanks to Beatrice Ganz in 2013 [1], the birth time of modern Switzerland is now known quite precisely: 12 September 1848 at about 1 PM. In this very free-minded article, I take a *slightly* closer look at the houses of Switzerland and use that to improvisedly derive a birth date and time for the USA, namely 2 Juli 1776 (Lee Resolution) roughly around 1:40 PM. This would give an AC at the end of Libra, an MC in Leo conjunct the northern lunar node, Mars and Uranus in the 8th house, moon conjunct Pluto in Capricorn, and more.

I deliberately refrain from analysis using transits, progressions, solars, etc., since, from the perspective of exact science, these techniques are still much more in their infancy than simply mirroring a country in its birth chart. Even that way this article is, from that perspective, still very daring, hence “Midsummer Night's Dream” and rather playfully written.

May those astrologers step forward who can verifiably derive when the USA was born, or only its astrological houses. . . !

Switzerland

On the next page the birth chart for Switzerland for 1 PM.

The time is based on the inquiry of Beatrice Ganz, the president of the Astrologische Gesellschaft Zürich, of 2013 [1]. In essence, the official notes of congress would not have noted times, but several daily newspapers reported that the acceptance of the constitution was celebrated with cannon shots and also propagated that way across the country. From these newspaper reports—Beatrice Ganz was so kind to show me also some which were not explicitly mentioned in her inquiry—it becomes clear that the declaration of acceptance would have happened shortly after the first cannon shots in Bern, namely around 1 PM (13:00) for acceptance, with a margin of maybe at most ± 15 min in my estimation. In 2013 Dr. Christoph Schubert-Weller, author of the book “Die astrologische Geburtszeitkorrektur”, has rectified a birth time of Switzerland of 12.50, essentially based on solars [2], by order of Beatrice Ganz.

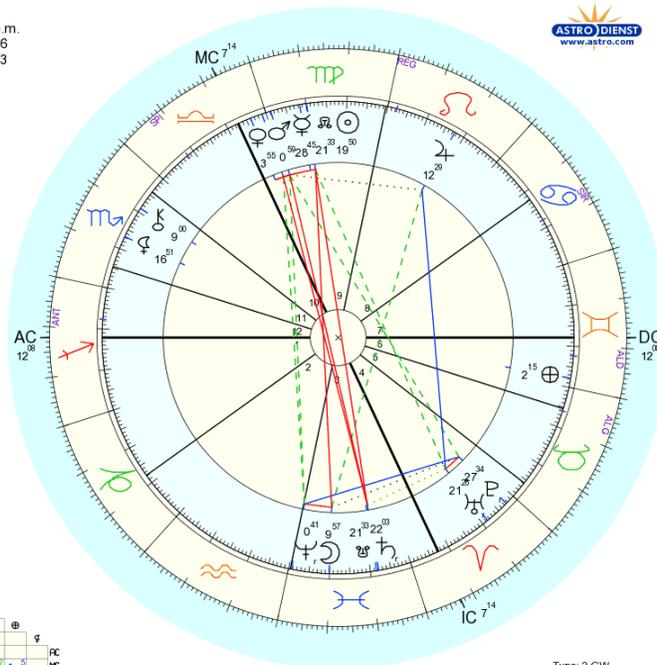
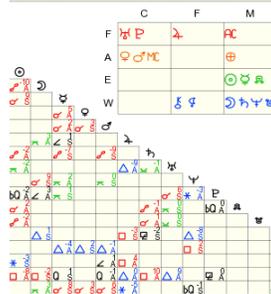
Astrologically, for 1 PM the first house starts in Sagittarius and ends in Capricorn. Hence immediate surroundings in Switzerland would be openly and freely accessible, even if somewhat regulated. As soon as it would be about “building” something, however, corresponding to the second house (“body/clothing” in the chart of a person), everything would be very precisely regulated, even if, thanks to the Aquarius part of the second house, it would still be possible to

create modern architecture in Switzerland, albeit in a spatially restricted scope; which would all appear to fit Switzerland quite well.

Switzerland
 Tu., 12 September 1848 Time: 1:00 p.m.
 Bern, SWITZ Univ.Time: 12:30:16
 7e26, 46n57 Sid. Time: 12:26:33
 Event Chart
 Method: Web Style / Placidus
 Sun sign: Virgo
 Ascendant: Sagittarius



☉ Sun	19	Vir	49°44'
☾ Moon	9	Pis	56°41'
☿ Mercury	28	Vir	44°39'
♀ Venus	3	Lib	54°39'
♂ Mars	0	Lib	58°38'
♃ Jupiter	12	Leo	29°11'
♅ Saturn	22	Pis	2°55'
♁ Uranus	21	Ari	25°55'
♆ Neptune	0	Pis	40°56'
♇ Pluto	27	Ari	33°39'
♁ True Node	21	Vir	32°52'
♁ Desc. Node	21	Pis	32°52'
♄ Chiron	9	Sco	59°51'
♁ P.Fort.	2	Gem	15°16'
♁ Lilith	16	Sco	50°32'
♁ RC	12	Sag	8° 2' 17" Cap 49° 3' 0" Pis 26°
♁ MC	7	Lib	14° 11' 4" Sco 9° 12' 24" Sco 38°



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But since this here is a Midsummer Night's Dream, I will now not go through all houses one-by-one, or aspects and so on, but rather start to dream my way towards the USA, even though this may, of course, invite selective perception in a certain way.

Venus at the MC seems to fit quite well, with money and peace as wishes and goals, and since many decades a relatively rich, harmonically cultivated, peaceful country, with also a lot of banks. That Switzerland also invests a lot into higher education (9th house), could mean that Venus would rather still be in the 9th house and not (as for 12:45 PM) already in the 10th house.

But now to what inspired me for the USA. The 8th house of Switzerland is in Cancer and Leo, with Jupiter in Leo as the only planet within. Now, since the 8th house is also related to “death”, this might fit quite well with the high suicide rate of Switzerland, as well as with organizations that help with suicide like Exit, and corresponding laws in Switzerland, hence with a certain “lightness” or even “luck” when it comes to death ?

The USA

Dying is a bit different in the USA, where there is a very high rate of deaths by firearms. In Switzerland, where, by the way, people are also quite heavily armed in international comparison, this is by far not that way, resp. in this respect apparently no country in the world can keep up with the USA, not even remotely—except during a war.¹

So, why not assume that for a date at the beginning of July 1776, when independence was decided and declared, that Uranus/“firearms” and Mars/“war” would have maybe most likely been in the 8th house/“death” ? See the birth chart on the next but one page for that.

And then why not the northern lunar node at 6° Leo at the MC, hence the goal of the nation would be very strongly shaped by letting the past (IC,

southern node) very focusedly and fierily (Leo) behind, by focusedly creating something new from that “melting pot” ?

The USA are really an extraordinary country, whose creations are often successful in the world. But Leo, especially an early Leo, as the first of the middle four “adult” star signs, is often still very youthfully naive, which, often together with lots of youthful energy, does not always turn out well. And listening carefully is by no means a strength of the USA.

But let me take a little step backwards first. On 2 July 1776 the Continental Congress of the American colonies passed the following sentence of the Lee Resolution (complete text!):

Resolved, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.

See the appendix for the sparse sources for the time of day this happened. In any case, at the beginning of July roughly three events would immediately qualify as the birth of the USA:

- **Tue 2 July 1776: Lee Resolution passed**
 - Excerpts: “United Colonies”, “free and independent States”.
 - Short notices in two local newspapers in the evening.
 - Analogy to birth: “umbilical cord cut”.
- **Thu 4 July 1776: Declaration of Independence passed**
 - Excerpt: “thirteen united States of America”.
 - Analogy to birth: “child gets a name”.
- **Sat 6 July 1776: Declaration of Independence published**
 - Whole text published in newspaper.
 - Analogy to birth: “first cry” ?

Well, at the birth of a child, it is not uniformly clear what counts astrologically as birth: Most often cutting or clamping the umbilical cord, the first cry, or when the child is fully out of the mother, are noted, which often all appear almost at the same time.

In case of the USA I would argue as follows: What was decided on 2 July was to break up with Great Britain, as well as that the states of the colonies are united—this comprises both separation from the motherland and the creation of a new (newborn) entity. That way the essential part of birth could already have taken part then; what followed afterwards, namely the beautiful, very carefully crafted Declaration of Independence and its publication, would be something that would have become practically unavoidable after birth had taken place.

In any case, 2 July appears, due to sparse sources for times on that day, to have been the only day where Uranus and Mars in the 8th house and the northern lunar node at the MC would have been possible, around 1:40 PM. On 4 July, the Declaration of Independence would have passed only too much later and on 6 July (Saturday was a normal work day then) the newspaper would have appeared only in the evening, but so far I would not exclude any of those three days for sure.

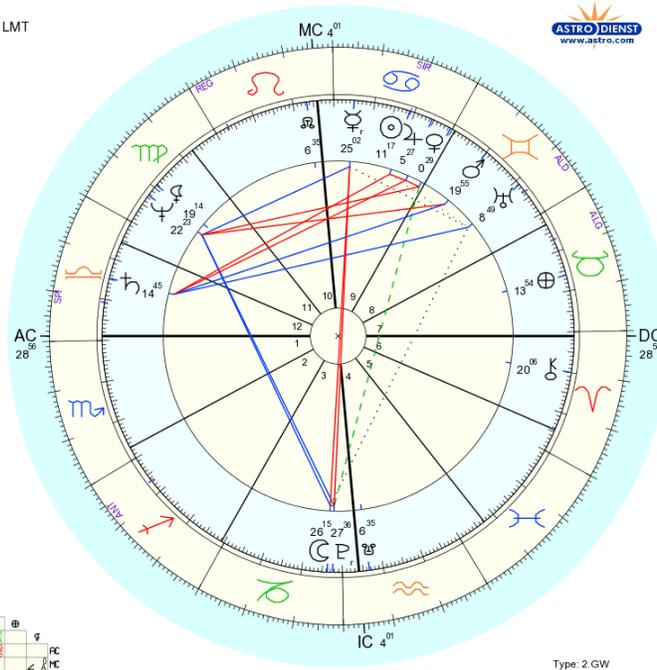
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 Tu., 2 July 1776 Time: 1:40 p.m. LMT
 Philadelphia, PA (US) Univ. Time: 18:40:40
 75w10, 39n57 Sid. Time: 8:25:25



Event Chart
 Method: Web Style / Placidus
 Sun sign: Cancer
 Ascendant: Libra

☉ Sun	11 Can 16°40'
☾ Moon	26 Cap 14°56'
☿ Mercury	25 Can 2°13'
♃ Venus	0 Can 28°36'
♂ Mars	19 Gem 54°34'
♃ Jupiter	5 Can 26°53'
♄ Saturn	14 Lib 44°41'
♅ Uranus	8 Gem 48°42'
♆ Neptune	22 Vir 23° 0'
♇ Pluto	27 Cap 36° 3'
♁ True Node	6 Leo 35°10'
♂ Asc/Node	6 Aqu 35°10'
♄ Chiron	20 Ari 5°46'
♁ P.Fort	13 Tau 54°16'
♀ Lilith	19 Vir 14° 1'
♁ RC	28 Lib 56° 2' 27° Sco 7° 3' 29 Sag 19°
♁ MC	4 Leo 1° 11' 7° Vir 9° 12' 5° Lib 34°

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Above the birth chart for the USA for 2 July at 1:40 PM. With a Libra AC, the immediate appearance of the USA would be balanced and harmonious, hence also composed, but the largest part of the first house would already be in Scorpio, hence the surface would maybe be very thin? Who knows whether those tensions would now rather fire into the public or rather violently and unexpectedly with Uranus and Mars in the 8th house?

The second house would be at the end of Scorpio, plus all of Sagittarius, which might often fit with a more disengaged way than in Switzerland of dealing with landscape, incl. many architecturally special buildings?

I hope it did not go unnoticed that the moon is conjunct Pluto in Capricorn. In mundane astrology, the moon usually stands for "the people", and who would claim that the American people are by now not as much divided as a Janus head? According to Ovid in his "Fasti" poems at 8 CE, the Romans celebrated Janus twice in January: Once on 1 January (one head looks into the new year, the other back into the old one), a second time on 9 January.

But, as it is with Midsummer Night's Dreams, exactly when it would get really tantalizing, you wake up...

This emerged between 30 June and 2 July 2018, with the lunar nodes almost as for the USA.

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Appendix: Sources for the passing of the Lee Resolution

I thank [John Roth](#) for bringing my attention to the Lee Resolution in 2004 thanks to his Usenet posts, as well as all who helped discussing and researching in June 2015 at the Astrodienst Forum, especially [anna](#). and [*Momo*](#).

The date Tuesday 2 July is uncontested for the passing of the Lee Resolution, including the text that passed, based on the journal of the Continental Congress. The journal also notes that on Monday, after having been in session for an usually long time, it was adjourned to 9 AM on Tuesday. According to a letter of Congressman Thomas McKean, which he wrote in 1813 to a nephew of also Congressman Caesar Rodney, Thomas McKean already sent on Monday for Caesar Rodney who travelled 80 miles from Dover in Delaware to Philadelphia during the night and arrived just in time in the morning when Congressmen assembled. (Rodney's vote was necessary to pass the resolution.) The letter also mentions that the resolution passed relatively quickly on 2 July. So far I am not aware of any more contemporary sources that indicate a time when the resolution passed. Two newspapers in Philadelphia published a short note about declaring independence on the evening of 2 July. Here is an extract from the letter of Thomas McKean to Caesar Augustus Rodney (*1772), a nephew of Caesar Rodney (from *The Life of George Washington: Written for the American Sunday-School Union* [...], <https://books.google.com/books?id=ry4TAQAAMAAJ>, 279ff)⁴:

Philadelphia, Aug. 22d, 1813.

On Monday the 1st of July, 1776, the question respecting independence was taken in the committee of the whole, when the State of Pennsylvania (represented by seven gentlemen then present) voted against it: Delaware (having then only two representatives present) was divided: all the other States voted in favour of it. Whereupon, without delay, I sent an express for Caesar Rodney, Esq., the remaining member for Delaware, whom I met at the State-house door as the members were assembling. After a friendly salutation, (without a word on the business,) we went into the Hall of Congress together, and found we were among the latest. Proceedings immediately commenced, and after a few minutes the great question was put[.] When the vote for Delaware was called, your uncle arose, and said: "As I believe the voice of my constituents and of all sensible and honest men is in favour of independence, and my own judgement concurs with them, I vote for independence;" or in other words to the same effect. The State of Pennsylvania on the 4th of July voted for it. Unanimity in the thirteen States, an all-important point on so great an occasion was thus obtained; the dissension of a single State might have produced very dangerous consequences.

In the public journal of Congress for 1776, vol. II., it would appear that the Declaration of Independence was signed on the 4th of July by the members whose names are there inserted; but the fact is not so: for no person signed it on that day, nor for many days after. On the 4th of July, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was ordered to be engrossed on parchment, and then to be signed. [...]

[...]

I have thus answered your request, and trust it may reform errors. Accept, dear sir, my best wishes for your happiness

Thomas McKean.

For the Lee Resolution see the English Wikipedia. There you can also find links to the journal of the Continental Congress on official webpages of the USA.

From an e-mail of 2 July 2018 in the evening, translated to English

There are so many astrologers who do counselings every day and that way see practically all combinations of houses in the signs over and over again, and at least the inner planets over and over again in all houses and signs. Hence, with a world-famous country like the USA, it should actually be easy to say when the birth approximately was within a period of one to a few days. Thus it would not even be necessary to look at transits, progressions and solars at first; the birth chart alone would have to mirror experience, with 12 houses in 12 signs and with about 10 planets and points within. That would be about the hope/expectation for the future, that something like that would some day be homework for first or second graders in astrology.

For the USA, I find it astrologically difficult to reconcile 4 July, since the moon would then be in Aquarius, and for that the country appears to me to be too unsocial with its inhabitants, has established almost no progressive institutions that equalize wealth a little bit, give all something, like Aquarius with his jar. But whether that argument really sticks this way can exactly not be said for sure today. . .

For the birth time, I had taken 9:45 AM in an earlier article;² then Uranus would be at the MC - there has also been a thunderstorm that morning - (and the AC would be in the middle of Virgo, Neptune+Lilith in the 1st house). Uranus at the MC would maybe explain quite a bit of the technological drive of the USA, especially when it comes to electric communication like the Internet, since Uranus is in Gemini. The roots of the country (IC) would then be in Sagittarius, wide spaces, lots of consideration, also deeply religious roots, the future would instead be more and more about electronic and faster communication, like e.g. Twitter and the matching president. But: Whether Uranus would have to be at the MC for these reasons cannot be said for sure today either, at least I could not do that at this moment. . .

To me it would in any case make quite a bit of sense if Uranus, especially around its discovery (1781) and in times of Enlightenment etc., would be specially placed for the USA.

In a nutshell, my article is maybe something like the theater play within the theater play in Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*, where the Athenian artisans stage a play so modern that it could right be from Beckett or Dürrenmatt etc.—one of the artisans plays moonshine!—hence maybe simply too early in this time? ;)

Footnotes

Added later on, in order to preserve the original “*Midsummer Night's Dream*” spirit of the text as it emerged essentially between 30 June and 2 July 2018.

¹ The USA are not the country with most deaths by firearms outside of war times, but considering which countries beat the USA in that respect, the essential argument still holds.

² A few days later I integrated that article as the next page.

³ Conclusions (8 July 2018): No conclusions, except that the present material seems interesting enough to preserve as input for maybe future studies. Note that the subtitle might point to an MC near Venus/Jupiter in early Cancer, a point which is quite prominent in charts around the USA, and also GB at the time. Note also that Switzerland was originally founded in August 1291, with the north node (and several planets) in Leo, which might explain some similarities between Switzerland and the USA, like having had to actively fight for freedom, democracy, different cultures living peacefully together, and more.

⁴ 20 October 2020: A scan of the letter in McKean's handwriting and with his signature is online at the “New York Public Library's Public Domain Archive”. Main difference to what I had quoted: McKean writes that he met Caesar Rodney “in his boots & spurs” in front of the State-house, which would imply that—whenever they met—Rodney had just about arrived and travelled at least part of the way by horse instead of by coach.

⁵ I think in the end the way to the answer is no longer in detailed analysis (sorry if some facts here would still be wrong!) but the answer, whatever it would be, should emerge as obvious. At least the upcoming future will show if the USA would really split further, if that would hence be a major trait of the fate of the USA, or if they will find back together as often before. No more additions here; if any, in a new document.

The “Caesar Rodney” birth chart of the USA (August 2017)

I tentatively propose a birth around 9:45 AM on 2 July 1776 in Philadelphia PA. Historically, this would be a plausible time for when the Continental Congress passed the last part of the Lee Resolution, the part declaring independence, shortly after the arrival of Caesar Rodney who had travelled through the night from Dover to Philadelphia. The date is certain, the time speculative, but a plausible one according to the very few primary sources for that day. Astrologically, it would seem to explain many characteristics of the USA better than other commonly used charts, but this will, of course, be a matter of debate.

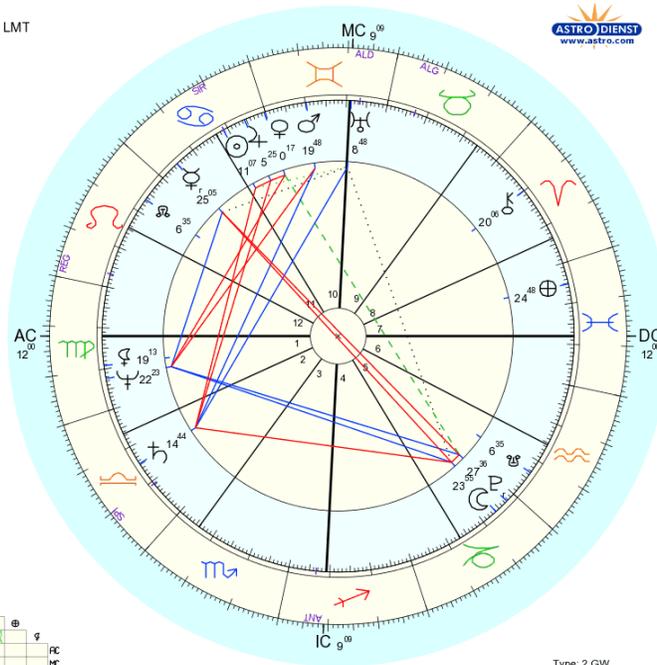
The proposed birth chart features Uranus at the MC in Gemini, Virgo rising with Neptune (and Lilith) in the first house, and the moon in Capricorn closely behind Pluto, both in the fifth house. For example, the fact that the USA tend to be “split” on many issues and into two parties or into Pepsi and Coke, and so on, could be considered to be largely due to the moon in Capricorn (“Janus head”) and the MC with Uranus in Gemini (twins).

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Details

So far just this teaser, in case somebody wants to investigate on their own before I eventually get to it...