



Today in History

May 12, 1820

▲ Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, was born. On nightly rounds “The Lady with the Lamp” tended to soldiers wounded in the Crimean War

1870: The Dominion of Canada purchased Manitoba from the Hudson Bay Company

1885: The linotype machine was patented, replacing hand-set metal letters with entire lines of lead type

1935: The first meeting took place between Bill Wilson and Dr Bob Smith, founders of Alcoholics Anonymous

2000: The Tate Modern art gallery opened in London in a disused power station