

A photograph of Aretha Franklin singing into a microphone. She is wearing a grey coat and a grey hat with a large bow. In the background, a crowd of people is visible, including George W. Bush.

Today in History

March 25, 1942

▲ **Aretha Franklin, pictured above at the inauguration of President Barack Obama, was born. The singer, who died in 2018, would have been 80 today**

1954: The first colour television went on sale for around \$1,000, roughly the same cost as a car at that time

1957: The Treaty of Rome set up the European Economic Community

1995: WikiWikiWeb, the world's first user-editable website, was created by Ward Cunningham to facilitate the exchange of ideas by programmers

1997: Treasure hunters found the wreck of a Spanish galleon that sank in 1654 with a cargo of gold bars