



Today in History

December 12, 1792

▲ **Ludwig van Beethoven, aged 22 and newly arrived in Vienna, noted in his diary he had 15 ducats, enough for his first music lesson with Franz Joseph Haydn**

1901: Guglielmo Marconi successfully transmitted the first transatlantic radio signal from England to Canada

1955: British engineer Christopher Cockerell patented the hovercraft

2000: General Motors announced it was to phase out production of America's oldest automobile brand, the Oldsmobile, introduced in 1897

2015: Saudi Arabia held its first municipal elections in which women were allowed to vote