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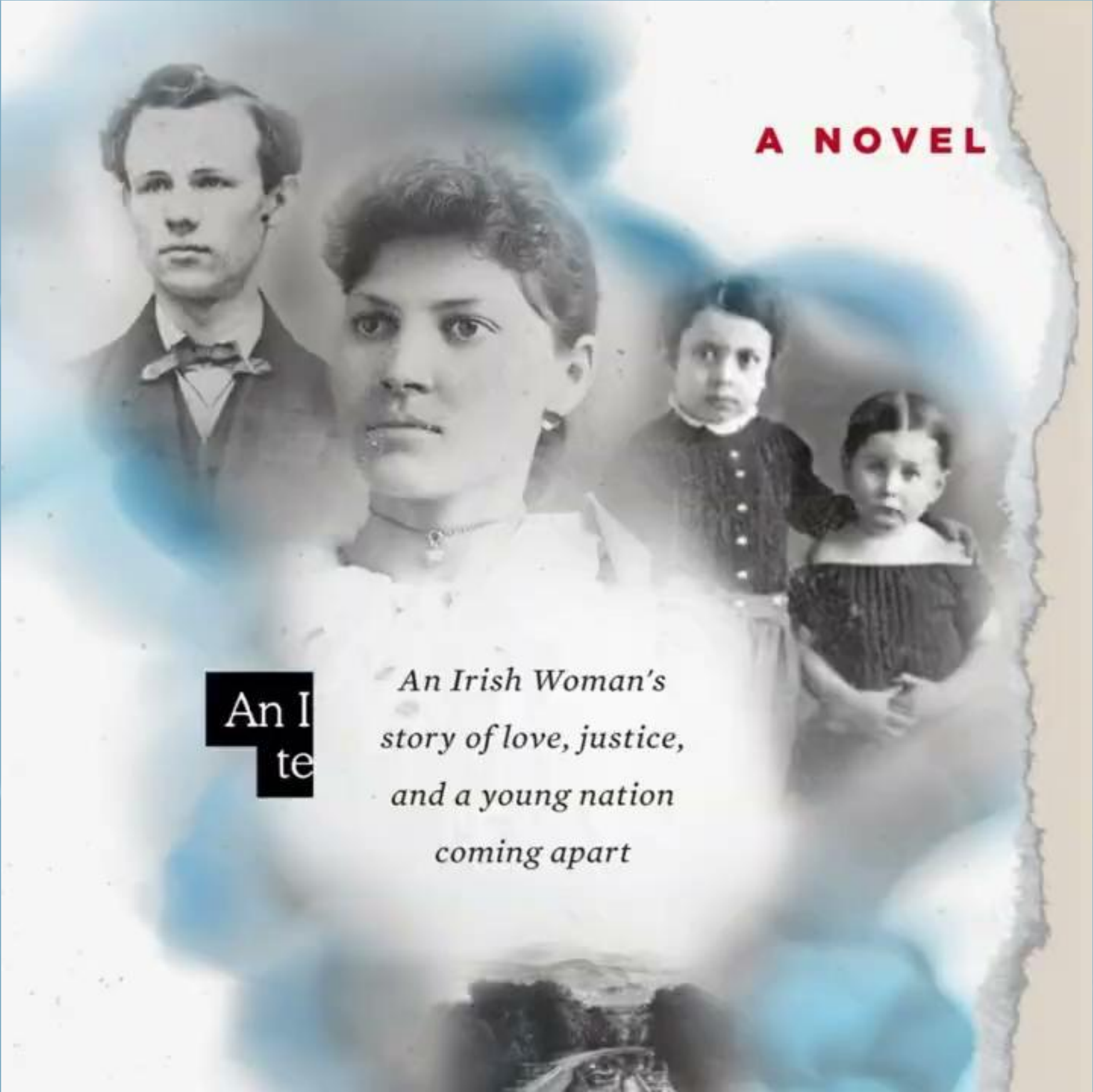
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The background of the slide features a historical painting of a canal scene, likely from the 19th century. On the left, there are white houses and trees. On the right, there are brick buildings and boats in the water. A large, semi-transparent image of a person's face is overlaid on the scene, with the face appearing to look directly at the viewer. The face is positioned in the upper right quadrant, with its eyes and nose clearly visible. The overall tone is somber and historical.

DREAMS OF FREEDOM



A NOVEL

**An I
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*An Irish Woman's
story of love, justice,
and a young nation
coming apart*



About Me



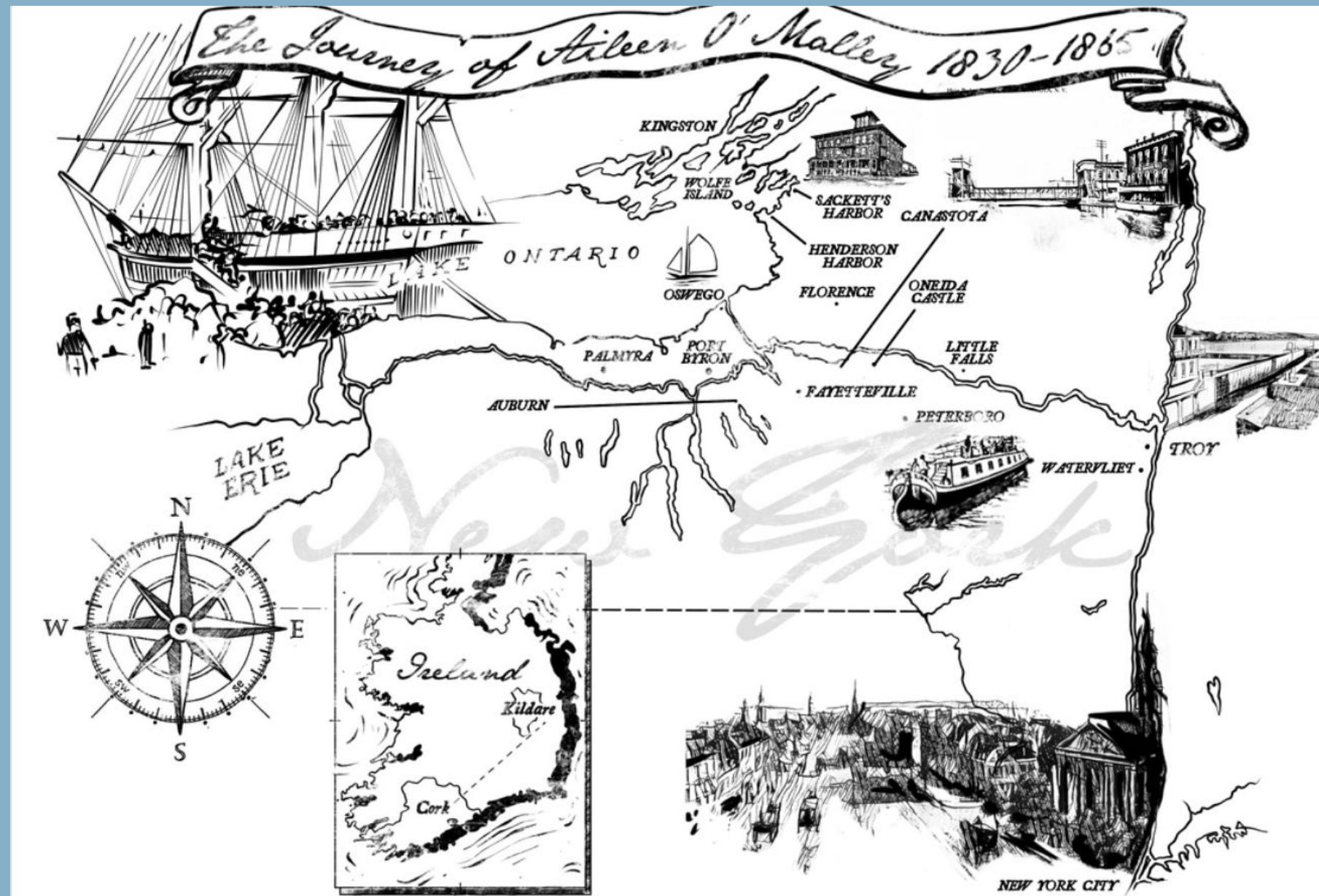
**WHERE I
DECIDED TO
WRITE...**

Garmisch Partenkirchen



THE ERIE CANAL

...changed New York...



Upstate New York

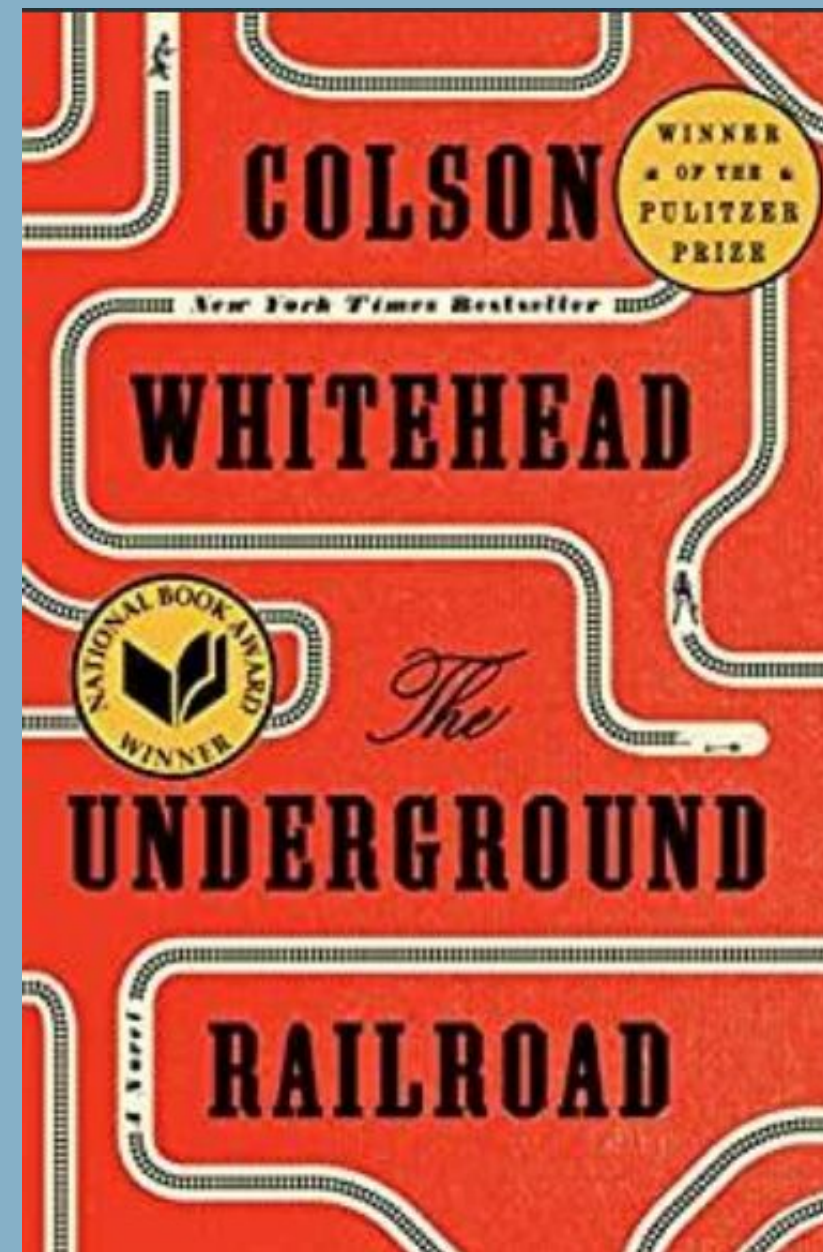
...changed the world....



THE ERIE CANAL

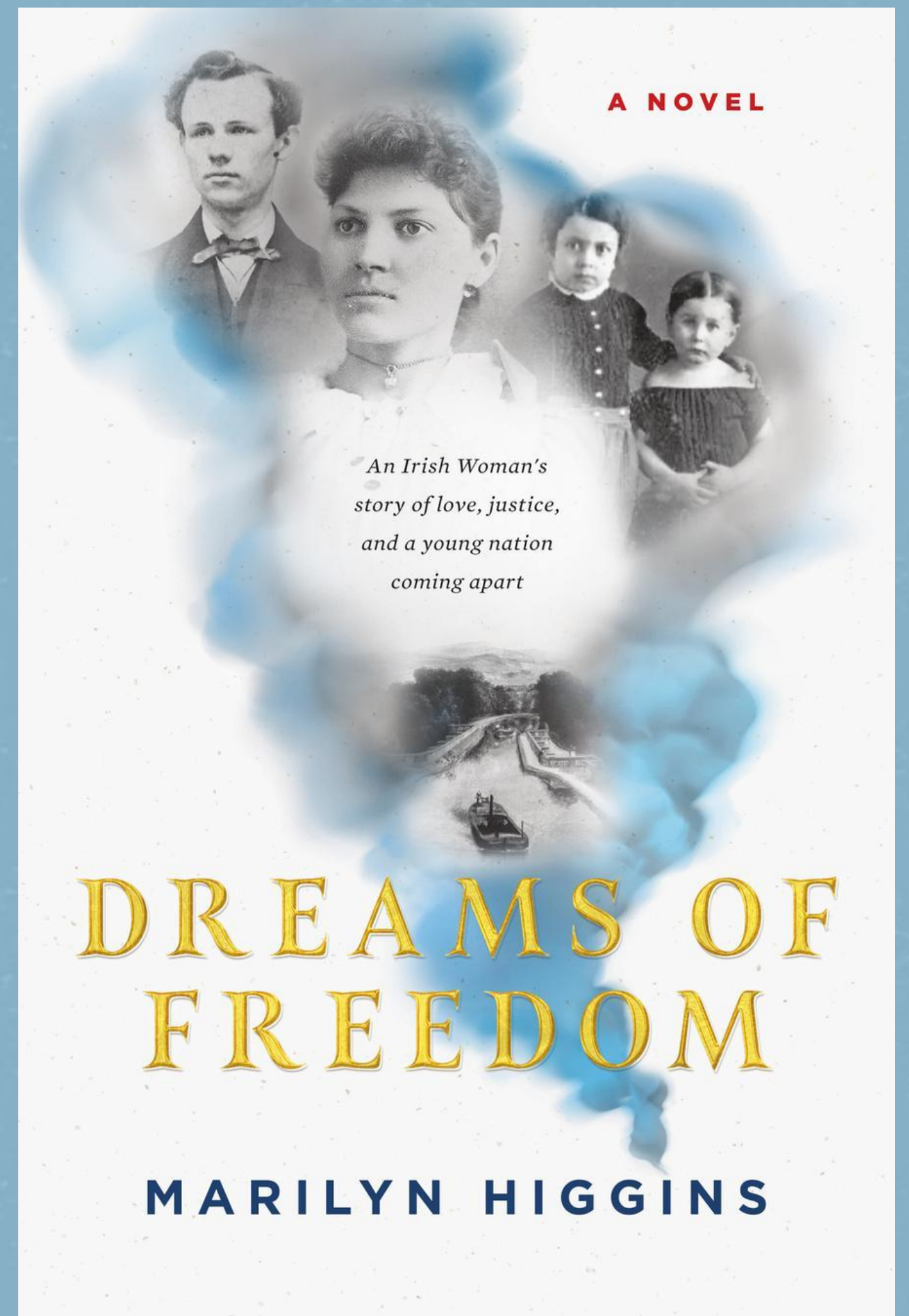
...left an indelible
mark on history...

**AND YET, UPSTATE NY
IS LARGELY ABSENT
FROM THE CREATIVE
STAGE**

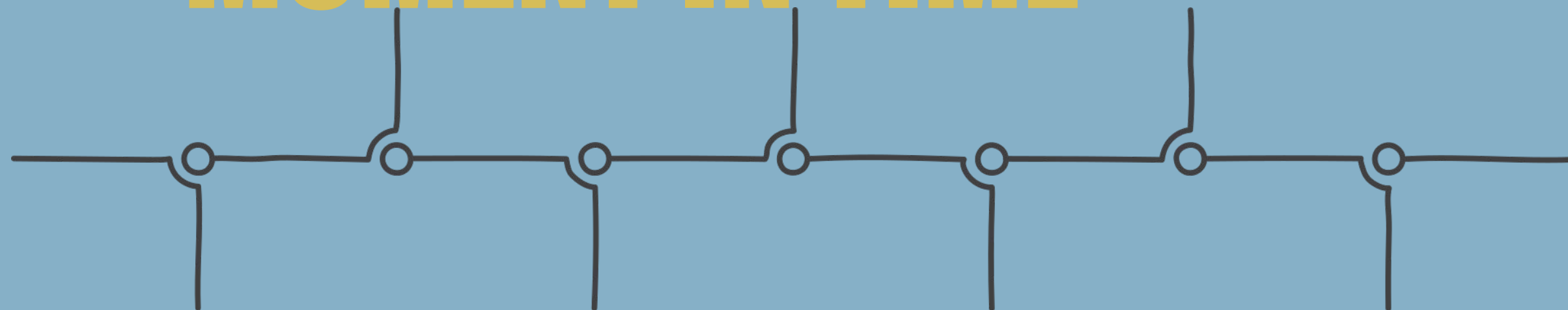


HISTORY HAS THE POWER TO INSPIRE

(so did Aileen O'Malley...)



AN EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT IN TIME

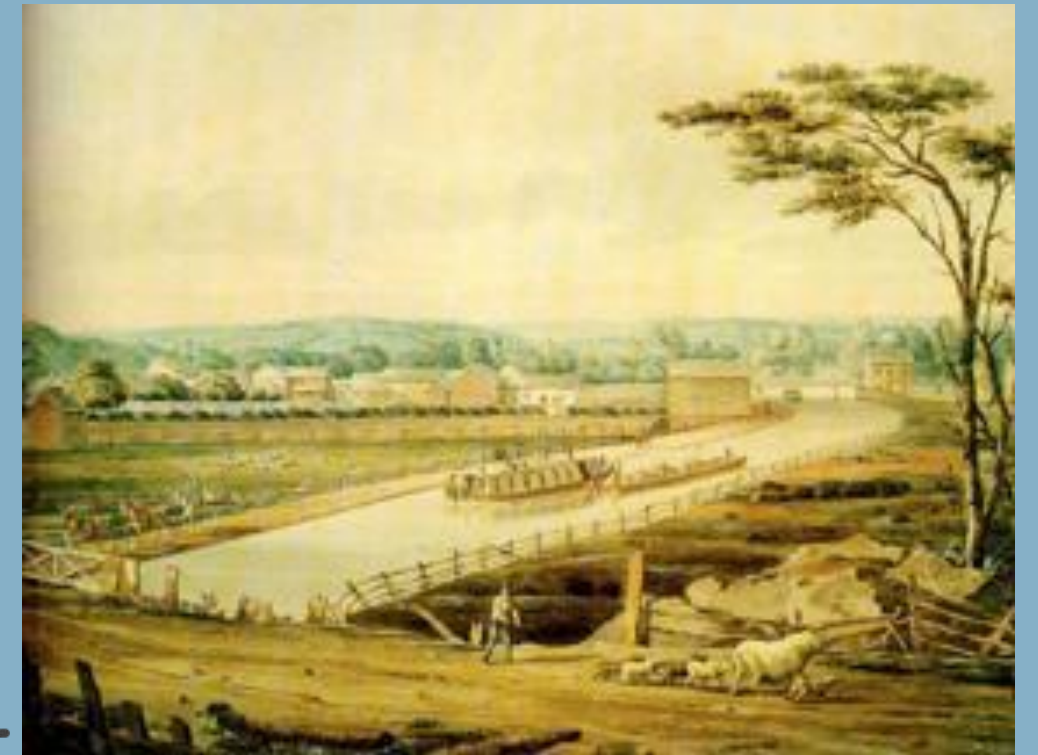


1825

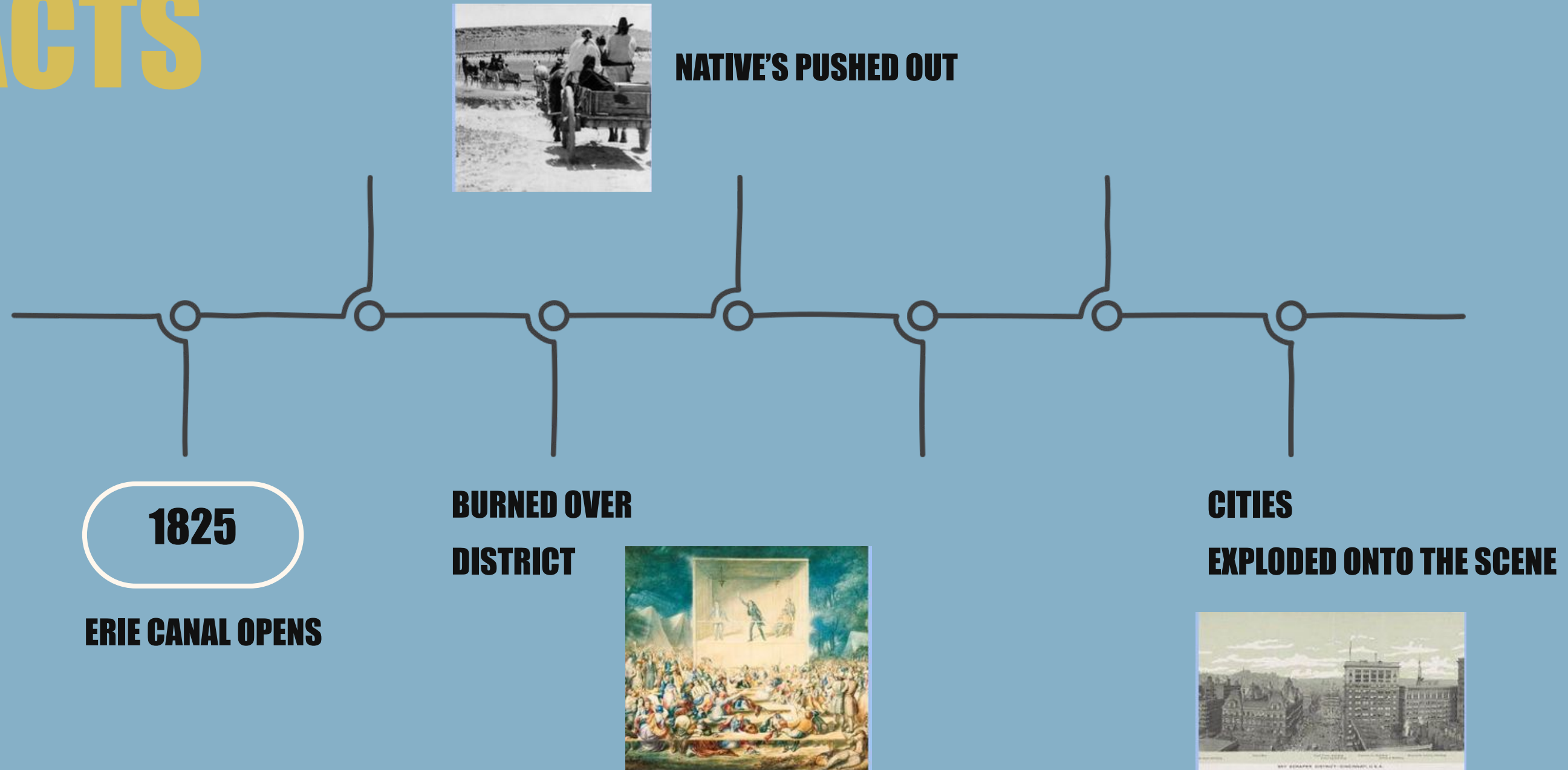
ERIE CANAL OPENS

1861

CIVIL WAR BEGINS



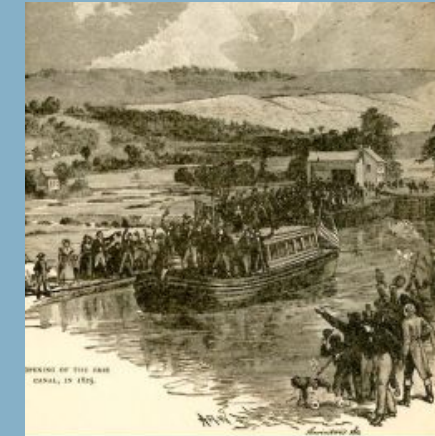
THE FACTS



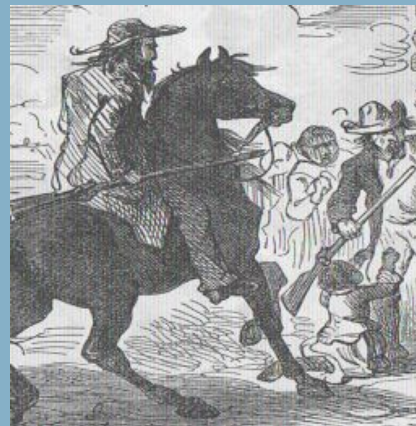
THE ENVIRONMENT



IRISH FAMINE



**MASSIVE
IMMIGRATION**



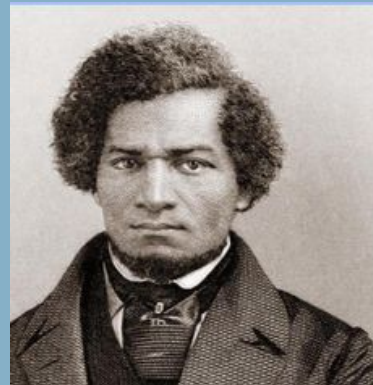
**SLAVE
CATCHERS**



**BLACK FARMING
COMMUNITIES**

MOVEMENTS WERE SPAWNED

ABOLITION



**WOMAN'S
SUFFRAGE**



**UTOPIAN
EXPERIMENTS**



1861

CIVIL WAR BEGINS

150 REWARD



RANAWAY from the subscriber the night of the 2d instant, a negro who calls himself *Henry May*, about 20 years old, 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, dark color, rather chunky built, broad head, and has it divided mostly on the left side, and keeps it very nicely combed. He has been raised in the house, and is now a rate dining-room servant, and was in a tavern in Louisville for 18 months. I expect he is now in Louisville trying to escape to a free state, (in all probability to Cincinnati, Ohio) and may try to get employment on a steamboat. He is a good cook in any capacity as a house servant. Had on when he left a blue coat, and dark striped cassinett pantaloons, new--he has a watch and chain. I will give \$50 reward if taken in Louisville; 100 dollars if taken 50 miles from Louisville in this State, and 150 dollars if taken in any other State, and delivered to me, or secured in any jail so that I can have him. **WILLIAM BURTON**
 Lexington, Ky., September 3d, 1838.

THE SEEDS OF TODAY'S DISCORD/PLANTED THEN

Basingstoke & North Hampshire
Gazette
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ALPHA CARS
 01256 444 444
 THANK YOU NHS

Shop local! All you need to know as our town unlocks Page 42
 Test yourself! Puzzle pull-out inside

TRUSTED NEWS READ BY **192,200 PEOPLE** IN PRINT AND ONLINE EVERY WEEK



BLACK LIVES MATTER

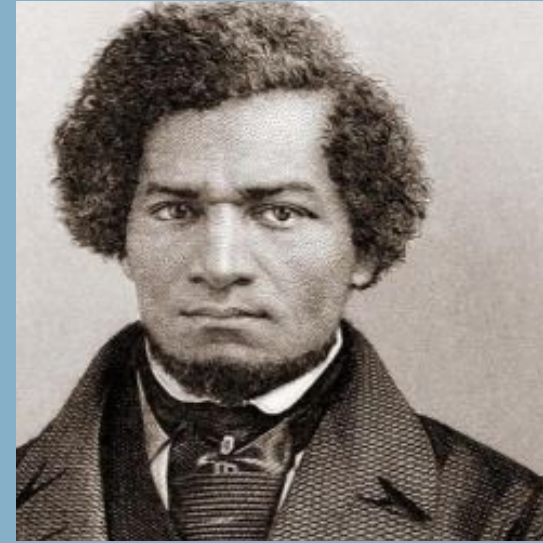


Am I next? Signs with heartfelt words seen on placards at anti-racism protests as Basingstoke's MP calls for a government review into systemic discrimination

By Gazette Staff
 basingstokegazette.co.uk
 Prime Minister to conduct an urgent review into racial prejudice across government.

It comes after a week of peaceful protests across the town as the Gazette can reveal black people in Basingstoke are 17 times more likely to be searched by police than their white counterparts. Full coverage pages 3-5.

SOME CHARACTER'S YOU'LL RECOGNIZE



**FREDERICK
DOUGLASS**



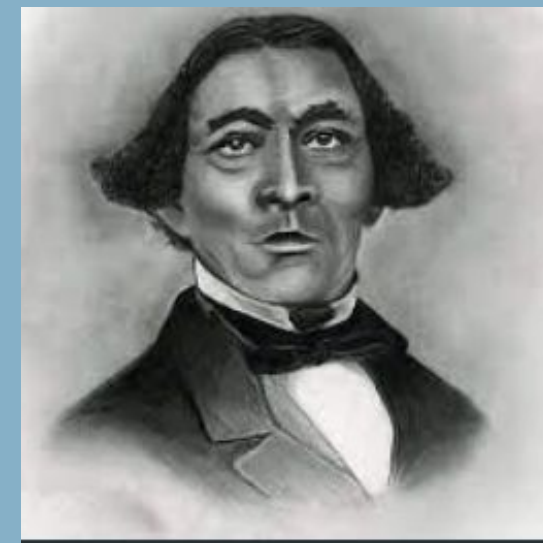
**HARRIET
TUBMAN**



GERRIT SMITH



**ELIZABETH CADY
STANTON**



STEPHEN MYERS



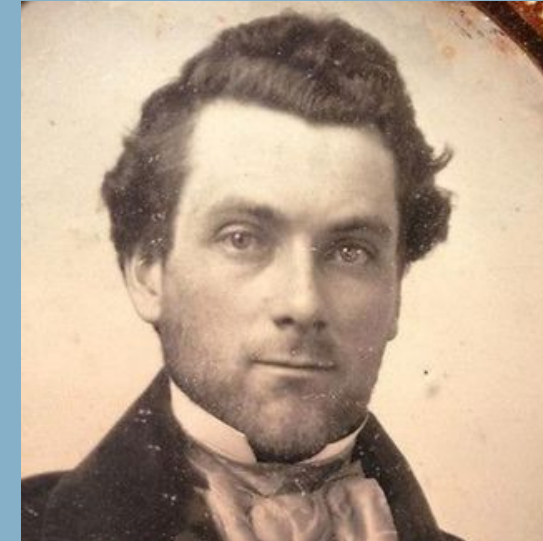
**ULYSSES S.
GRANT**

SOME CHARACTERS YOU'LL MEET

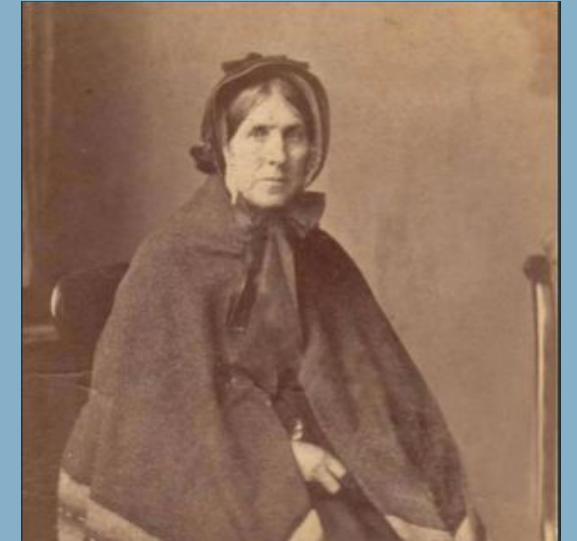
**STRONG WOMEN, ABOLITIONISTS AND
SCOUNDRALS**



AILEEN O'MALLEY



JEDIDIAH TRACEY



BETHA DOOLEY



JOSEPH RYAN



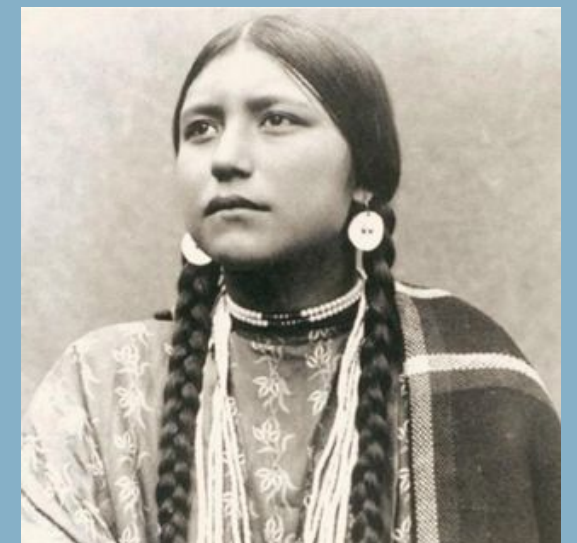
JIMMY



VINY



ROSE



LEAH

Immerse Yourself

**...in Dreams of
Freedom and
Upstate New York**

*Immerse your book club in
Upstate New York*

novel
tourism
elevate your reading
experience

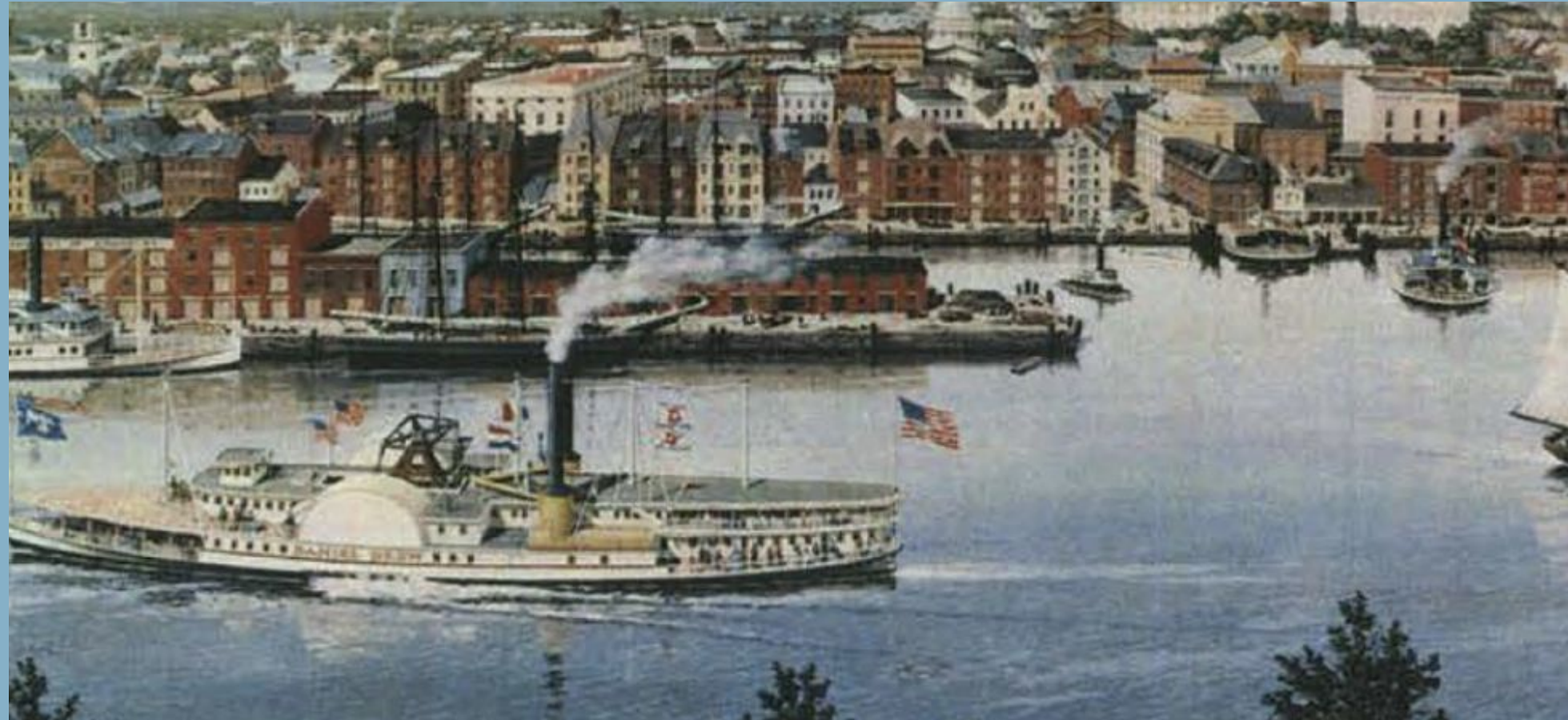


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*Places to go and things to do while reading
Dreams of Freedom*



**Arrive in
Albany**

**...on a Hudson River
Steamboat**



Revisit Aileen's arrival in Canastota

**...followed by a
“freedom” afternoon in
stunningly beautiful
Madison County**



**Marvel at the
water**

**...That Runs North in
Chittenango**

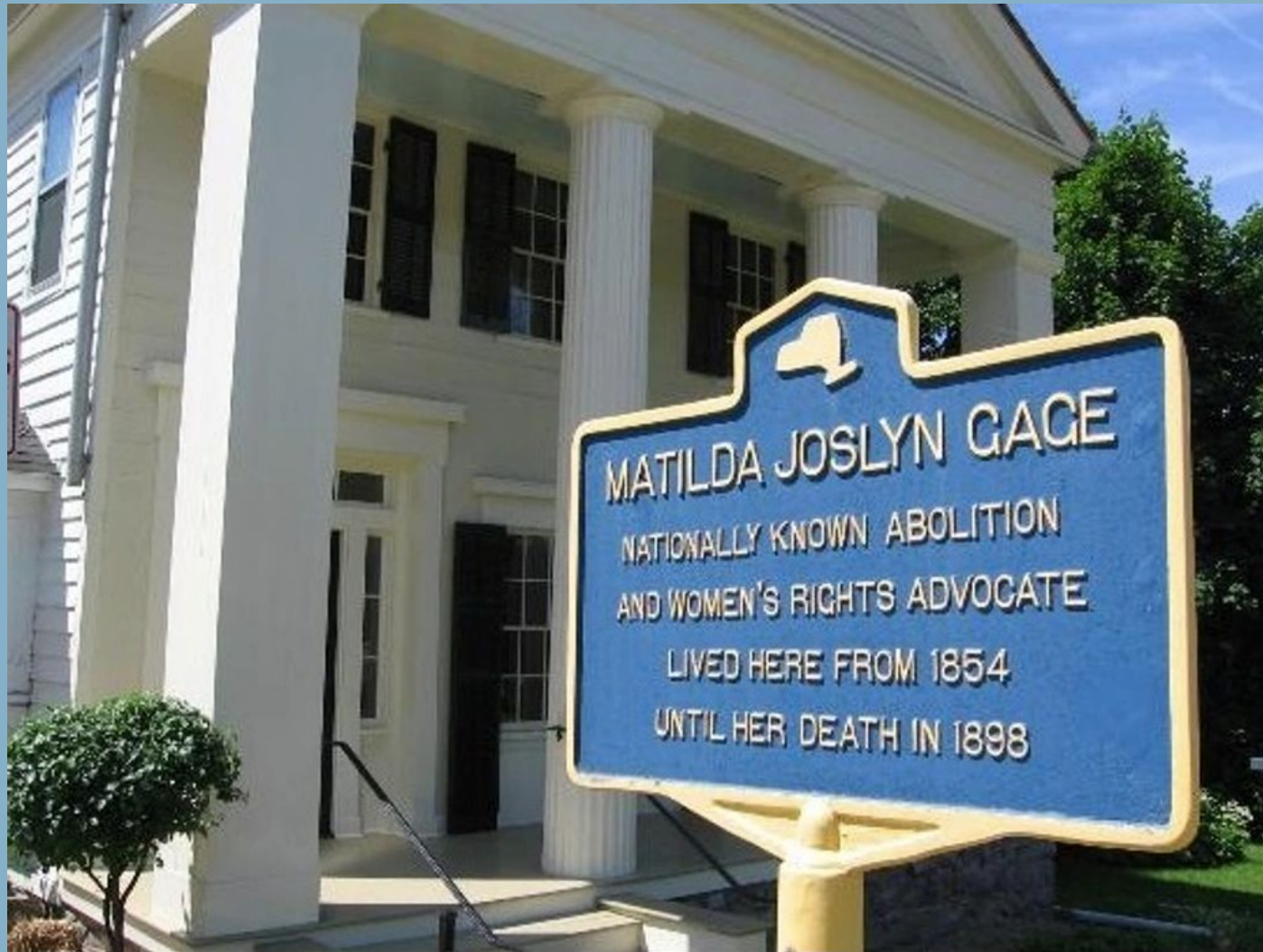


**Attend the
Fugitive Slave
Law
Convention
...in Cazenovia**



Visit Molly

**...at the Oneida
Community
Mansion House**



**Imagine Aileen
and Jedidiah's
mercantile
store**

**...on on Fayetteville's
feeder canal.**

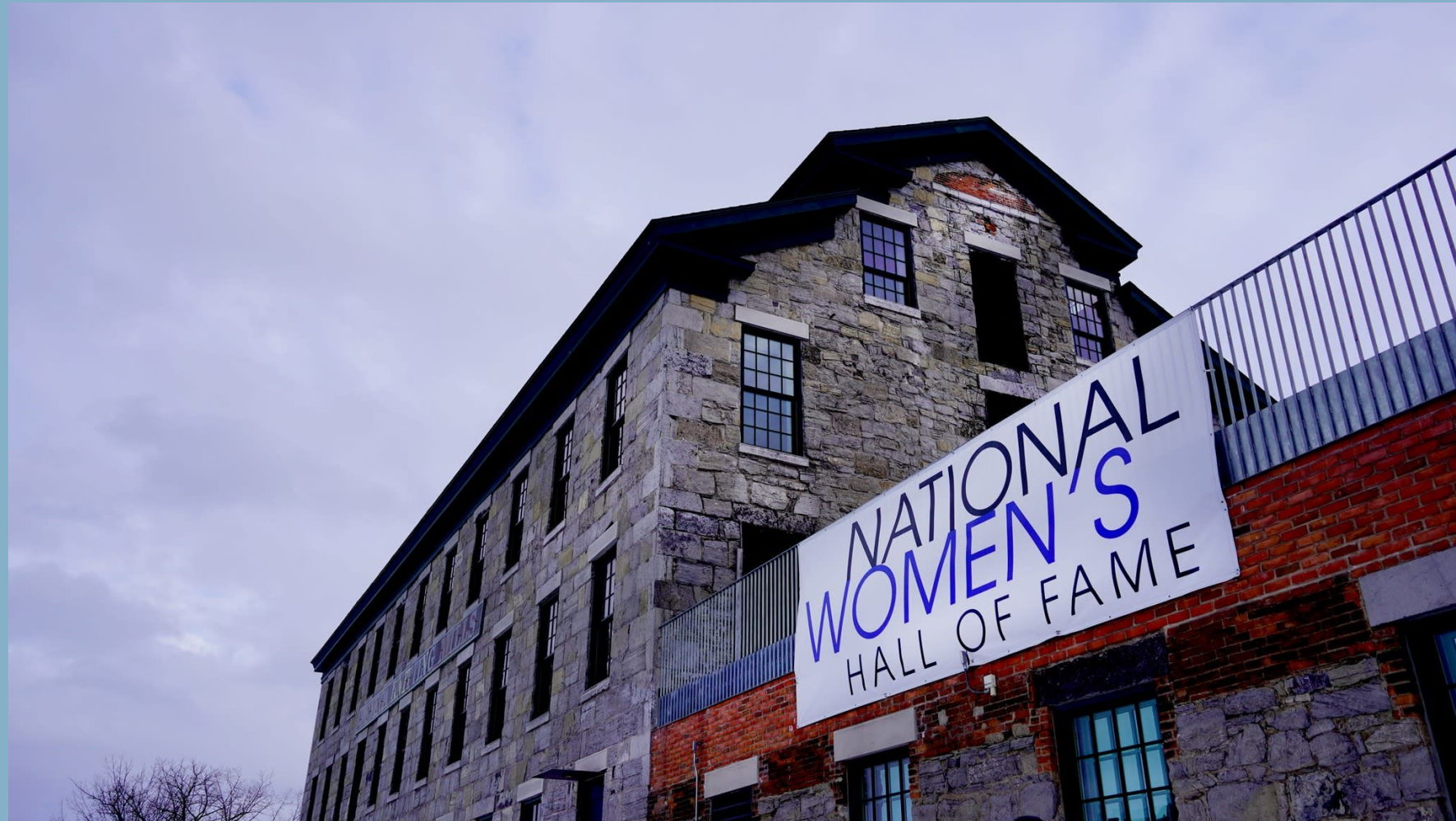


Savor a Trip

...to Syracuse



**Bring your
books**
**...and get out on the
water**



Journey West

**...on a multi-day trip
to Buffalo**



**Make sand
maps of your
lives**

**...Lake Ontario's
Eastern Shore**



Experience Central New York's

**...Resurgent
Waterfront
Community of
Oswego**



**Take turns
reading
portions of the
Epilogue**

**...out loud while
sitting in the glorious
Seward Home in
Auburn NY**

THE PROMISE OF AMERICA

**“THE TASK IS BEFORE YOU.
PUT YOUR GOOD**

MIND 

STRONG

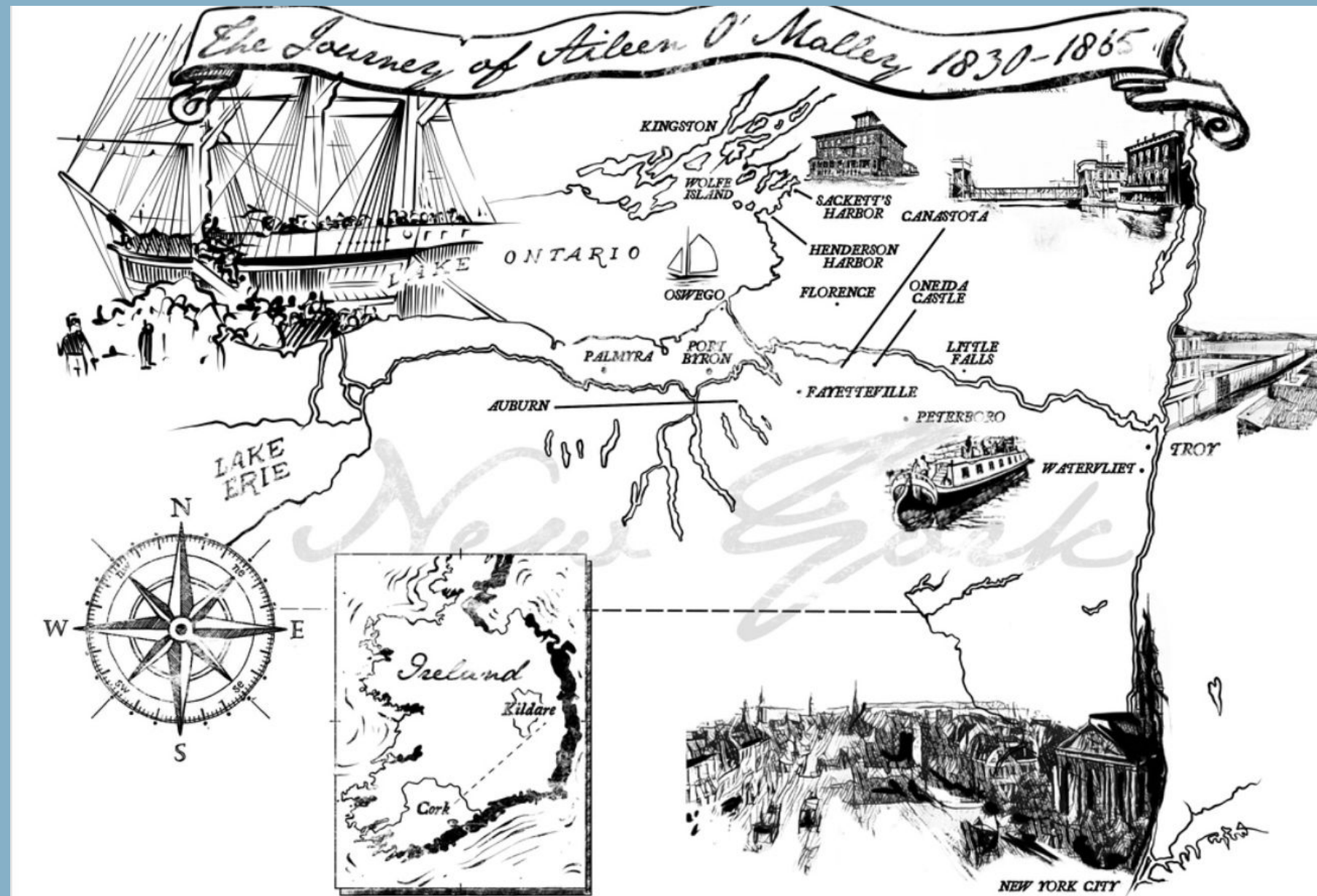
CONSTITUTION

AND SENSITIVE

HEART 

**TO THE TASK OF MAKING THIS A
BETTER LAND”**

In a letter from Aileen O’Malley to her daughter Bessie.



**Dreams of
Freedom is:**

**...my love letter to
UNY.**

**Celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal. Bring
your book clubs to UNY**

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