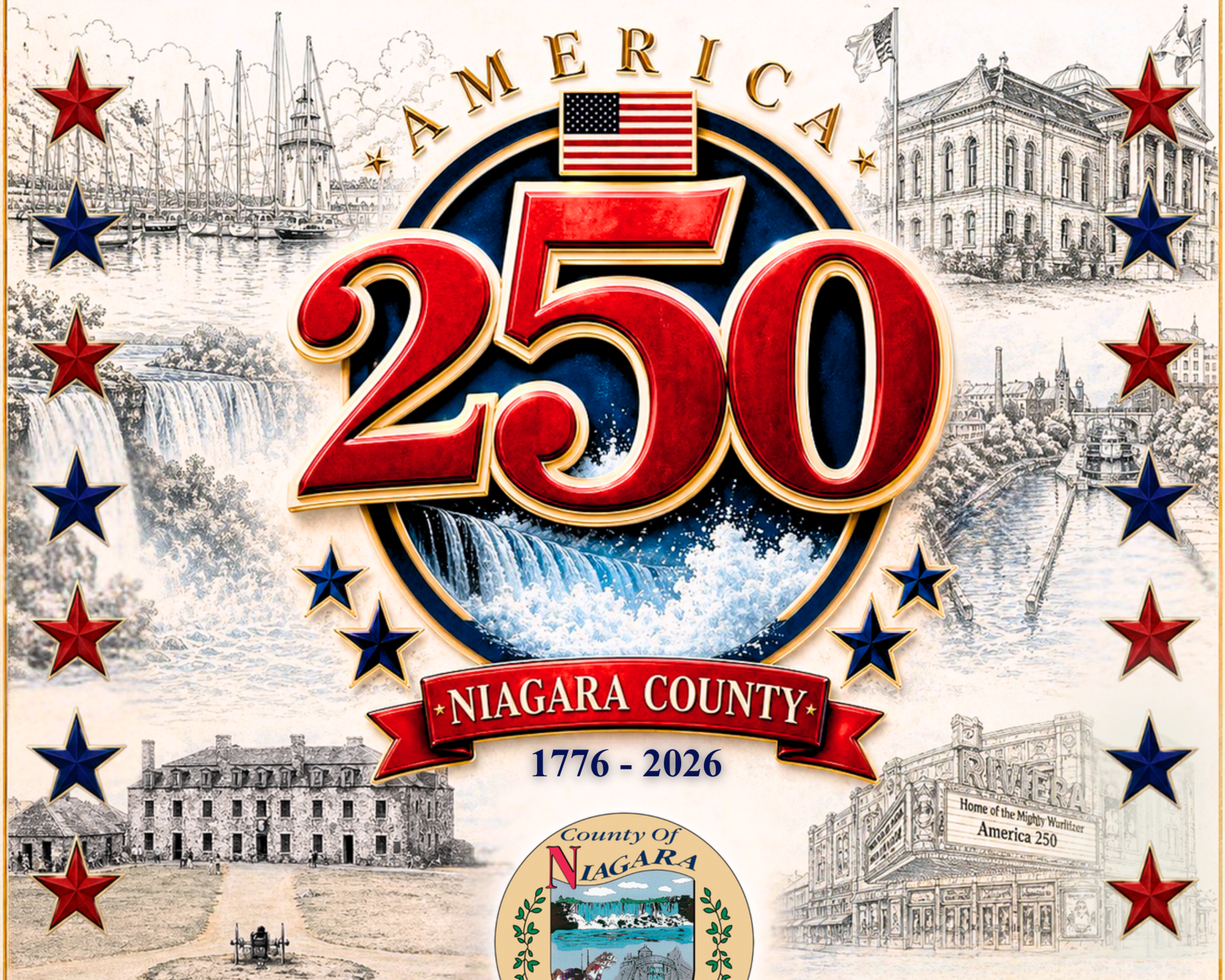
A Special Commemorative Coloring Book Featuring

Historic Sites and Special Places in Niagara County.



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Dear Students,

This year, we Americans are celebrating our 250th Birthday. As part of that celebration, people are looking back at the incredible events and accomplishments that have taken place over the last 250 years. All over the country, people will be going to museums and historic sites, learning more about the people and places that have made our country what it is today.

Niagara County has played a big part in American History. This coloring book showcases a few of our natural wonders, historic buildings and famous sites that have played huge role in shaping the world we live In today. I hope you enjoy learning about our community and the contributions to our great country.

– Legislator

Richard Andres

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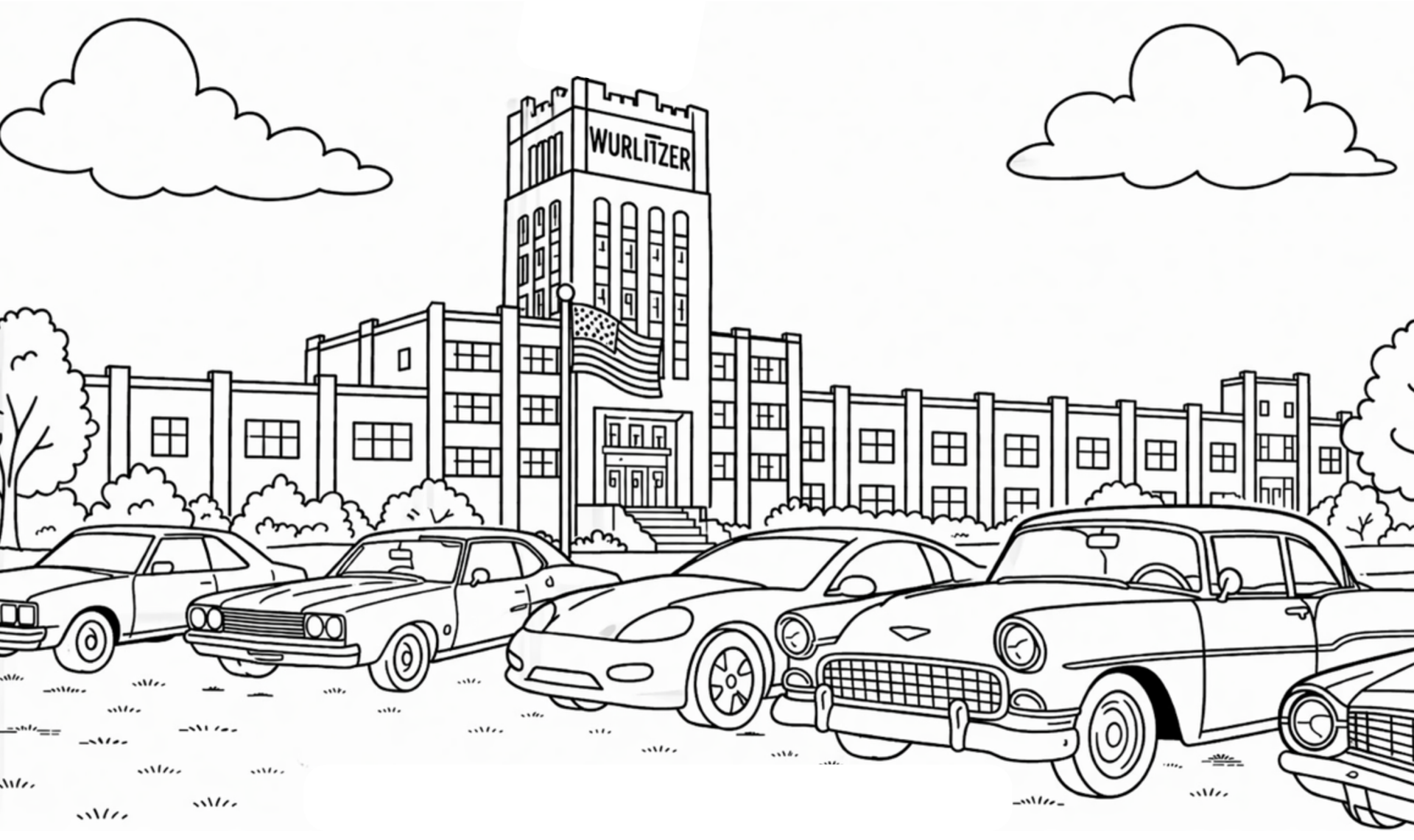
The Riviera Theatre

North Tonawanda, NY

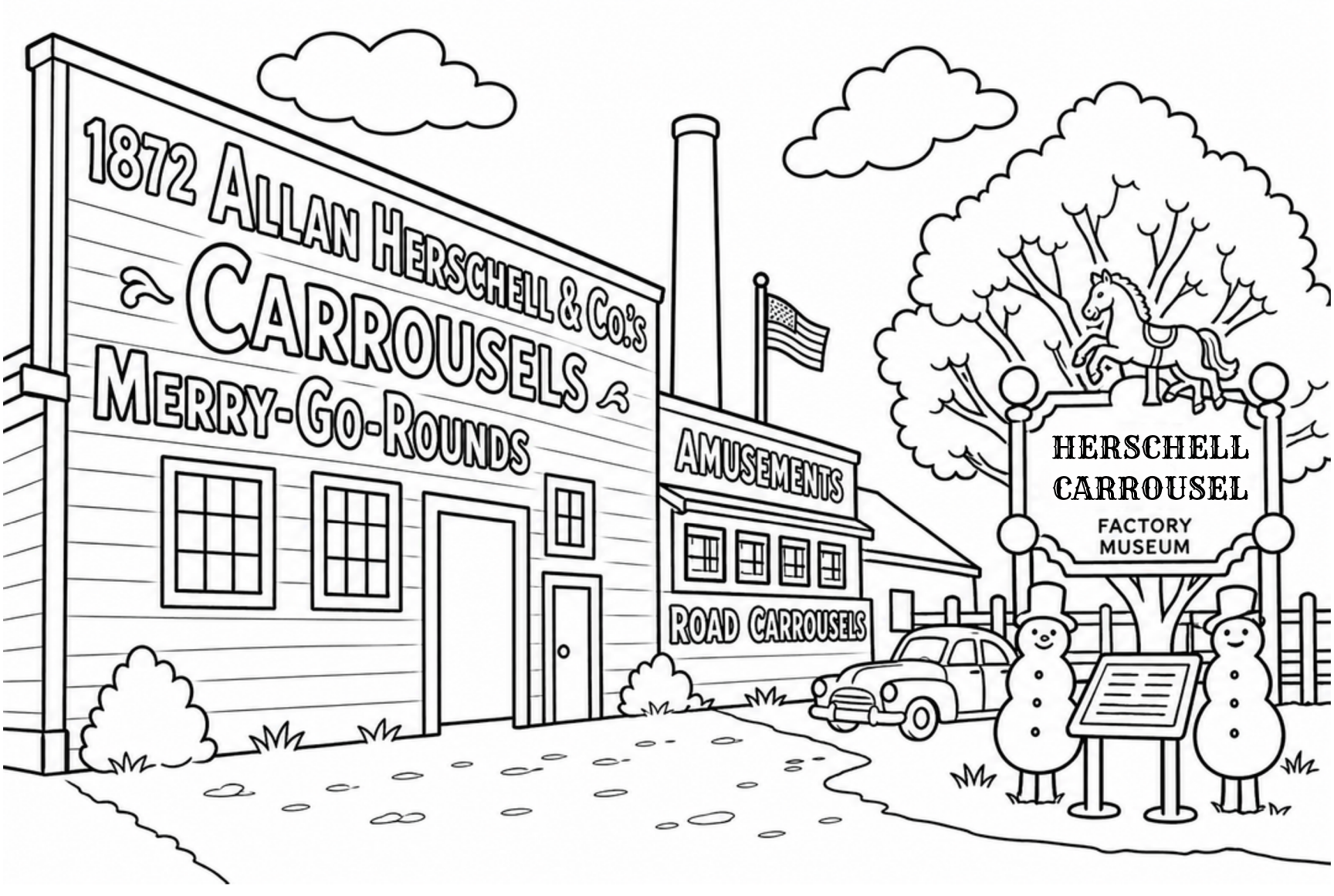
The Riviera Theatre, "the Showplace of the Tonawandas," was built in 1926 and has been entertaining audiences for 100 years. It was saved from demolition in 1989 by a dedicated group of volunteers. Today it has been completely restored.



The Wurlitzer Building

North Tonawanda, NY

Once the largest musical instrument plant in the world, the Wurlitzer factory produced the "Mighty Wurlitzer" organs. These have been installed in some of the most famous venues in the US. Wurlitzer also manufactured the famous jukebox which became popular throughout the world.



Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum

North Tonawanda, NY

The Allan Herschell Company and related companies made thousands of carousels and amusement rides that were shipped all over the world. Today the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum preserves that legacy, and with exhibits like Kiddieland, the rides built here continue to entertain kids of all ages.

The Lockport Locks

Lockport, NY

"America's Stairway," the Flight of Five is an engineering marvel completed in 1825. They allowed boats in the Erie Canal to go up and down the 60 foot tall Niagara Escarpment. The flight and the Canal led to incredible growth in Niagara County, Buffalo and the entire Midwest.

The Palace Theatre

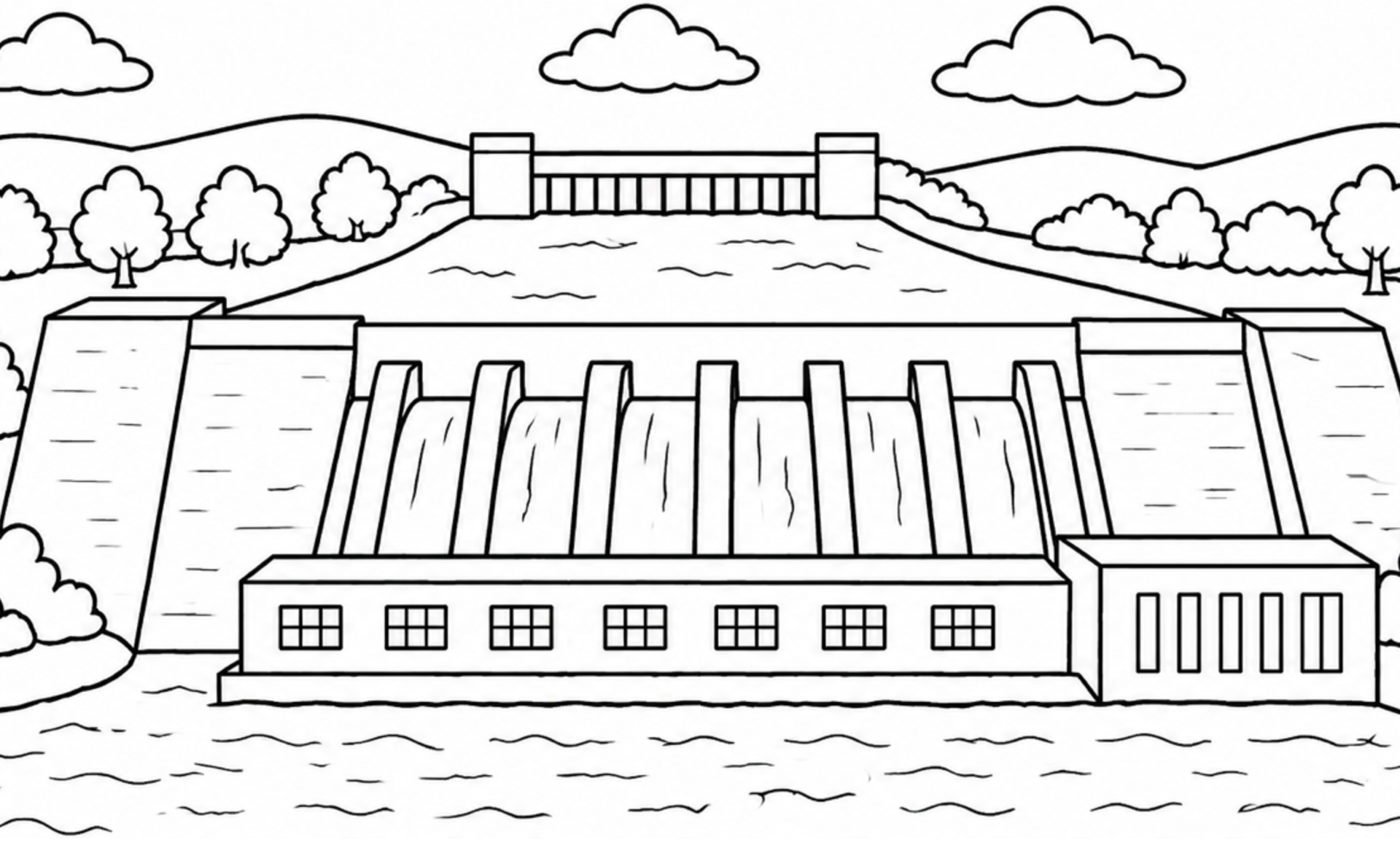
Lockport, NY

Opened in 1925, the Palace Theatre has been entertaining Lockport residents for over 100 years. The theater offers a variety of live performances and is beautifully restored.

The Niagara County Fair

Lockport, NY

"***A Classic Fair at a Price That's Rare.***" The Niagara County Fair has been entertaining residents since the 1850's. Held in August each year, the fair features rides, games, food and a wide variety of agricultural themed exhibits.



The Niagara Power Project

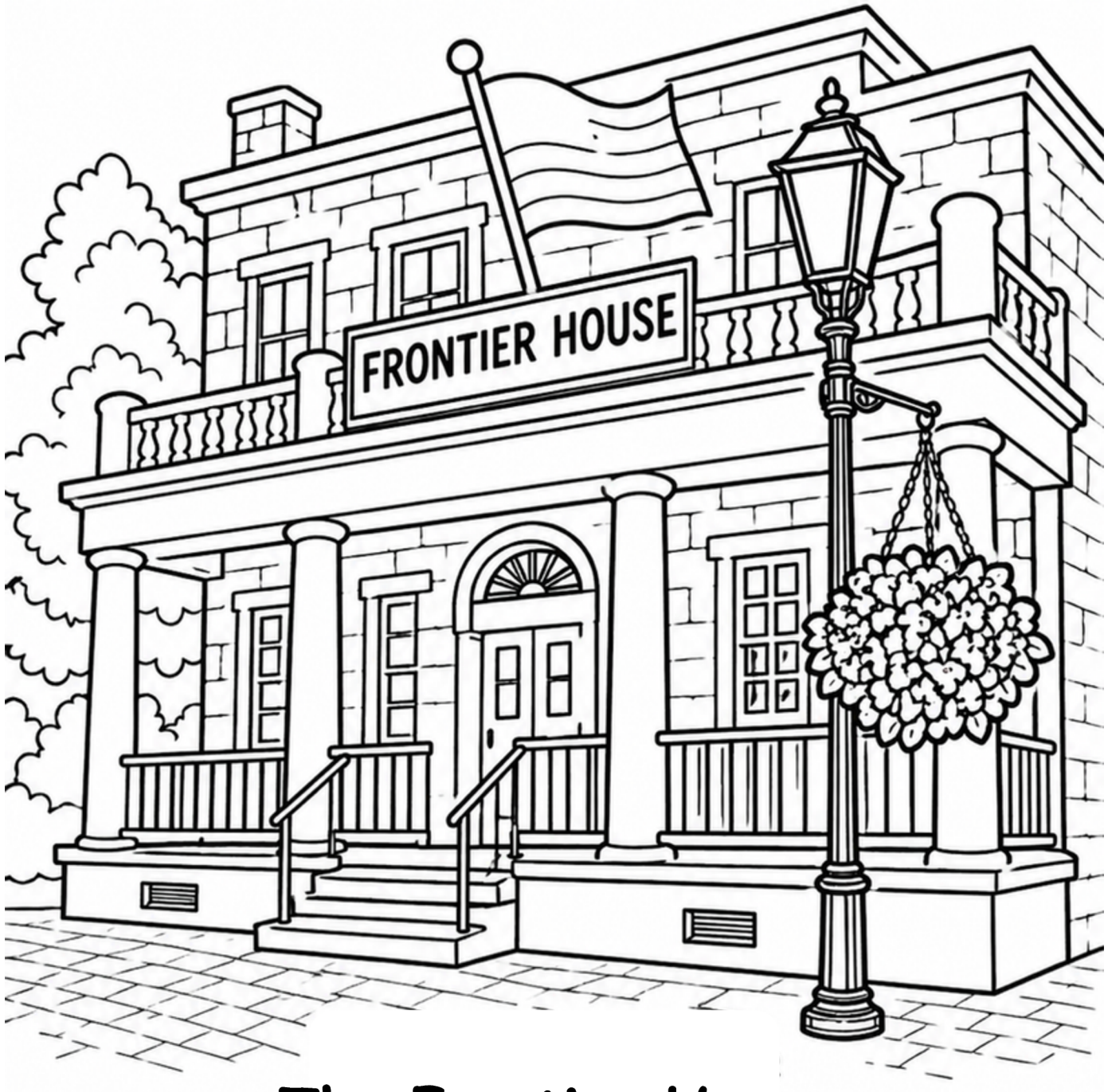
Lewiston, NY

Built in 1961, the Niagara Power Project produces hydroelectricity for thousands of homes and businesses. When it was built, it was the largest power plant of its kind in the western world.

The Tuscarora Heroes Monument

Lewiston, NY

The Tuscarora Heroes Monument commemorates the brave people of the Tuscarora Nation that helped the residents of Lewiston who were being attacked by British troops and their Native American allies. The bravery of the Tuscarora people saved many lives in the chaos of the attack during the War of 1812.



The Frontier House

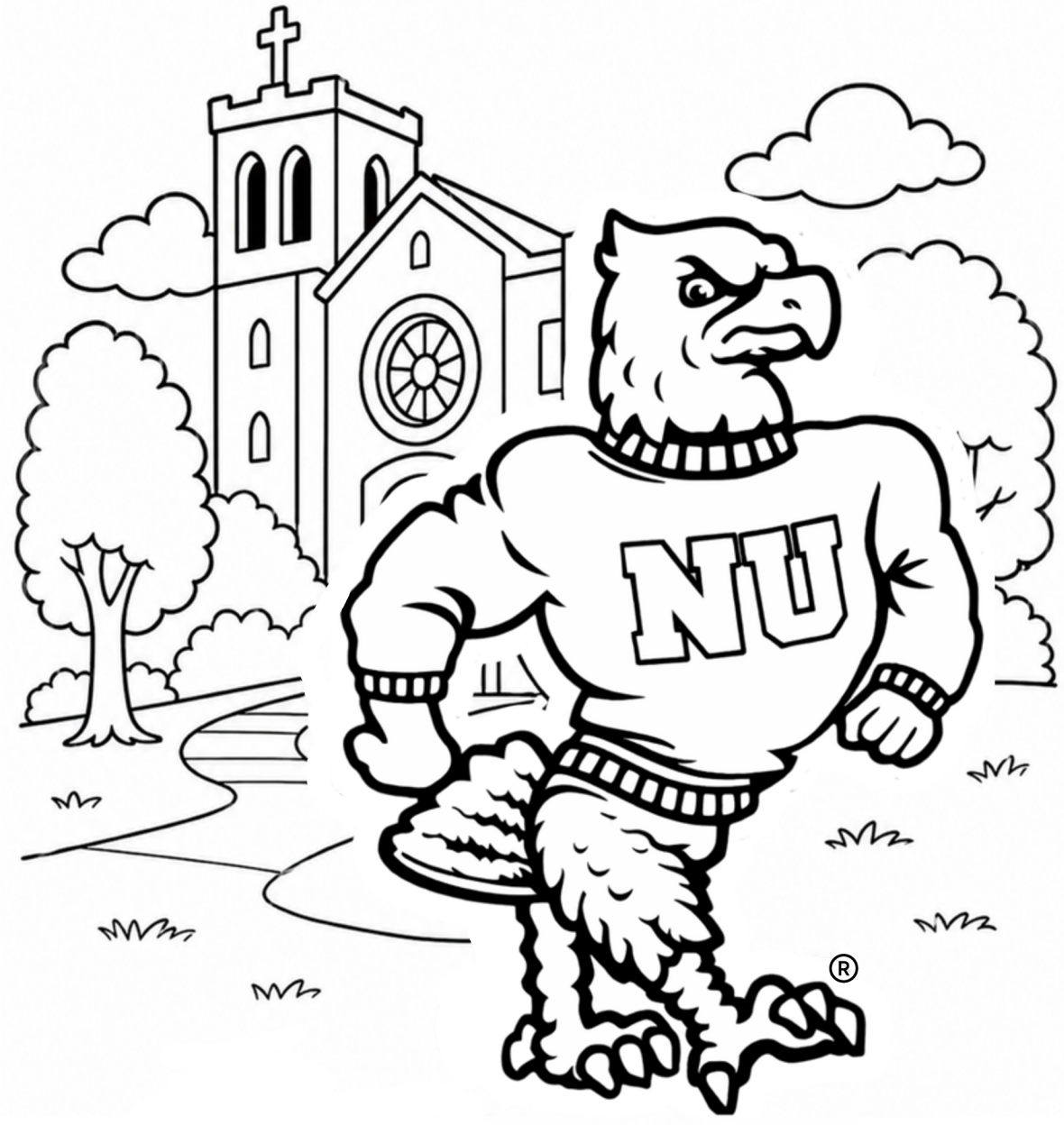
Lewiston, NY

Built as a hotel in 1824, the Frontier House has hosted many famous guests over the years. Authors Charles Dickens, James Fenimore Cooper and Mark Twain have been there as well as President McKinley, Governor DeWitt Clinton and a British Prince.

Freedom Crossing

Lewiston, NY

Before the Civil War, slaves that had escaped from the South made their way to Niagara County. These slaves were hidden and helped by local people. Eventually they would go to Canada where they would be free. The Freedom Crossing Monument tells the story of these brave crossings.



NIAGARA UNIVERSITY®

Niagara University was founded in 1856 by Catholic priests who brought higher education to Niagara County. NU is well known for its great academic programs and NCAA Division 1 sports teams.

Old Fort Niagara

Youngstown, NY

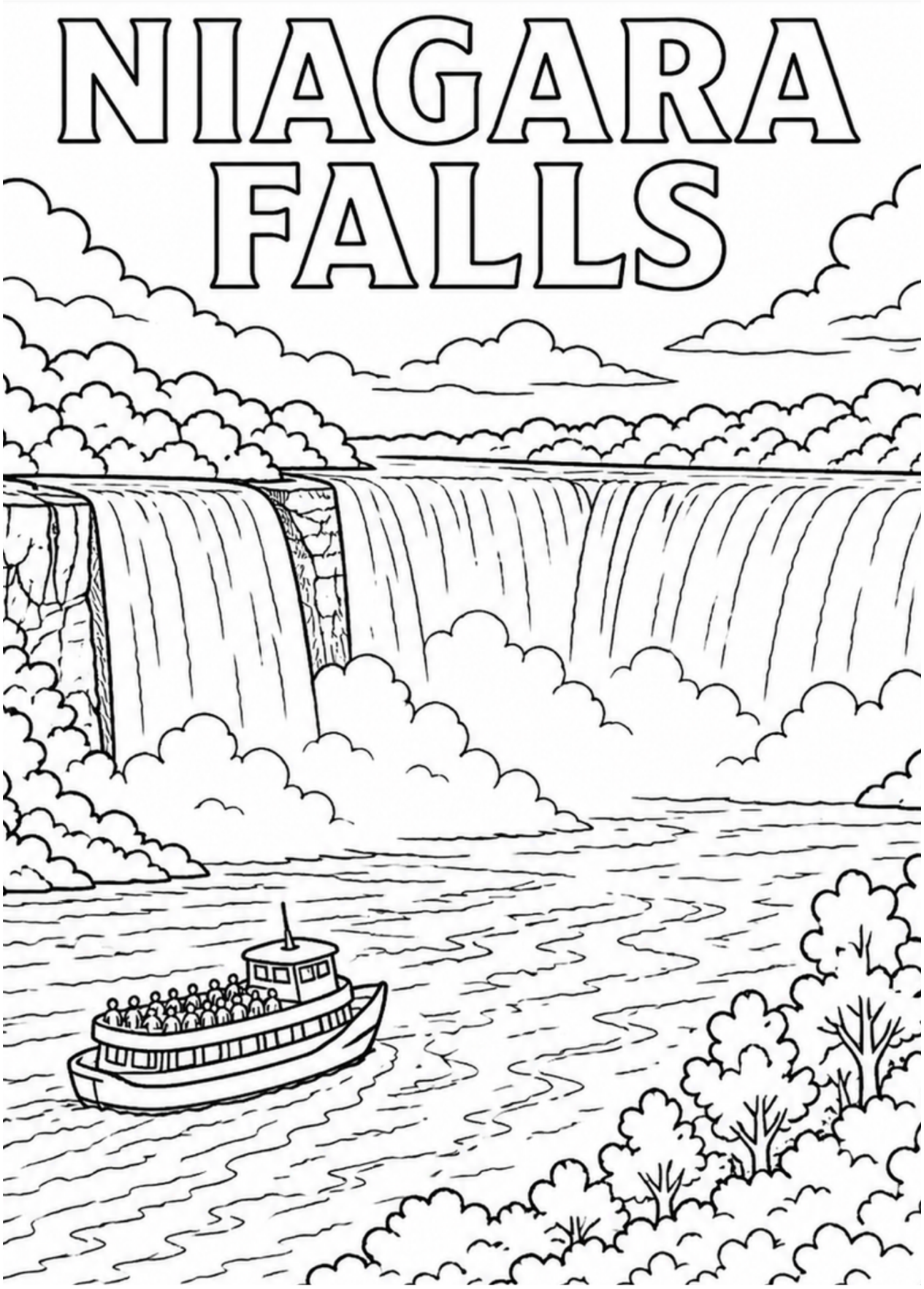
Fort Niagara was founded by the French in 1726 and features the oldest buildings in the Great Lakes Basin. It was held in turn by Great Britain and the United States and was active in the French and Indian War, the American Revolution and the War of 1812. Restored between 1927 and 1934, the Fort today is a living history museum that welcomes thousands of visitors every year.

Father Hennepin's Trip

Niagara Falls, NY

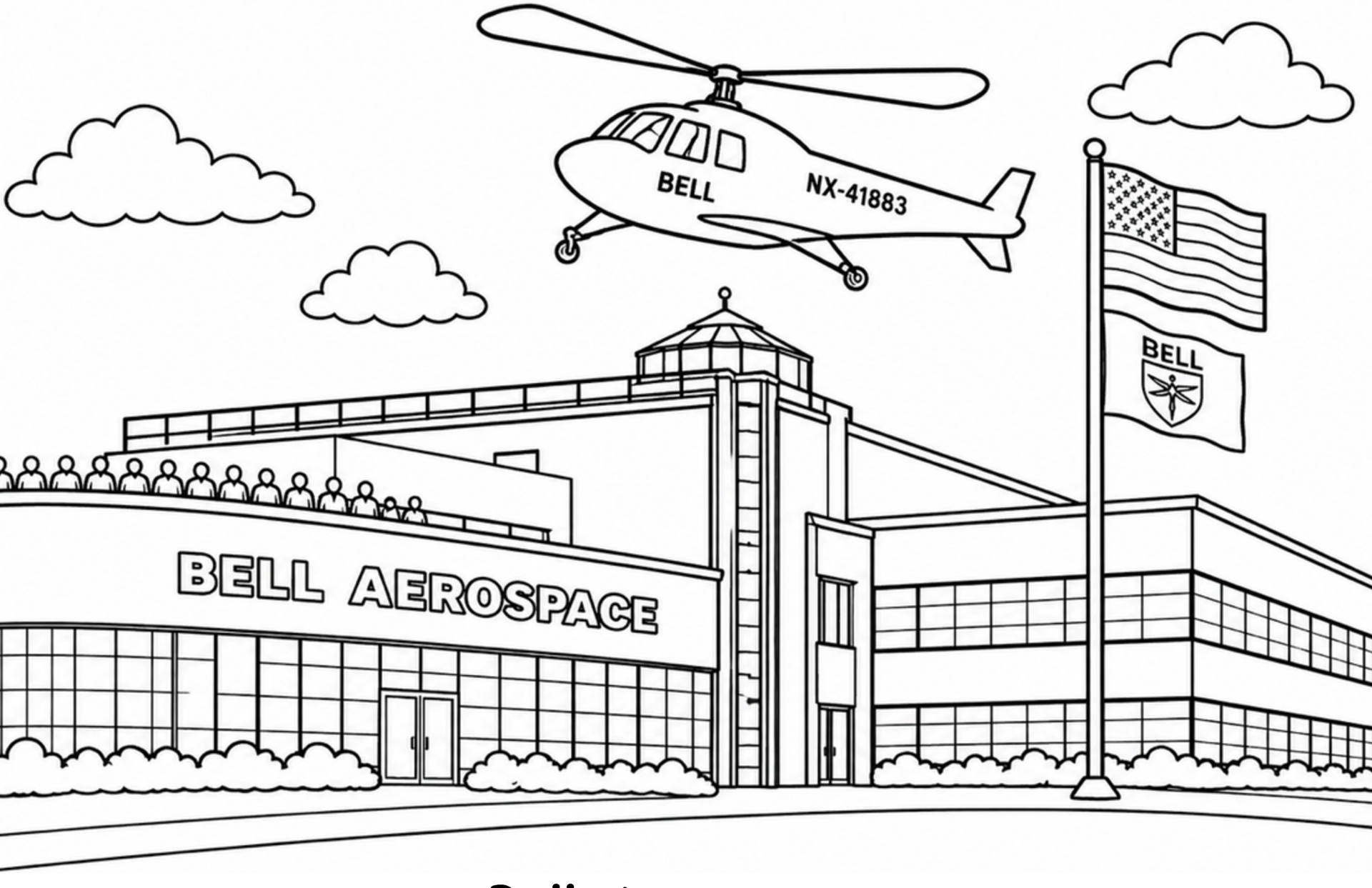
Father Louis Hennepin, a Catholic missionary and explorer, was shown the falls by Native American guides. His reports and engravings of the falls introduced them to Europeans.

SUNY Niagara, or NCCC as it used to be known, was founded in 1960. Today it has thousands of students enrolled in a wide variety of programs including nursing, culinary arts, welding and many more.



Niagara Falls

One of the true wonders of the natural world, Niagara Falls is a world renowned attraction to millions of visitors each year. Known for its awesome power, people flock to see the falls in all seasons of the year.



Bell Aerospace

Wheatfield, NY

Bell Aerospace made big changes in how people fly. They built the Bell X-1, the first plane to fly faster than sound. They also helped create better helicopters that could fly safely and smoothly. These inventions helped planes and helicopters become faster and more useful.

Wilson Harbor

Wilson, NY

Starting in the early 1800s, Wilson Harbor was a place for shipping fruit, lumber and other goods across Lake Ontario. Today it is a great spot for fishing and boating.

Olcott, New York

Olcott was once a resort town. It was visited by many famous people, including Theodore Roosevelt who would go on to become President. Today it is known for great fishing and beautiful views of Lake Ontario.

The Niagara County Courthouse

Lockport, NY

Built in 1886, the Niagara County Courthouse is located in Lockport, NY.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2026

OLD FORT NIAGARA

5:30pm - 10pm

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