

# Moses Cleaveland, July 22, 1796



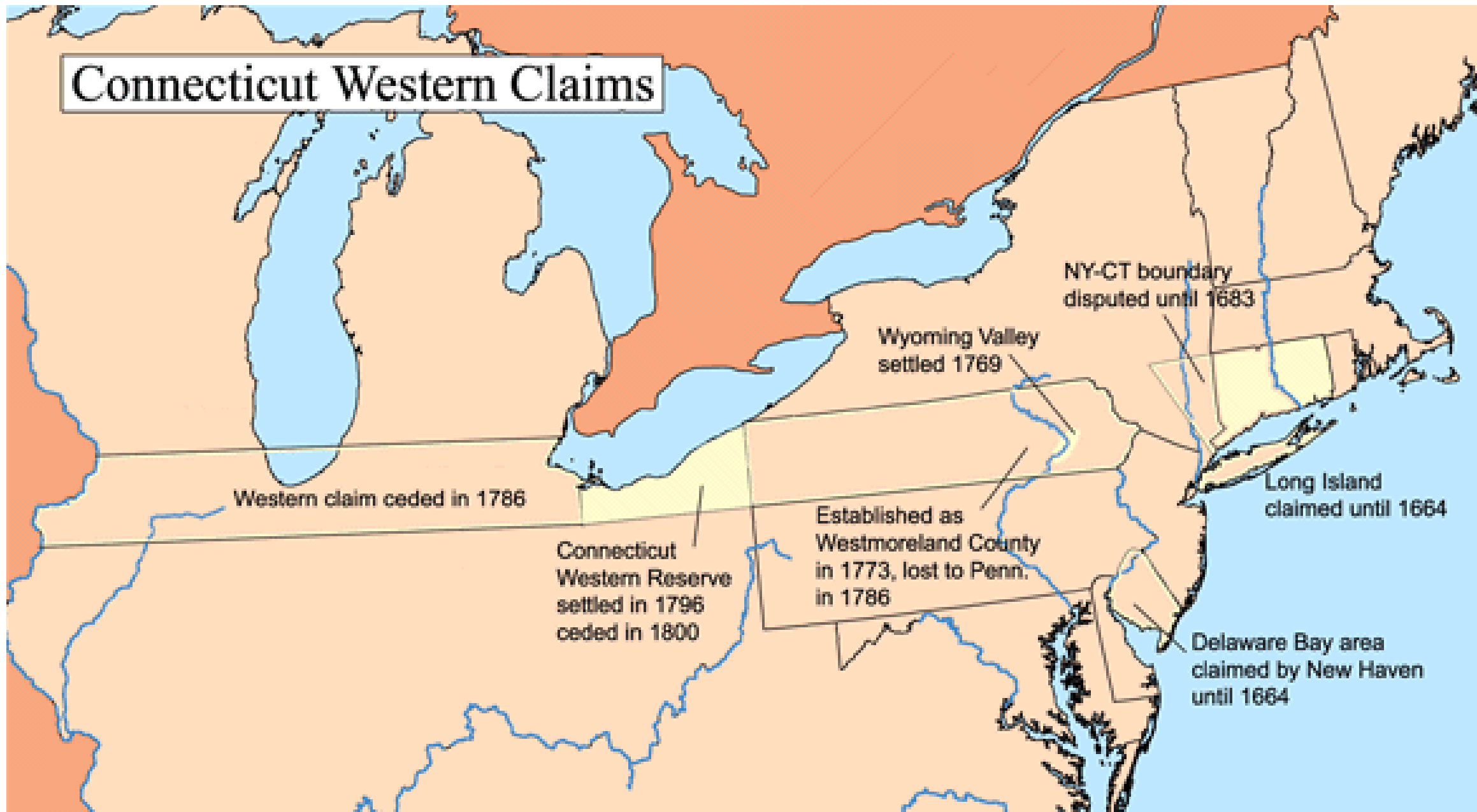
“I devine that this spot where I stand, with a beautiful plain covered with a luxuriant forest-growth, with the river to the west and Lake Erie to the north, is a favorable site for a city.”



1833, Seth Eastman



# Connecticut Western Claims



Western claim ceded in 1786

Connecticut Western Reserve settled in 1796 ceded in 1800

Wyoming Valley settled 1769

Established as Westmoreland County in 1773, lost to Penn. in 1786

NY-CT boundary disputed until 1683

Long Island claimed until 1664

Delaware Bay area claimed by New Haven until 1664

# Ohio & Erie Canal

## America's Early Years

- All 13 Original Colonies border the Ocean
- Expansion must go West



# Ohio & Erie Canal



## Appalachian Mountains

- Obstacle to Growth
- Inhibits Travel & Trade



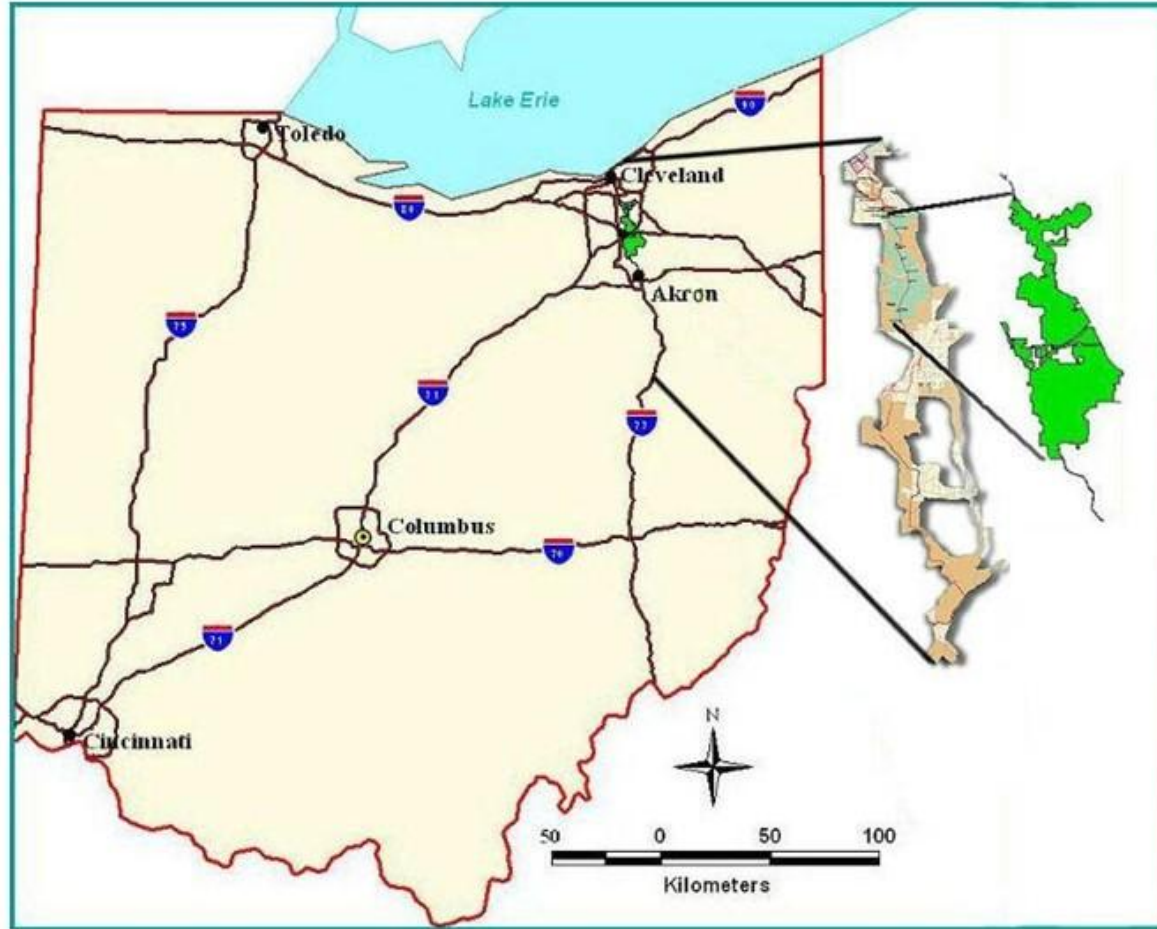
Erie Canal  
Completed  
1825

Canal packet boat passengers traveled in relative comfort from Albany to Buffalo in five days— not two weeks in crowded stagecoaches. Freight rates fell 90 percent compared to shipping by ox-drawn wagon.



# Ohio & Erie Canalway

## Where is the Ohio & Erie Canalway?











## Location

In the Canal Era, Cleveland's Canal Basin was the pivot point between New York City and New Orleans.



-1796 Moses Cleaveland lands in Cleveland

- 1803, Ohio admitted to the Union as the 17th state.

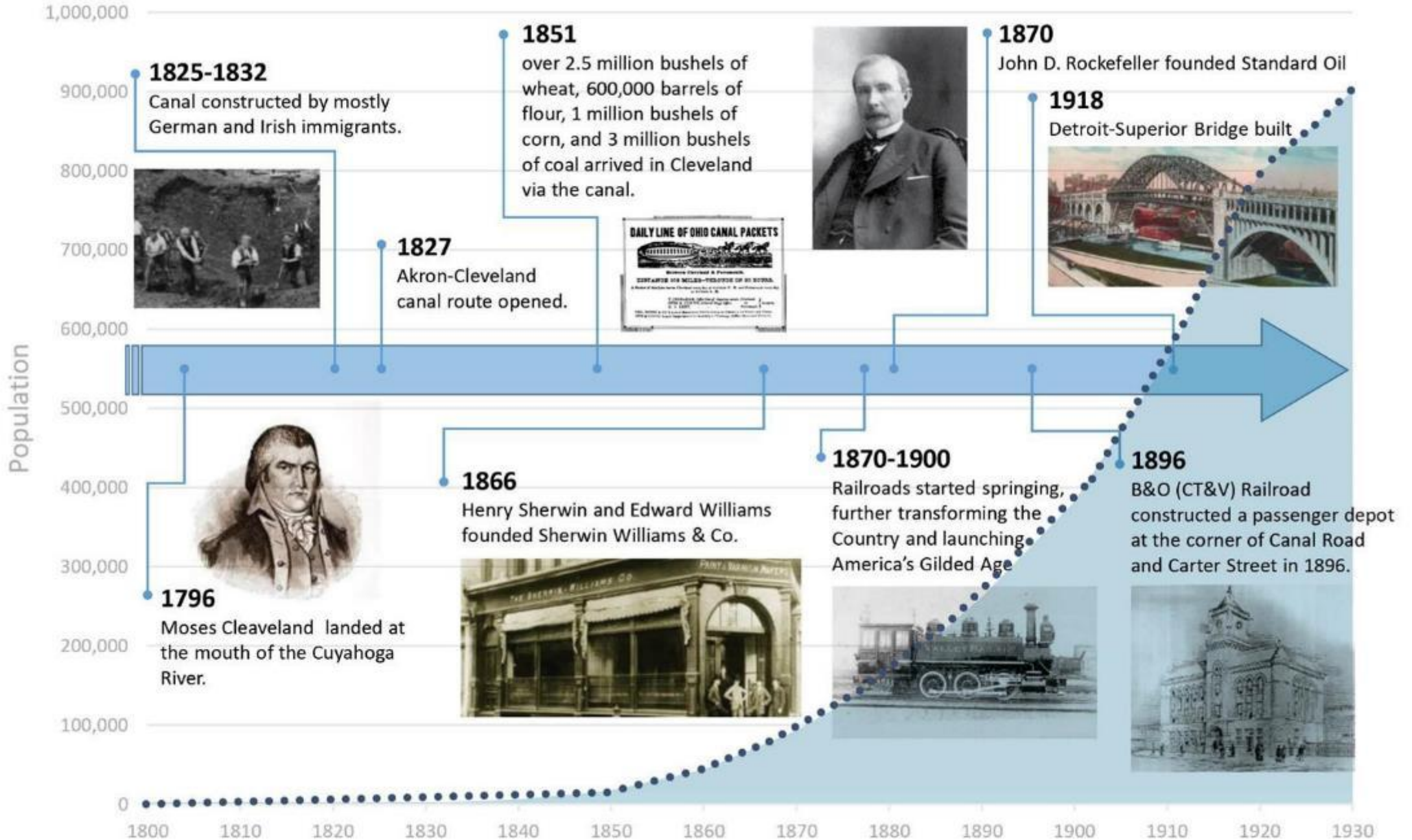
-1825 - Erie Canal Completed

- 1832 – Ohio & Erie Canal Completed. this four-foot-deep ditch stretched 308 miles to Portsmouth on the Ohio River. By the fall of 1832, the canal promised passage from Cleveland to Cincinnati in 80 hours, a trip that had once taken weeks.

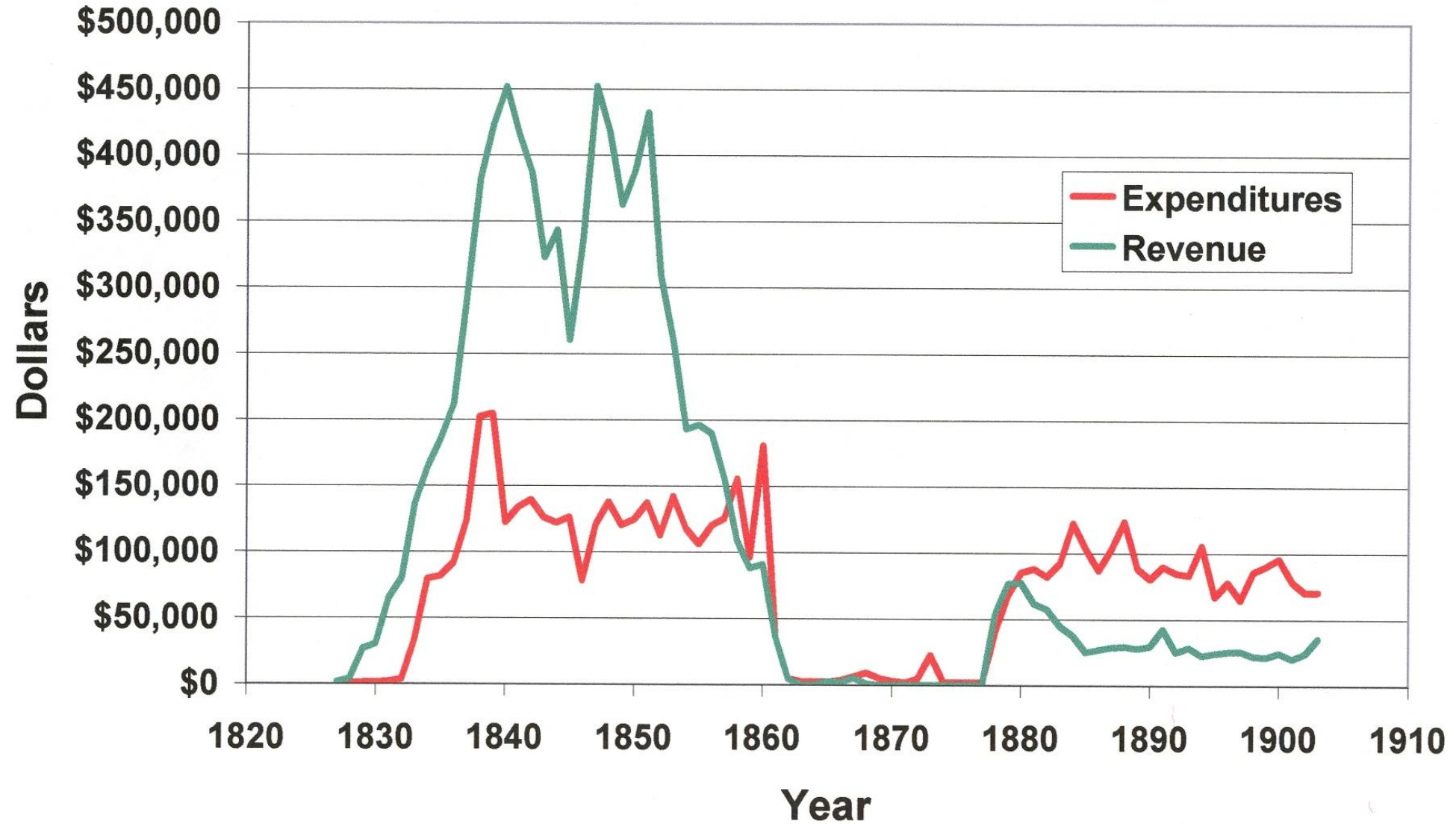
-1861 – 1865 -Civil War

-1908 – 1927 – Model T manufactured

-- 1913 – Flood destroys canal system



# Ohio and Erie Canal Expenditures and Revenues to the State of Ohio from 1827 to 1903





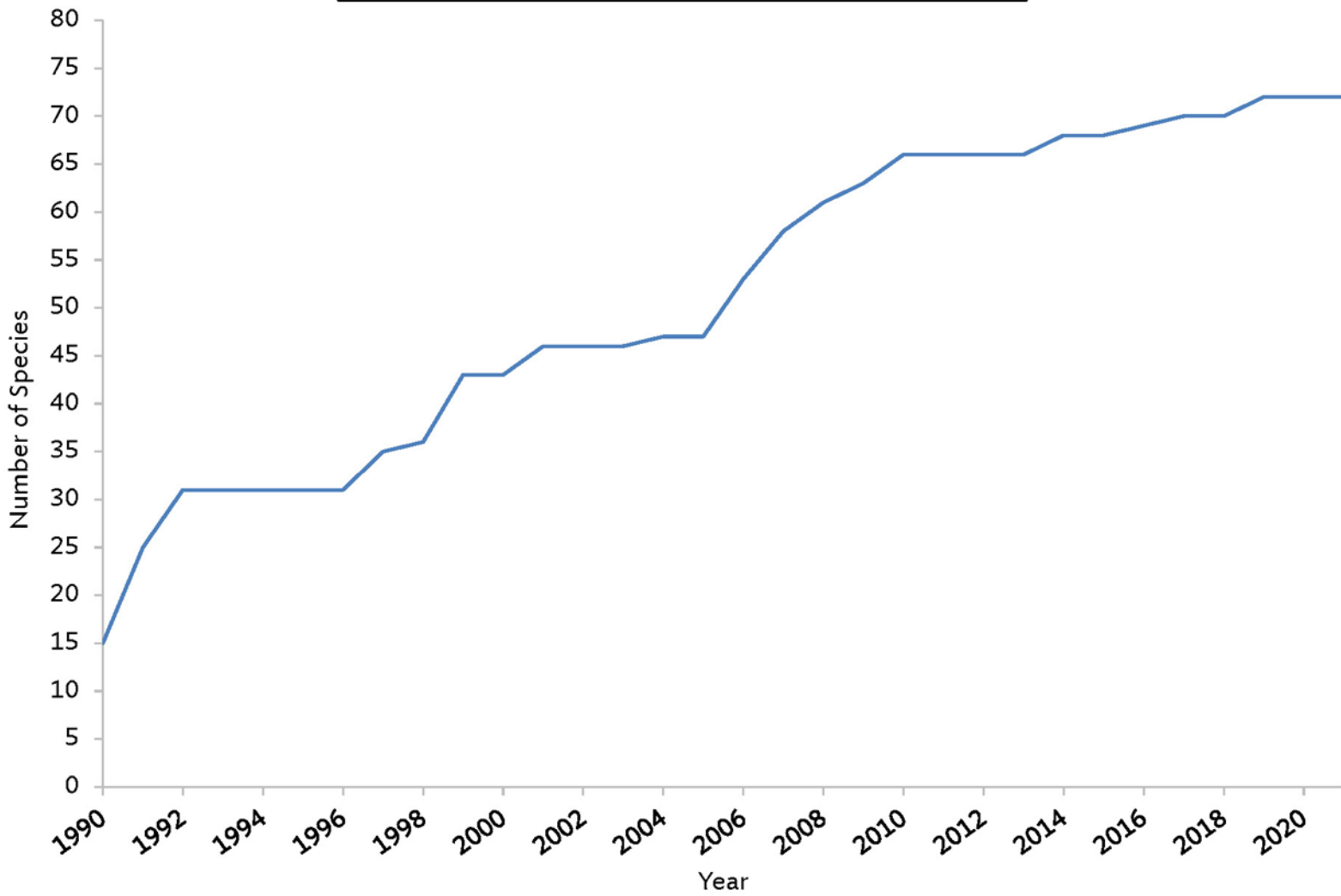
1958



2019

Scranton Flats

Cumumulative Number of Fish Species Collected  
by NEORSD in the Cuyahoga River



By 1870 the firm of Rockefeller, Andrews, and Flagler was operating the largest refineries in Cleveland, and these and related facilities became the property of the new Standard Oil Company, incorporated in Ohio in 1870. By 1880, through elimination of competitors, mergers with other firms, and use of favorable railroad rebates, it controlled the refining of 90 to 95 percent of all oil produced in the United States.

Refining eventually became very costly, but in the 1860s, the main supplies were only barrels, a trough, a tank, and a still in which to boil the oil. The yield would usually be about 60 percent kerosene, 10 percent gasoline, 5 to 10 percent benzol or naphtha, with the rest being tar and wastes.

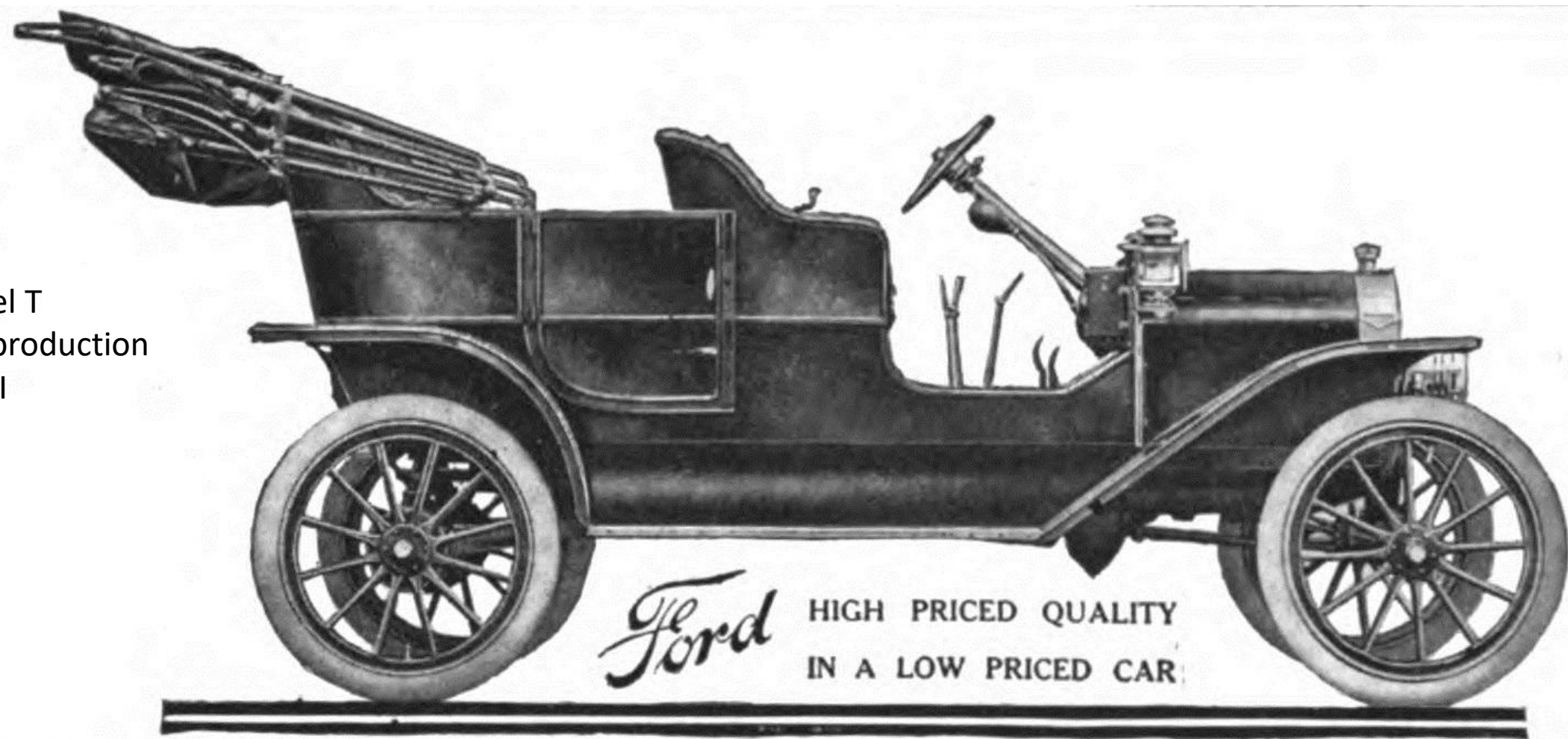




Kingsbury Run,  
Plain Dealer  
1963







Ford Model T  
goes into production  
Detroit, MI  
1908

*Ford* HIGH PRICED QUALITY  
IN A LOW PRICED CAR

## OIL SLICK FIRE RUINS FLATS SHIPYARD

### Surly Ohio Pen Rebels Fed at Gunpoint

#### FLAMES HIT DRY DOCKS, THREE TUGS

### PRISON GETS FIRST QUIET AFTER RIOTS

Night of Destruction Cost State Close to Million; Walls Still Hot

BY TODD SIMON AND NATE SILVERMAN  
Staff Correspondents

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 1.—Feeling some 200 explosive roughnecks at gunpoint this afternoon was the first lot of the Ohio Penitentiary's easy returns to order. Surly Block A and B got their first taste of food in 24 hours after they walked quietly under guard to the dinner tables from their wrecked, debris-strewn cells.

### R. O. K.'S PUSH UP KEY HILL, STALL

Withdrawn From Triangle Under Nail of Fire

Get Double Deal  
The situation, however, at the blocks A and B lined quietly under the rule of Columbus police and their troops as their first meal since Friday's disaster.

Light Rain Tonight Expected to Curb Grass Fire Danger  
The danger of grass fires was lessened by the rain which fell last night and is expected to be maintained through the day. The fire danger is expected to be maintained through the day.

### 1948 CASTS A VEIL OVER 'IKE TO WIN'

G. O. P. Victory in Outlook, but Memories Discourage Flat Predictions

BY WALKER S. BUEL  
Chief of Plain Dealer Washington Bureau

It looks like Eisenhower—but not politicians and pragmatists—are refraining from making any flat prediction, one way or the other, at the close of this unprecedented, confusion-filled and vitriolic presidential campaign.

### Campaign stories on Pages 14-B, 15-B and 18-B

country give him an advantage over Gen. Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic nominee.

### Board Orders 21,712 Voters Challenged

Altogether 200 election judges in 399 Cuyahoga County precincts will be challenged if they try to vote Tuesday.



Wide discrepancy in the damage figures was due to the difficulty of securing accurate data. Three tugs and the company's dock, a company representative at the fire placed their value at \$100,000 each, but Chief Engineer's official estimate of total damage was \$200,000.

### HUGE VOTE IS ONLY SAFE NOV. 4 BET

Consensus Gives Ohio to Ike, Lausche and Bricker

BY JOHN DIETRICH  
Not a great team yet but fighting its way back to the top of the polls is the Ohio election.

SEATTLE, Nov. 1.—The

### FINAL COUNTY POLL BOOSTS IKE'S EDGE

D'Salle and Lausche Still Favored; Margins Out

BY VANCE KRAMER  
Pol Bureau

As far as Cuyahoga County is concerned, it's still Dwight D. Eisenhower, Michael V. D'Salle and Gen. Frank J. Lausche.

Final County Poll Figures  
FOR PRESIDENT  
EISENHOWER ..... 51.6%  
STEVENS ..... 48.4%  
FOR U. S. SENATOR  
D'SALLE ..... 50.3%  
FOR GOVERNOR  
C. P. TAP ..... 36%  
LAUSCHE ..... 61.8%



Buildings Also Damaged in \$1,500,000 Blaze; Bridge Put Out of Order  
Fire that started on the oil-laden surface of the Cuyahoga River swept through the shipyard of the Great Lakes Towing Co. at 201 Jefferson Avenue S. W. yesterday afternoon, disabled the Jefferson Avenue Bridge and caused damage estimated nationally at \$500,000 to \$1,500,000.

The first alarm sounded at 2:38 p. m. At 2:52 the fire, dangerously close to Standard Oil Co. of Ohio Refinery No. 1, was made a fire-alarm fire. The buildings and railroad tracks along the waterfront were threatened. The fire Chief Einar Oen said Standard Oil Chief Frederick Bushner directed the fire.

Cuyahoga River Fire,  
1969



# Perception.



# Reality.



*If you're still holding on to fifty year-old old notions of what Cleveland's Cuyahoga River is like, consider how hundreds of millions of dollars invested in:*

- common sense environmental protections and remediations*
- large investments in stormwater infrastructure*

*have fostered a thriving river that now supports industry, recreation, and yes, tourism!  
Healthy rivers are indeed economic drivers for their region!*



  
**BLAZING PADDLES**  
**PADDLEFEST**  
**July 22, 2023**

**Share  
the  
River.** 