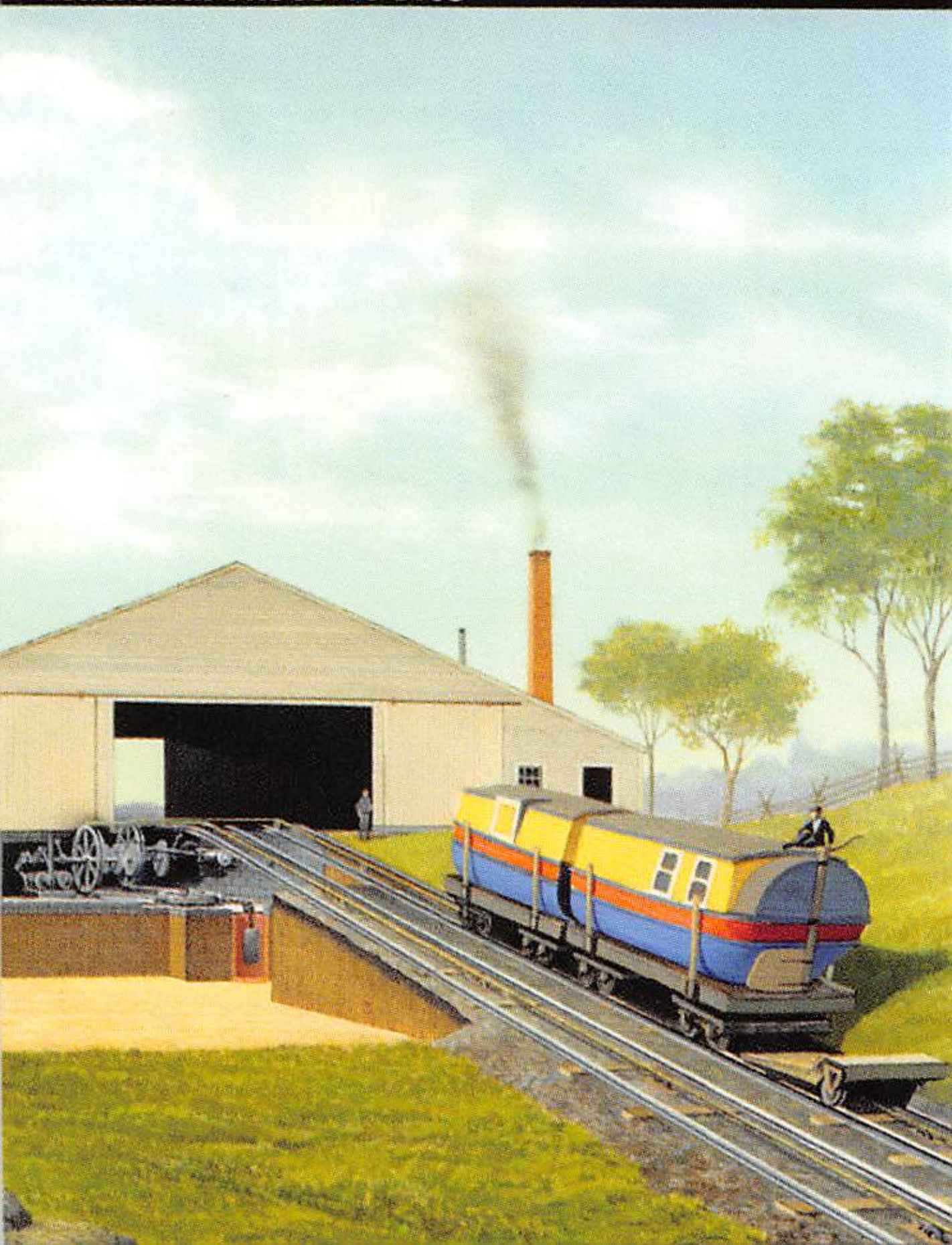
Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site



A Portage to Freedom

The Allegheny Portage Railroad was used by people escaping slavery. In 1855, Jacob Green, a freedom seeker from Virginia, was spotted on the Railroad by slave catcher James Parsons, Jr. Parsons attempted to capture Green but was instead arrested on kidnapping charges. Parsons' trial showed how Pennsylvania and Virginia had different laws about slavery.

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