



READY FOR OUR CLOSE-UP: MARBLEHEAD IN THE SILENT MOVIE ERA

From the earliest days of cinema, Marblehead has been a popular spot for filmmaking. Hollywood icons from Mary Pickford to D.W. Griffith made movie magic on our streets and beaches. This lecture explores the early years of going to the movies, with clips from the silent movies filmed in Marblehead.

40 Minutes



MARBLEHEAD IN MOTION: THE VICTORIAN BICYCLE BOOM

When the bicycle was introduced in 1889, it changed daily life in Marblehead. Mounting their bikes, women claimed their independence and pursued a life away from home. Pedestrians and horses dodged “scorching” teens speeding down the road. Pastors warned their flock of “bicycle sins” and doctors warned their patients of “bicycle hump.” Discover a colorful chapter in Marblehead life in the late 1800s.

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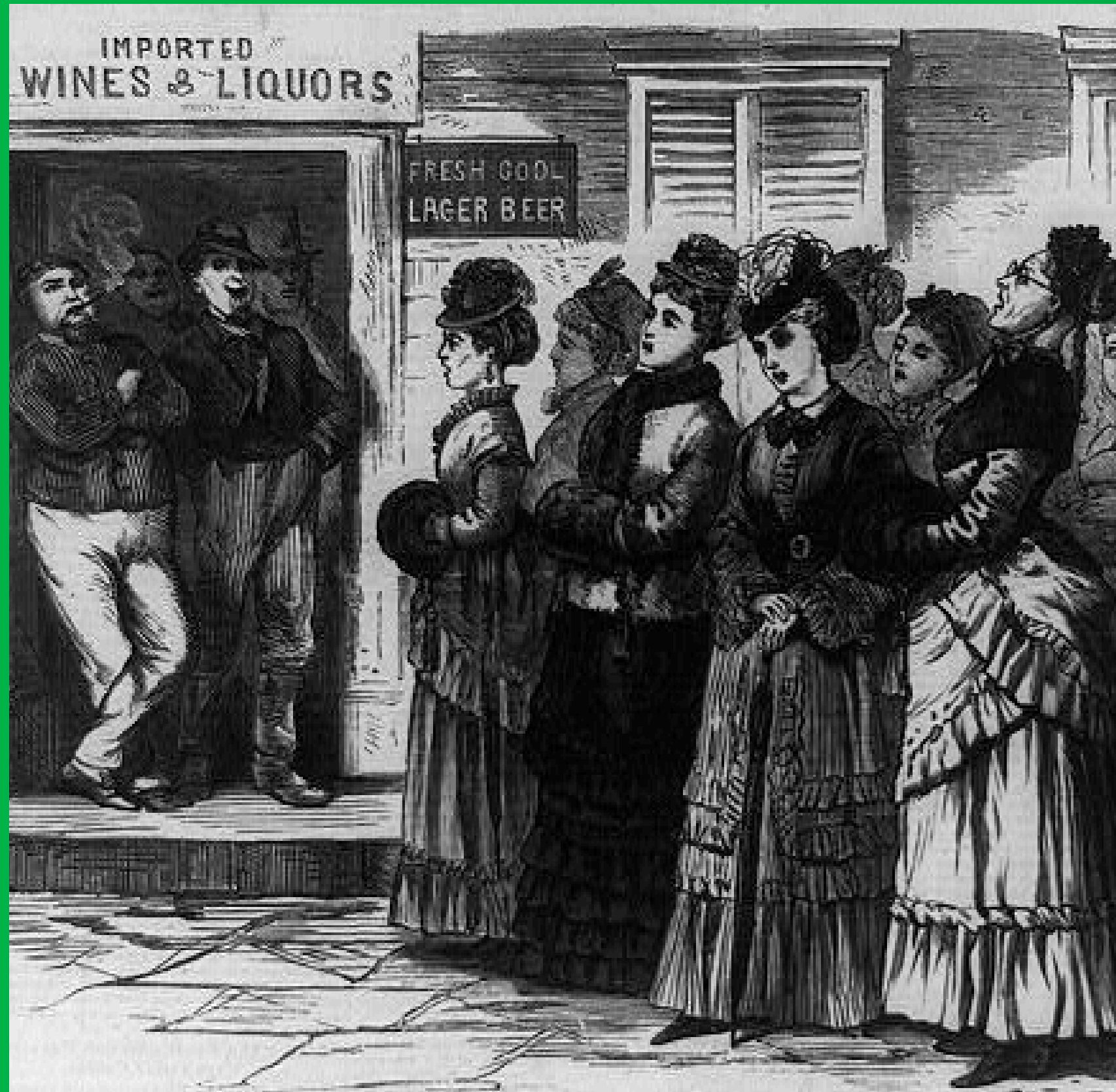


PROCLAIM LIBERTY: THE ABOLITIONISTS OF MARBLEHEAD

Discover the rich history of the antislavery movement in Marblehead. Once home to hundreds of slaves, Marblehead was bitterly divided over slavery before the Civil War.

Abolitionists came to Marblehead hoping to convert citizens to the cause, only to be met by angry mobs. Locals opened their homes on the Underground Railroad, and formed a secret society with one goal: subdue slave hunters by any means.

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MARBLEHEAD'S LIQUOR WAR: THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT, 1840-1918

Marbleheaders lived in a drunken town. Fed up with their unruly men, the local temperance movement made Marblehead a dry town for fifty years, and drinking became an illicit act. Barmen sold liquor out of secret hiding places, and shoemakers sold moonshine out of their kitchens. This led to a liquor war complete with police raids, attempted murder, and courtroom drama.

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