

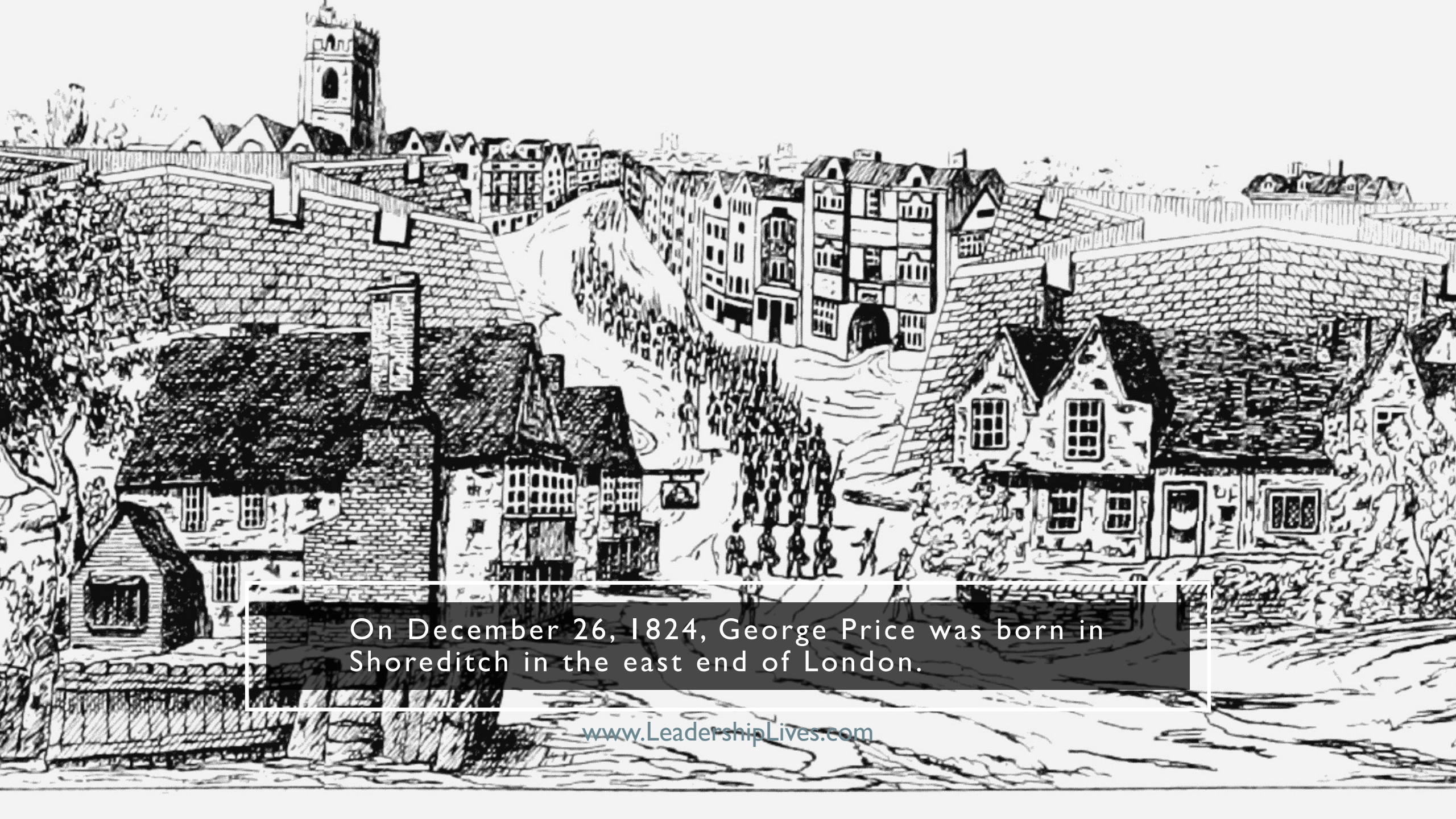


A MARINER'S TALE

THE LIFE OF GEORGE PRICE — PART I

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New York Harbor 1848



On December 26, 1824, George Price was born in Shoreditch in the east end of London.

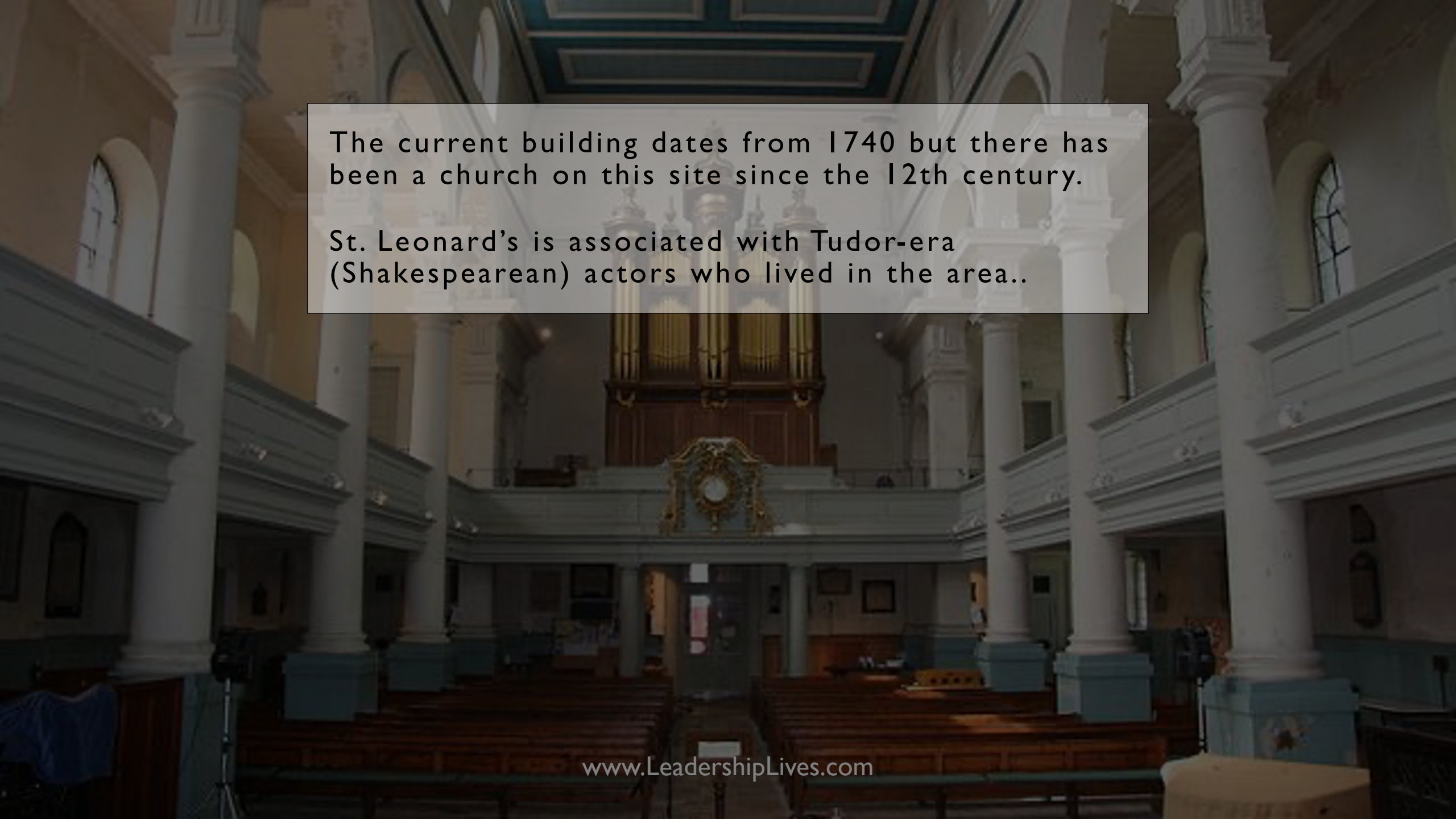
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For hundreds, perhaps even thousands of years, the Price family lived, in London's east end - Hackney, Bethnal Green, Stepney and Shoreditch.



In April 1825, George was baptized at St. Leonard's Shoreditch – often referred to simply as Shoreditch Church.

The background image shows the interior of a large, classical church. It features a high ceiling with a blue and white geometric pattern, tall white columns, and a balcony. In the center, there is a large, ornate organ with gold-colored pipes. The pews are made of dark wood and are arranged in rows. The lighting is soft and even.

The current building dates from 1740 but there has been a church on this site since the 12th century.

St. Leonard's is associated with Tudor-era (Shakespearean) actors who lived in the area..

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *St. Leonard Shoreditch*
in the County of *Middlesex* in the Year 182*2*

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1825. <i>April</i> 10 No. 217.	<i>George</i> <i>Sof</i>	<i>Daniel</i> <i>S</i>	<i>Pricc</i>	<i>Austin</i> <i>Street</i>	<i>Carpenter</i>	<i>Rt. Wm.</i> <i>27 Decr 1825</i>
10 No. 218.	<i>Henry</i> <i>Sof</i>	<i>Daniel</i> <i>S</i>	<i>Winder</i>	<i>Ashford</i> <i>Street</i>	<i>Polisher</i>	<i>15 March</i>

George was his father's 15th child; his mother's 7th.

Daniel and Sarah added two more children to their brood after George.



In 1841, 16-year-old George was living with his family on Hackney Road in Bethnal Green.

Image: Hackney, 1840



Thanks to the Industrial Revolution, the population of Shoreditch exploded – from 44,000 in 1811 to 83,000 in 1841.

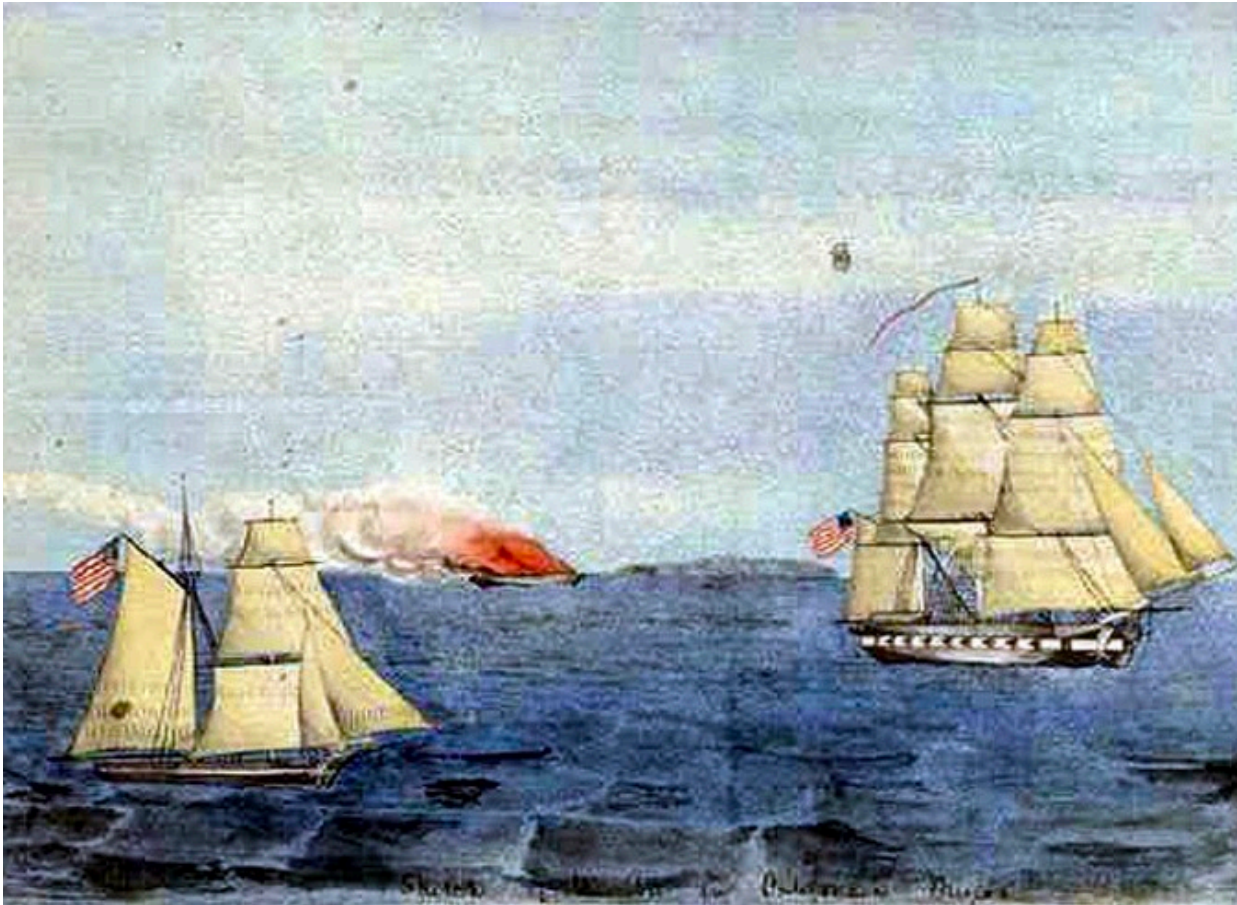
Hackney was no longer the quiet, bucolic community it had once been.



Like two older half-brothers, George chose a career at sea.

As an apprentice in the merchant navy, he sailed around the world twice.

Image: London, 1840



Records at the National Archives, indicate that in 1848, George Price left the British merchant navy to fight in the Mexican-American War.

In the merchant navy, a crewmember could leave at any port.

By 1848, twenty-three – year-old George was a seasoned sailor.

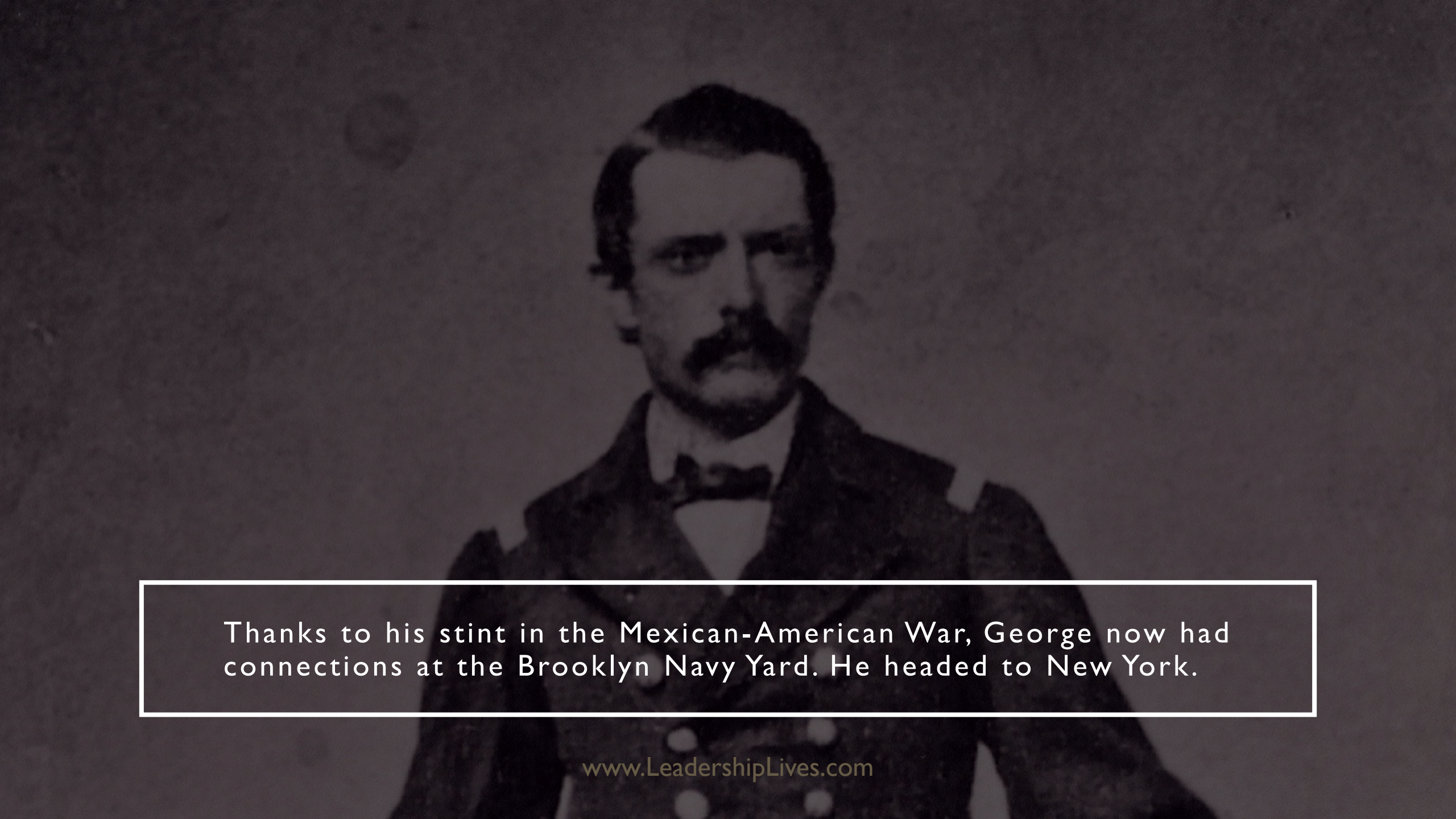
Image: American battleships off the coast of California.



Commodore Matthew C. Perry was commander of the U.S. Navy in Mexico.

He had been commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

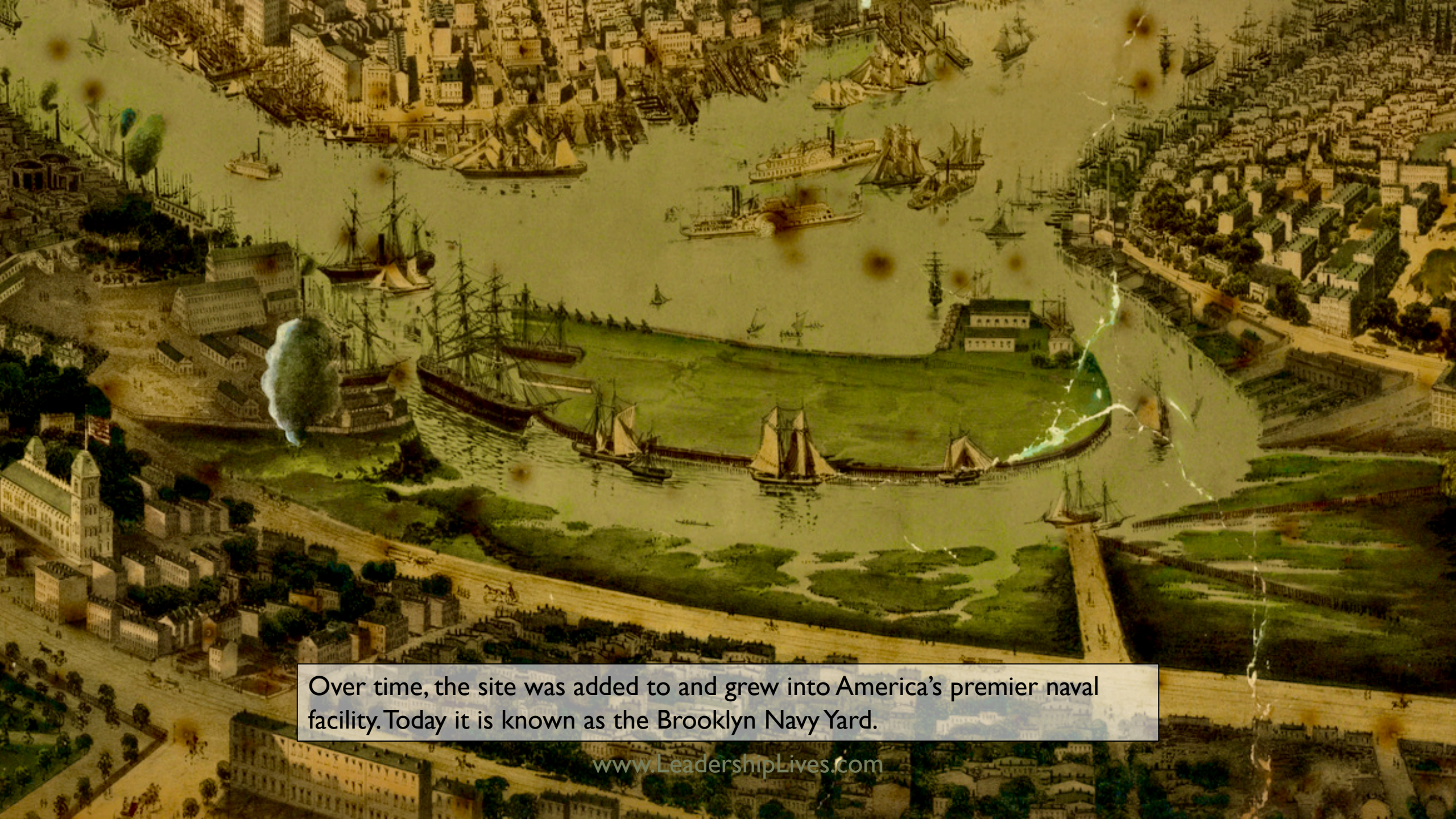
Perry was interested in educating officers and developing an effective apprenticeship system.



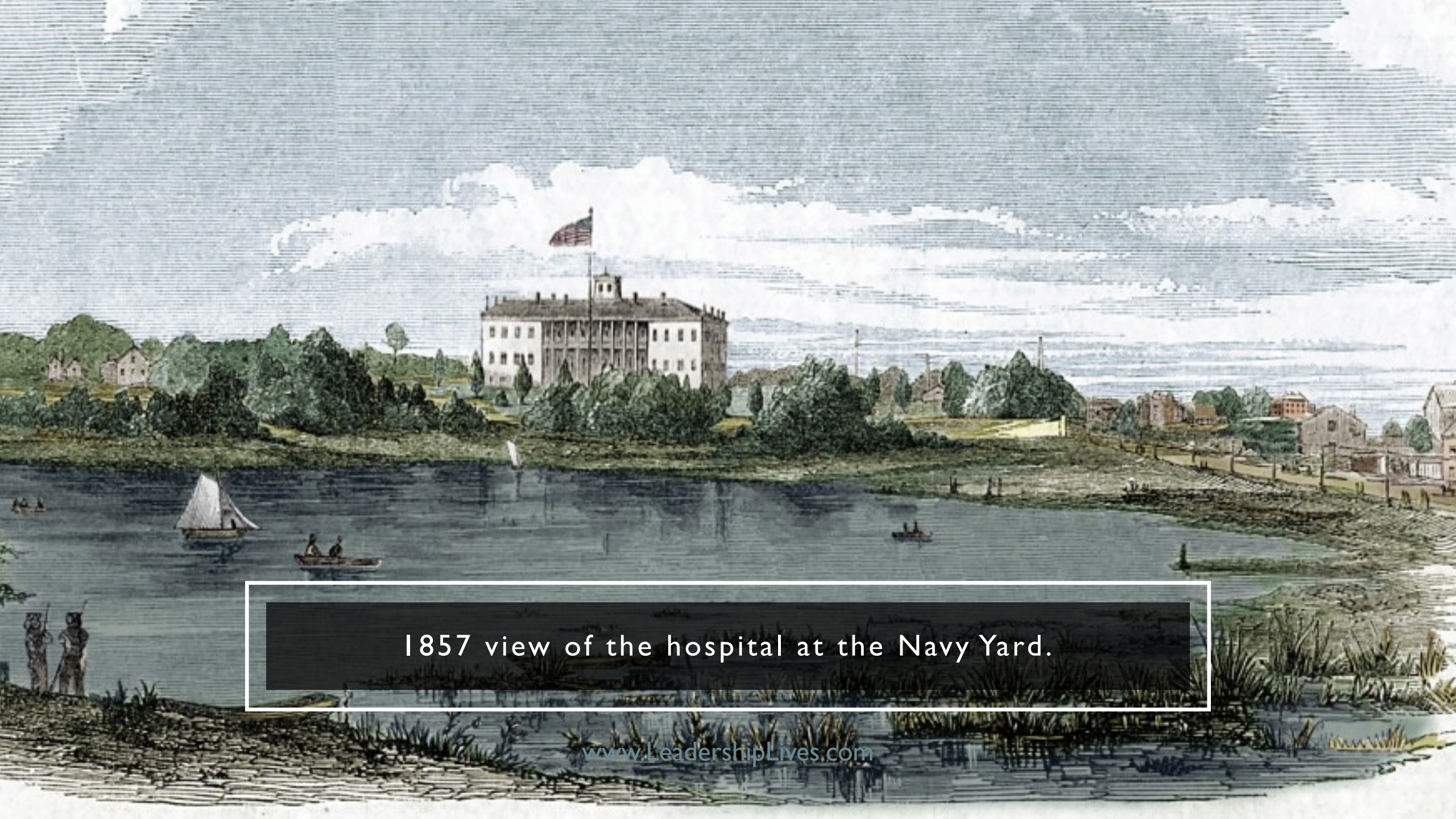
Thanks to his stint in the Mexican-American War, George now had connections at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He headed to New York.



In 1801, the U.S. Navy acquired a 40-acre shipyard on the East River from its owners.



Over time, the site was added to and grew into America's premier naval facility. Today it is known as the Brooklyn Navy Yard.



1857 view of the hospital at the Navy Yard.

Brooklyn Navy
Yard, 1870



By 1905, the Brooklyn Navy Yard employed over 2000 people.

During WWII, 75,000 people worked at the Navy Yard.

Image: Commandant's House, Brooklyn Navy Yard

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THE NAVY YARD'S FAMED "TIMBER SHED."

Wood had to be dried for years before it could be milled into planks.

The need to dry timber was the justification for the 1801 purchase of the first 40 acres. Eventually the Yard covered 356 acres, almost a square mile.

1904 PLAN OF THE NAVY YARD



In January 1850, George signed on for a lengthy mission aboard, *USCS Morris*, to survey the gulf coast.

President Jefferson initiated the Survey of America's coastline in 1807.

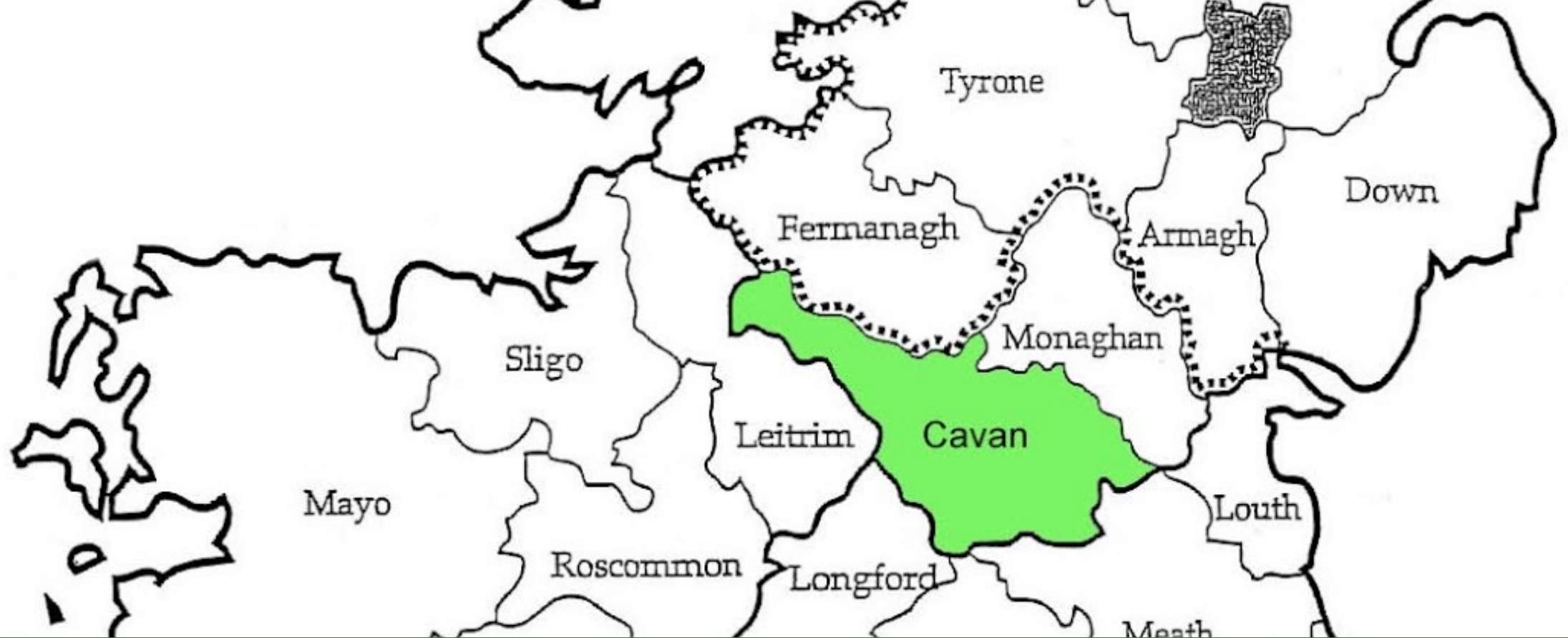
The office of coast survey is one of America's oldest scientific organizations.

George arrived in New York from Pensacola, Florida on October 24, 1853.



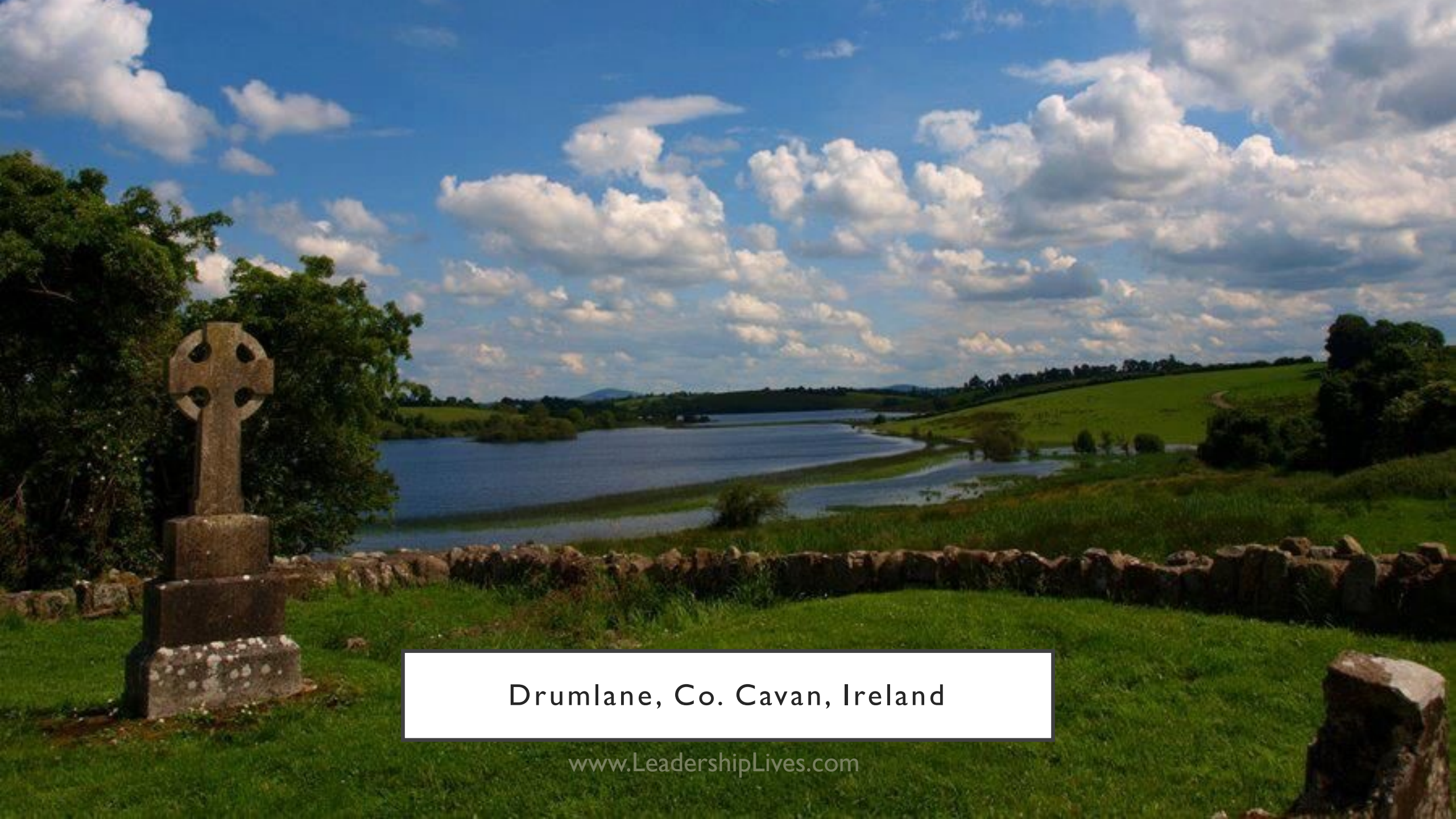
Within weeks, or perhaps days, of arriving in Brooklyn, George met Rosalie Riley.





Rosalie Riley was born in Drumlane, County Cavan, Ireland.

When Rosalie was 12, in 1850, her family sent her to America with friends to escape the famine that was ravaging Ireland.



Drumlane, Co. Cavan, Ireland

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The Riley clan had lived in Co. Cavan for hundreds – perhaps thousands - of years.

Image: Ruins of Drumlane Priory with megalithic tower.

Perhaps because of the traumatic upheaval in her early life, Rosalie never seemed to be sure of her exact name or of how old she was...

1850 Census - Rosanna Riley (12)
1853 Marriage Certificate - Rosalie Riley (18)
1860 Census - Rosana Price (23)
1870 Census - Rosella Price (33)
1880 Census - Rosallia Price (42)
1910 Census - Rosella Price (70)
1915 Census - Rosalia Price (80)
1920 Census - Rosella Price (86)
1923 Death Certificate - Rosalia Price (83)
Obituary Notice - Rosalia Price (83)





After a whirlwind courtship of - at most - six weeks, George and Rosalie took the ferry to Manhattan to be married at the First Mariners Methodist-Episcopal Church on Cherry Street.

Image: Ferry Landing, 1857

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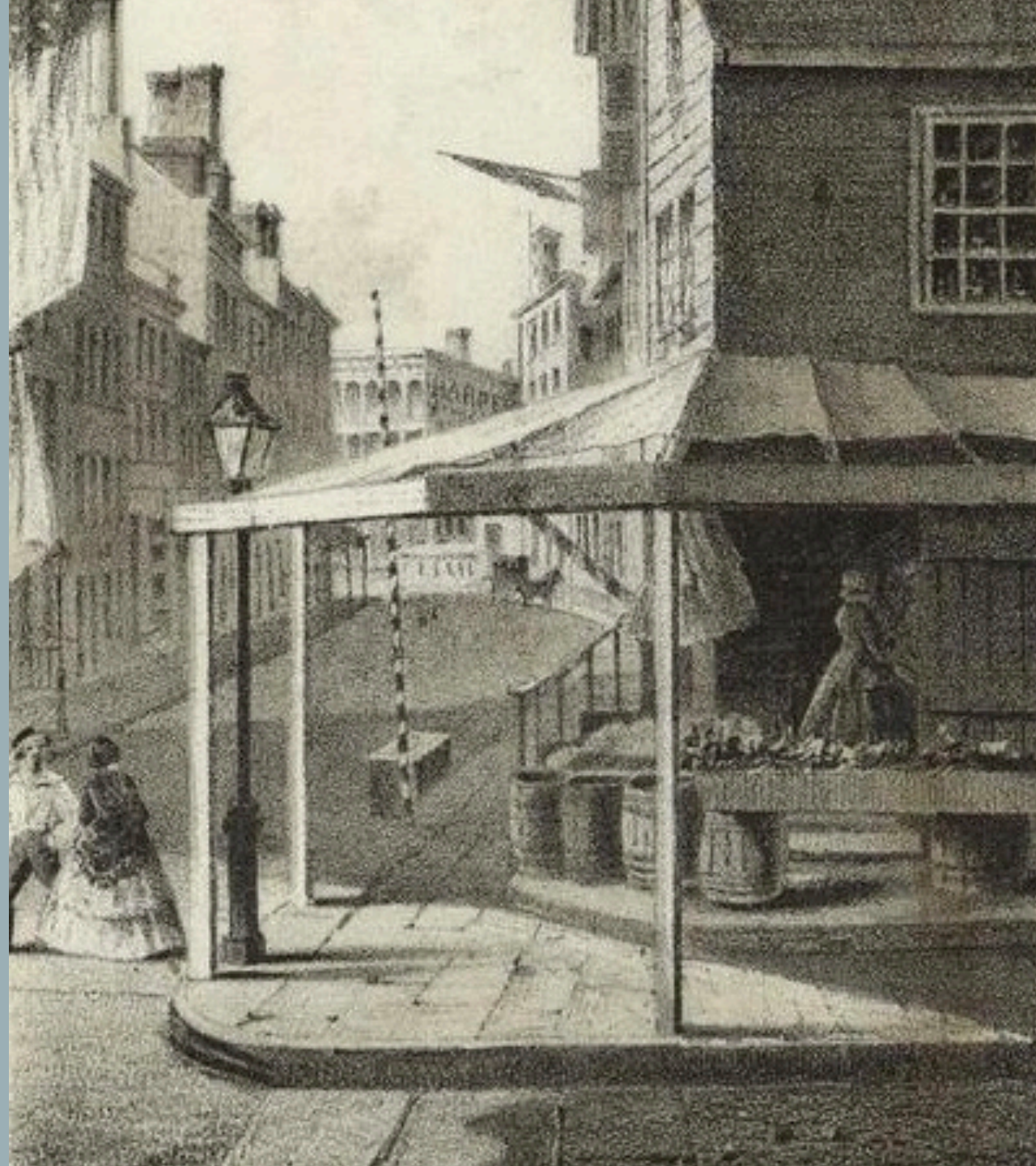


S. VALENTINE & SON

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Cherry Street, New York, 1860





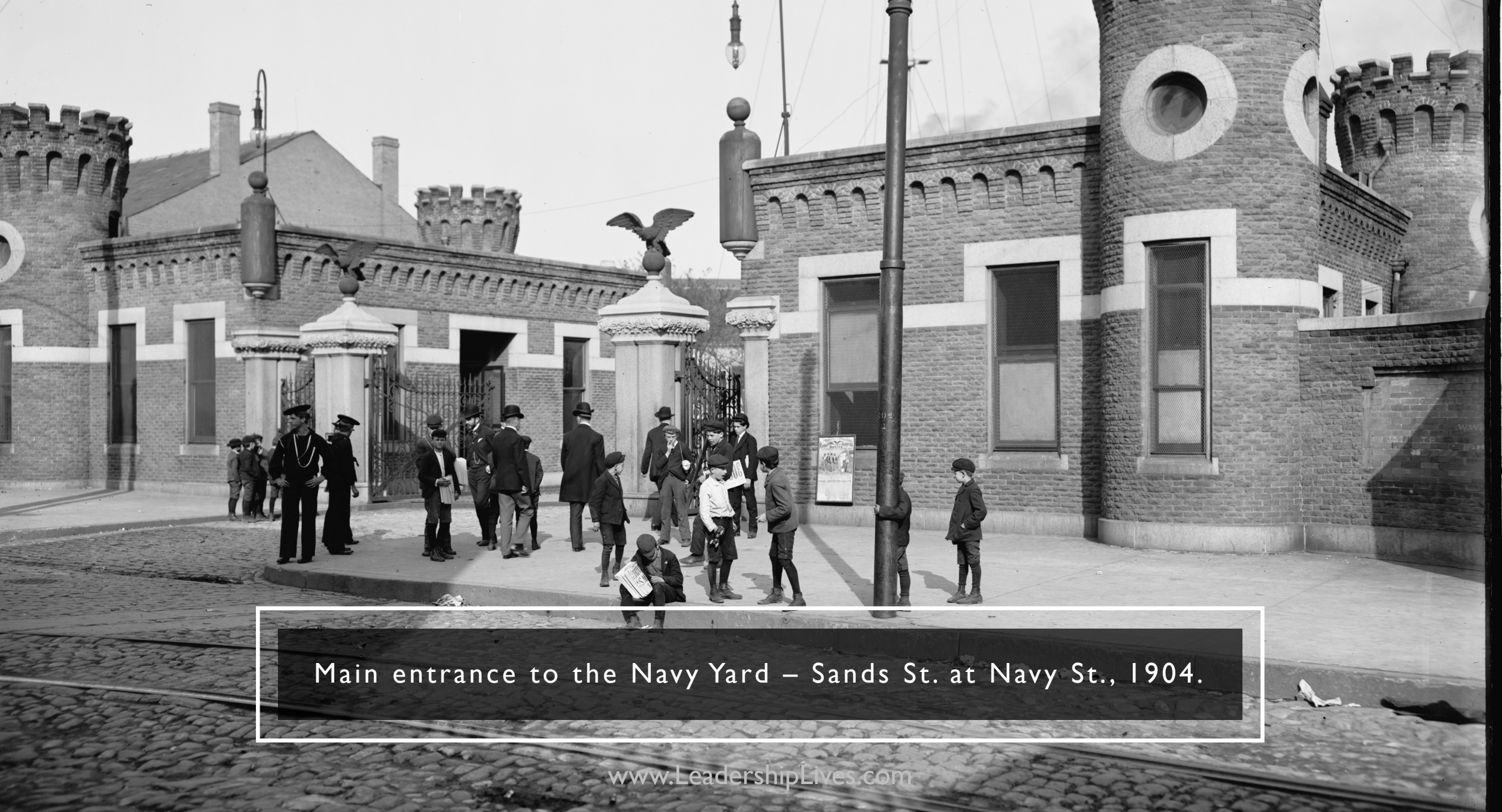
First Mariners
Methodist-Episcopal
Church on Cherry
Street, Manhattan,
established 1844.



The newlyweds settled in Vinegar Hill, outside the main Gate of the Navy Yard.

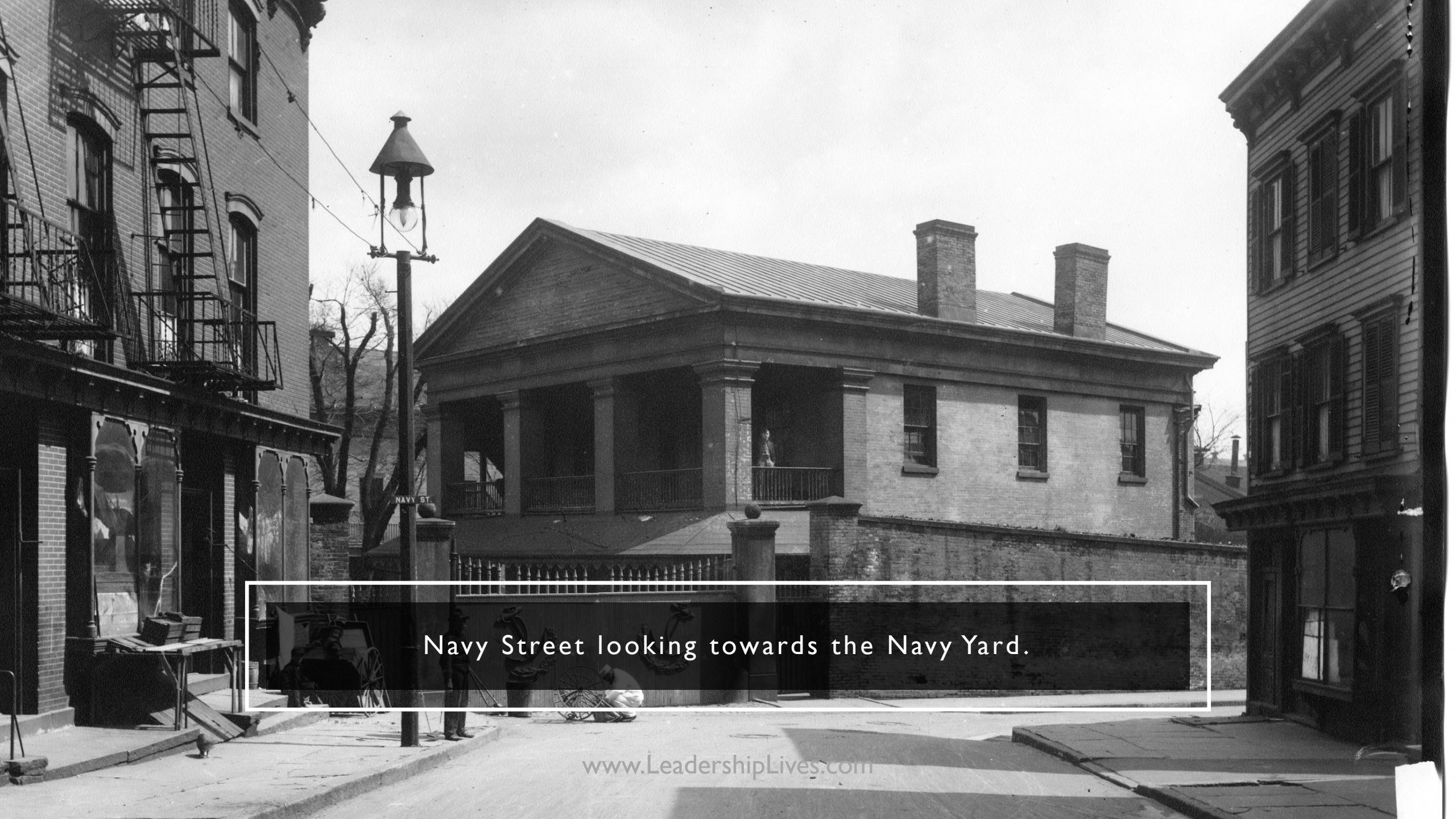
George rapidly went back to work, aboard the *USCS Corwin*, surveying America's harbors and coastline.



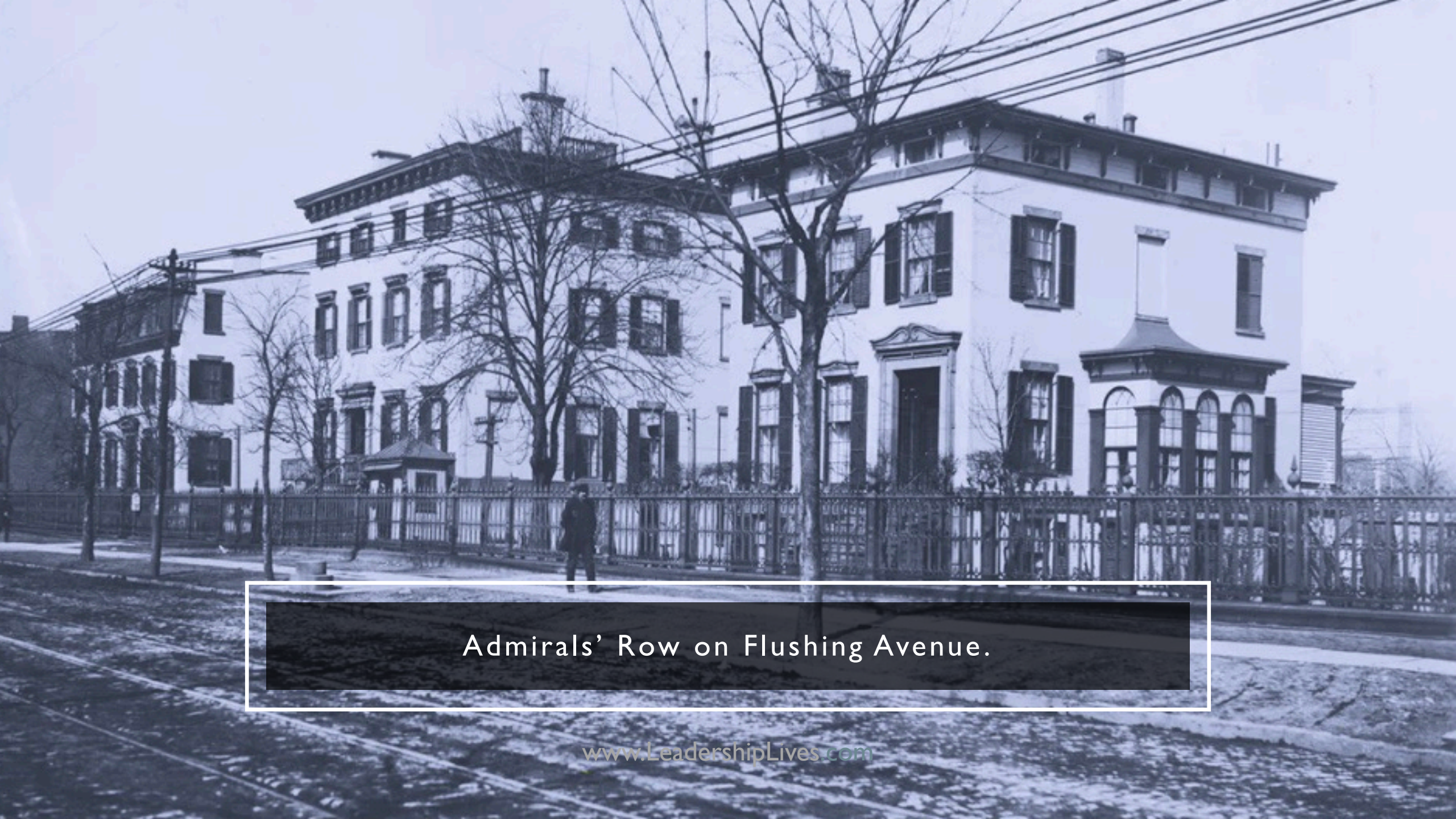


Main entrance to the Navy Yard – Sands St. at Navy St., 1904.

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Navy Street looking towards the Navy Yard.



Admirals' Row on Flushing Avenue.

A detailed historical map of Naval Station in Flushing, New York. The map shows a grid of streets including Little, Main, Prospect, High, Navy, Park, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Washington Avenues. Various buildings are labeled, such as the Provender & Clothing Storehouse, Dock Shipping Storehouse, Naval Supply Storehouse, Machine Shop, Boiler Shop, Erecting Shop, Foundry, Gate House, Marine Barracks, and several piers along the waterfront. The text "ALL ABOUT THE NAVY CHANNEL" is written across the top. A white rectangular box with a black border is centered over the map, containing the text "END PART I" and "PART II FOCUSES ON GEORGE PRICE'S CIVIL WAR YEARS". The website "www.LeadershipLives.com" is printed at the bottom center.

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