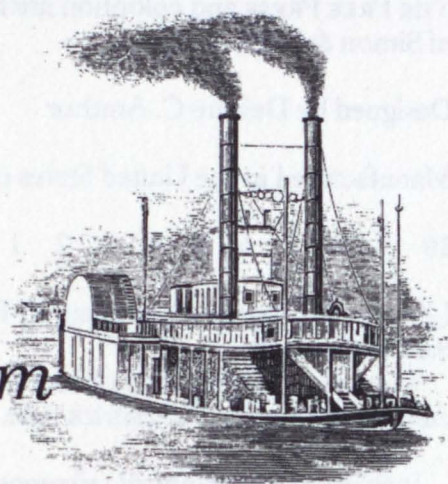


# The Fire of His Genius

*Robert Fulton  
and the  
American Dream*



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Torpedo  
Fulton's Folly  
Richmond Hill  
Thomas Paine  
Robert Livingston  
John Stevens - wife's brother  
John Fitch  
granted a 20 year  
monopoly by  
new York legis.  
Napoleon

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Shaped America's destiny  
Cotton gin 1793 Steamboat 1807

Colt Firearms system

Fulton

b. Nov 1765

20 miles from  
Lancaster, PA.

3 1/2 yrs in Devon  
Was he an artist  
Was he a homosexual -  
Lord William Courtenay

father - farmer  
relationship with  
a man

Plutli at 17

imitative painter  
d. Feb 23, 1815 (50)

Benjamin West  
Canal schemes

1797 - Fulton / Paris at 31 p65

Ruth Barlow Joel Barlow and Fulton - lived together

submarine

John Baker Church gave loan of 500 lbs. -

Joel Barlow in 1797 to Paris 10 years -

age 31 falls for Ruth Barlow - wife of Joel  
1 year. intimate companions p65

Submarine and Torpedos

In France - invented Panorama and rope making  
machines

Central ambition of Fulton - build weapons of war p180

John Marshall breaks monopoly 1824 after death

a nation engrained in violence p203

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Destruction of the Indian Societies -  
Words of white move toward  
midwest

Army - 40 major engagements 1801 to 1845  
Indian crushed

Andrew Jackson - p 199  
western president - 1828  
rough and ready

Robert Livingston dies 1813 stroke  
buried at Trinity Church

16 boats built in his lifetime (13 still running)

Harriet remained quickly

He tried to interest other governments in  
his torpedoes - treason?

Health 1813 - facial boil

4 children wife Harriet - he neglected her

He wanted to be Secretary of War 1812 - 1814

Mines

Submarines

Torpedoes

Steamships

Underwater  
Cannon 1813

The Patents

Small canals

Erie canal 1825

Harpoon gun