



# SEVEN TO SAVE

RAISING THE VISIBILITY OF LOCAL PRESERVATION CHALLENGES



*In 2009, the Preservation League of New York State is using its annual listing of endangered places, Seven to Save, to support and enhance the year-long commemoration of the voyages of Henry Hudson, Robert Fulton and Samuel de Champlain.*

*The 2009 Seven to Save List gives voice to seven disparate sites which illustrate the heroic saga of the exploration and settlement of the Hudson and Champlain valleys.*



## Fort Montgomery

### LOCATION:

Rouses Point,  
Clinton County

### PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE:

1844-1872

### LANDMARK STATUS:

National Register

### THREAT:

Deterioration, need for  
stabilization

### HISTORY AND QUADRICENTENNIAL CONNECTION:

Situated on the border between the United States and Canada, Island Point is where Lake Champlain enters the Richelieu River. The island was first fortified in 1818 as the Northern Gateway linking the St. Lawrence and Hudson Rivers. Fort Montgomery — often incorrectly called “Fort Blunder” — was built in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and seen as a crucial fortification by Civil War strategists. This site symbolizes the shared history of the United States and Canada.

### HOW THE LEAGUE IS HELPING:

Currently in private hands, the owners are looking to sell the property and current protections may not prevent inappropriate development. The ruins are also structurally deteriorating and in need of stabilization. Conversations about the future of this site are ongoing among key not-for-profit and state agency stakeholders. The League is advocating for the preservation of this site with these entities. The League is also helping to promote “Fort Montgomery Days” — an opportunity for the public to tour the site in the fall. Publicity generated through the Seven to Save Program will help raise the public awareness and visibility of the site, highlight its historic significance, and possibly attract a new owner who will commit to enhanced protection and stewardship of the property.



The Preservation League is a statewide not-for-profit organization based in Albany.  
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