



*Carlisle Graham poses beside his seven-foot-high barrel, first used on June 15, 1887, in his third successful trip through the rapids and whirlpool. This barrel was used several times over a 15-year period for stunts by Graham and others, including Martha Wagenfuhrer and Maud Willard. Graham was the first daredevil to use a barrel. He performed his first whirlpool rapids stunt on July 11, 1886. This led him to announce a second trip, one in which he rode with his head sticking out of the barrel — leaving him hard of hearing for the rest of his life.*

# Roll Out the Barrel

The Story of Niagara's Daredevils



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