

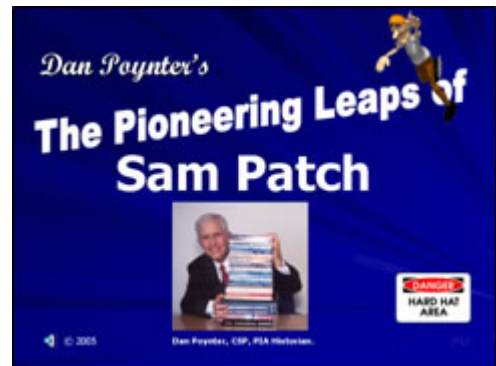
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# SAM PATCH

## the famous jumper

In the early 1800's, everyone knew of Sam Patch. The press wrote about him, young boys wanted to be just like him, President Andrew Jackson named his horse Sam Patch, Sam was a celebrity.

The first BASE jumper, Sam jumped the Genesee, Pawtucket and even Niagara Falls. Discover the history and geography of the time and find out more about this now nearly forgotten Rochester, New York, celebrity.



Sam Patch jumped into the water from high places all over the Northeast United States. His secrets to survival were angle of water entry, holding your breath and strong drink. Sam was a pioneer of sub-terminal freefall.

On Friday the 13th in November, 1829, a cheering crowd watched a drunken Sam Patch make his last jump as he bravely stepped off the top of Genesee Falls in Rochester, New York. A fascinating piece of skydiving history.



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