**BHM 2024-“History”**

**Cataract Hotel: Secret Agents of the Underground**

**The incredible story of how Black waiters at a Niagara Falls hotel helped enslaved people reach freedom**

**A Black resistance operation that ferried enslaved people to freedom was operated by the free Black wait staff at the Cataract House hotel.**

**An incredible piece of history has been uncovered in an unassuming park in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Here, one of the Underground Railroad's most important stations once stood: an upscale hotel called the Cataract House.**

**In**[***Secret Agents of the Underground Railroad***](https://www.cbc.ca/natureofthings/episodes/secret-agents-of-the-underground-railroad), **( a CBC DOCUMENTARY) host Anthony Morgan joins an archaeology team, supported by the local Black community, as they uncover evidence of a Black resistance operation run out of the hotel, which operated from 1825 to 1945. Led by head waiter John Morrison and others, hotel wait staff secretly guided enslaved people to freedom in Canada.**

**For both Morgan and the film's director, Adrian Callender, making the documentary taught them  a lot about local Black history, the legacy of Black resistance in the area, and how science helped bring these stories back to life for the community.**

**DISCOVER(Y) S1/EP8 - SALADIN ALLAH: A Secret Agent of the Underground Railroad (see video)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1R5h7ihfj9w>