

## IDA MINERVA TARBELL (1857- 1944)

is possibly the most famous female investigative journalist in U.S. history. In addition to her status as a leading scholar of Abraham Lincoln, Tarbell's 1902-1904 series "The History of the Standard Oil Company" led to the U.S. Supreme Court's 1911 breakup of Standard Oil and contributed to implementation of the country's first antitrust laws.



Ida Tarbell, 1905



Tarbell House, c. 1895

**THE TARBELL HOUSE** was built in 1870 by Ida's father, Franklin S. Tarbell. Materials from the nearby oil boomtown of Pithole were re-purposed to construct this Italianate style building. The original layout boasted two floors, an east wing, and a third floor cupola. The Tarbell family sold the house in 1918. In subsequent decades, the structure underwent major renovations including the removal of the cupola and east wing. The nonprofit Oil Region Alliance purchased the house in 2007 with the goal of returning it as closely as possible to its historical roots. Nine years and ten rehabilitation phases later, the award-winning restoration concluded in 2016 with the placing of a custom-built replica cupola atop the roof.



Ida Tarbell re-enactor serving tea

Today, the first floor of the house operates as a combined museum and event space available for tours and private rentals. Public teas and other educational programs are offered year-round. For details on current offerings or to schedule a tour or rental, contact the Oil Region Alliance.

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## TARBELL HOUSE



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### Restored 1870 Home of

### Ida M. Tarbell

within the

Oil Region National Heritage Area

