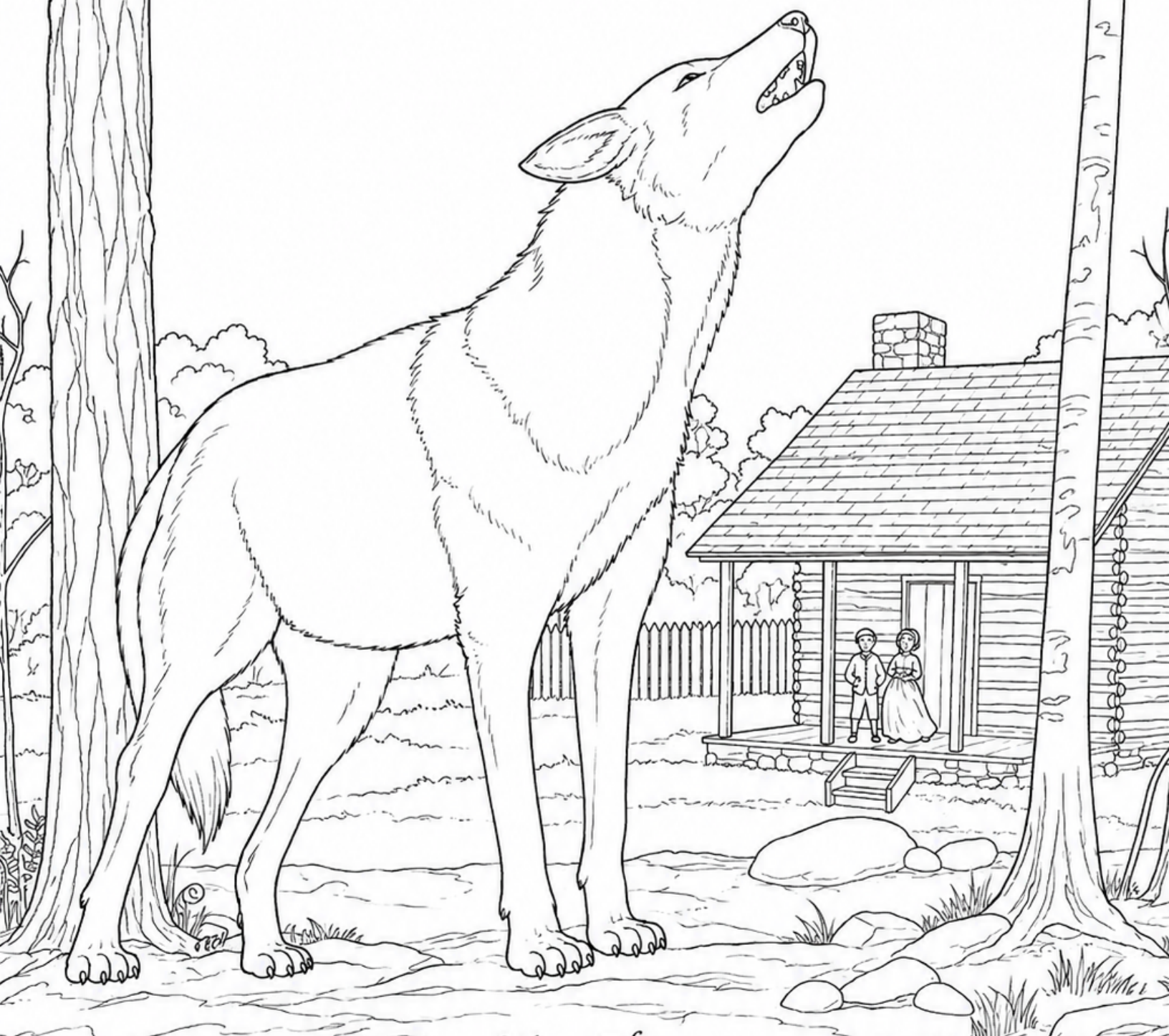


Freedom's Howl

The Song of the Red Wolves

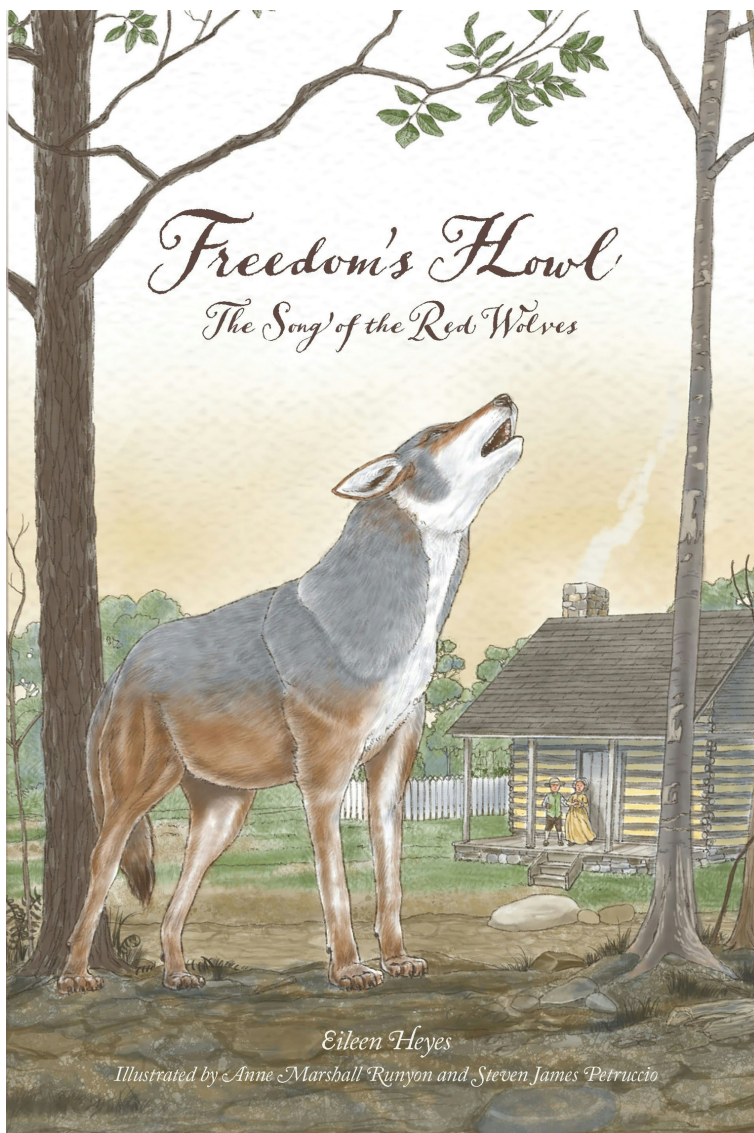


The History Behind *Freedom's Howl*

Inspired by the true stories of the Red Wolf & Regulator Movement

Prior to the American Revolution, a rebellion formed in North Carolina, called the **Regulator Movement**. These colonists felt that the **British Parliament** was charging them unfair taxes and fees, and they wanted to **regulate** their own affairs. These men were not fighting for independence, but for fair treatment.

Protests began in the 1760s, aimed mostly at sheriffs, tax collectors, and judges. Eventually, though, violence broke. On May 16, 1771, **Governor William Tryon** agreed to meet with the Regulators as long as they laid down their weapons. They refused, so Tryon sent an officer to tell the men that unless they stopped, the officer would fire on them. The regulators famously replied, **"Fire and be damned!"** This began the **Battle of Alamance**, which effectively ended the Regulator Movement with Tryon's victory. The battle only lasted around two hours.



Did you know?

Red wolves are smaller than gray wolves, but larger than coyotes. Their long, slender legs are great for both running and swimming.

Hundreds of years ago, **red wolves** were found throughout the southeastern United States. Hunting, habitat loss, and colonists' fear of the animal led to the species facing **near extinction**.

Today, multiple **breeding programs** across North Carolina work to reestablish populations of the red wolf.



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