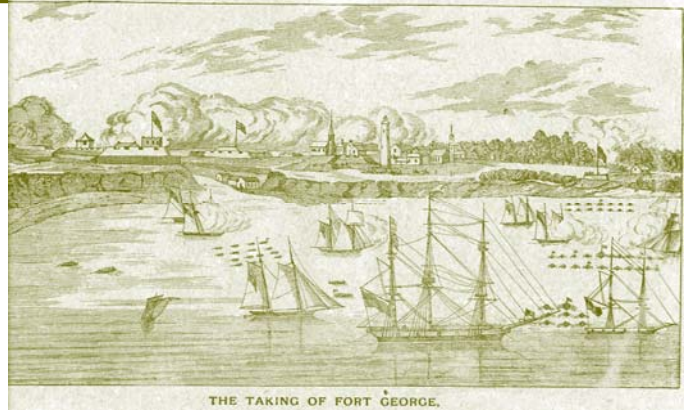


Niagara and the War of 1812



On June 18, 1812, the United States declared war on Great Britain. For three years, Niagara was a war zone, the scene of American invasions and bloody battles. The fate of the future country of Canada hung in the balance, but in the end, Upper Canada was preserved.

On the eve of the War, the Niagara region was the strategic hub of southern Ontario and headquarters of the British Army and British Indian Department under the command of General Isaac Brock. For three years of war, Niagara would be the front line of battle.

Good web resources

http://www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/fortgeorge/index_E.asp

<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com>

<http://www.warof1812.ca>

<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/on-line-exhibits/index.aspx>

<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/on-line-exhibits/1812/index.aspx>

<http://www.virtualmuseum.ca>

<http://www.ourontario.ca>

<http://www.brocku.ca/maplibrary/digital/MAPzoom/MAPhome.html>

<http://www.niagarahistorical.museum>

<http://www.visit1812.com/>

Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library Resources

Merry Hearts Make Light Days edited by Donald Graves
Laura Secord – The Heroine of the War of 1812 (a play) by Curzon
The War of 1812 by Bob Foley
The Story of Laura Secord and Canadian Reminiscences By Emma A. Currie
Life and Times of Major General Sir Isaac Brock K.B. By D.B. Read Q.C. (971.034)
A child's story of the Niagara Frontier by William Alice
History of Niagara, by Janet Carnochan 971.35
Militiamen who served in the War of 1812-1814 by Lauber Wilfred
Whispers of War, the War of 1812 Diary by Susanna Merritt
Niagara Upper Canada 1812

Niagara Historical Society & Museum Resources

The Museum collection of 1812 related material can be found on the Museum website and at the Virtual Museum of Canada.

The Museum has many books related to the War of 1812.

As of May 2010 the Museum will have our entire collection of 1812 documents on www.ourontario.ca

Niagara-on-the-Lake Sites related to the topic

Extensive - Fort George, Fort Mississauga, Butler's Barracks, Laura Secord Homestead, McFarland House, St. Mark's Church, Brock's Monument, Queenston Heights and numerous monuments and plaques throughout the community commemorate the role of Niagara in this war.

Topics to explore

Battle of Fort George

Battle of Queenston Heights

Burning of Niagara