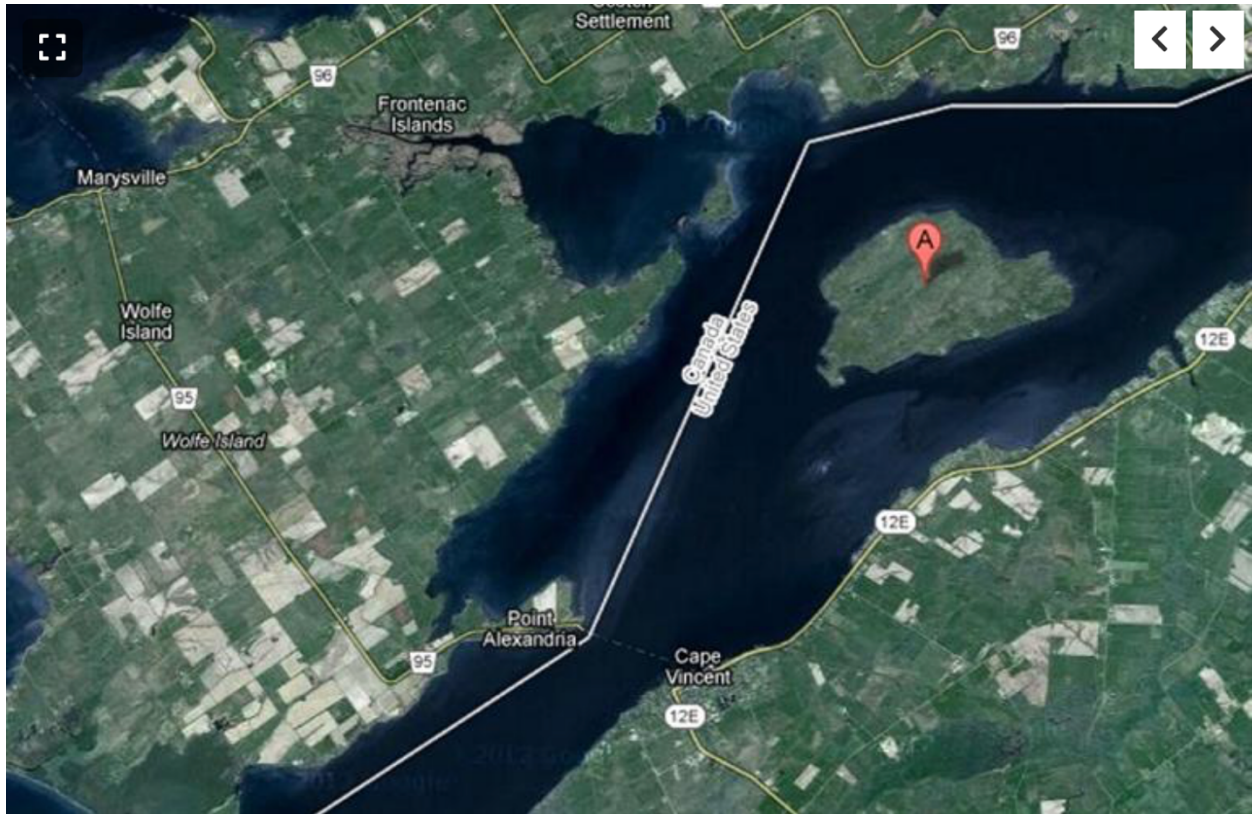




The Jefferson County Historical Society hosted a trip to Carleton Island in July 1926. This group explores chimney remnants of Fort Haldimand. The building sphere in the background on the right is a 111-foot high tower that was separate from Carleton Villa. "A brilliant gas light, long illuminated in the tower, became a range beacon for navigators passing down the American channel before the government protected the shoal off the head of the island by a light buoy," the Watertown Daily Times reported. Watertown Daily Times



The Jefferson County Historical Society hosted a trip to Carleton Island in July of 1926. This group posed near layers of shelf-like rock on their way to Fort Haldimand. Watertown Daily Times



A Google Maps screen shot pinpointing the location of Carleton island.



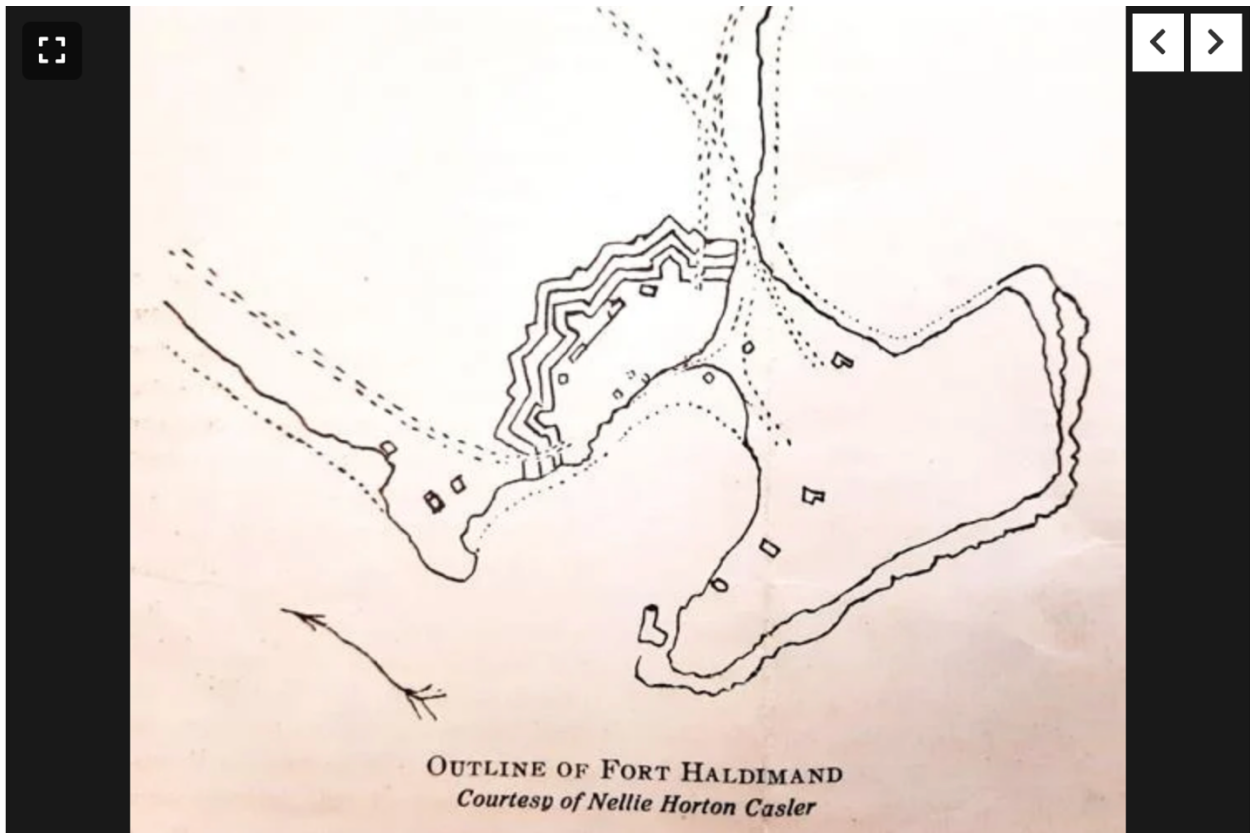
This cannon, salvaged from the St. Lawrence River near Carleton Island, was put on display in 2015 in Cape Vincent during a reenactment of a War of 1812 skirmish between British and American soldiers. Cast in Britain during the mid-17th century, it was sent to New York in November 1730 on the HMS Vanguard. It later was moved during the French and Indian War to Oswego or Fort William Henry before being captured by the French in 1756 or 1757 and recaptured by the British in 1760 at the Battle of Isle Royal near present-day Ogdensburg. During the American Revolution, it was moved from Fort William Augustus (Isle Royal) to Fort Haldimand on Carleton Island. It's now at East End Park in Cape Vincent. Watertown Daily Times



A before and after photo taken earlier this year of what Thousand Islands Land Trust says is clearing out of many trees and understorey on the Carleton Villa property. Provided photo



An excavator works on Carleton Island clearing trees in April on the Carleton Villa property. Submitted photo



A drawing included in the 1926 pamphlet on Carleton Island and Fort Haldimand authored by Garret S. Jones and published by the Jefferson County Historical Society.



This 1935 New York State Education Department sign is at Millens Bay: "In June 1812, Abner Hubbard with other Americans crossed to Carleton Island and captured Fort Haldimand with its British garrison." Chris Brock/Watertown Daily Times



The state Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation issued a letter stating the Carleton Villa project may impact the historic nature of the island. Watertown Daily Times



A panel on the history of Carleton Island and Fort Haldimand can be found at Cape Vincent's East End Park. Courtesy of St. Lawrence River Historical Foundation

TIME LINE OF BRITISH OCCUPATION

- 1770 Island called Deer Island when it was first used by British merchants.
- 1777 British army under General Barry St Leger used Deer Island as a staging area.
- 1778 Governor-General of Canada, Frederick Haldimand, instructed the Royal Corps of Engineers, to select a new base at the eastern end of Lake Ontario.
- 1779 Deer Island was selected and renamed Carleton Island and construction of Fort Haldimand was started.
- 1780 *Ontario*, a warship of 22 guns, was launched at the royal naval yard and government warehouses were constructed.
- 1781 -1782 Major staging area for military actions against the Mohawk Valley.
- 1783 Treaty of Paris ended the American Revolution.
- 1784 The base was used to resettle loyalist families from the Mohawk Valley.
- 1785 Transshipment for government stores was relocated from the island to Kingston.
- 1788 Naval yard relocated to Point Frederic, Kingston.
- 1796 Technically ceded to the U.S. by the Jay Treaty
- 1796-1812 Britain still occupied Carleton Island.
- 1812 Fort captured by Abner Hubbard, this was the first action of the War of 1812.
- 1818 Ceded to the U.S., the only land change resulting from the War of 1812.

Courtesy of St. Lawrence River Historical Foundation (SRHF)

Fort Haldimand on Carleton Island, Great Britain's strategic base on the upper St. Lawrence

A	Earthworks
B	Magazine
C	Well
D	Barracks and Chimneys
E	Post Burial Ground
F	East Gate
G	West Gate
H	Hospital
I	Merchants cellar
J	Molly Brant's House
K	Royal Dock Yards
L	Store Houses
M	Block House
N	Soldiers' Gardens
O	Naval Barrack
P	Government Wharf
Q	King's Garden
R	Down River Post

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