

Niagara-on-the-Lake



Since the retreat of glaciers over 10,000 years ago, many different people have called Niagara home. The settlement of refugees after the American Revolution created dramatic changes to the land.

The town started out as the most important community in Ontario, and for decades remained an important legislative and judicial centre.

The people of Niagara have seen war ravage their homes, industries rise and fall, agricultural shifts, changes to transportation and many economic booms and busts. Many factors played a role in creating this unique community.

Good Web Resources

<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com>

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

<http://www.virtualmuseum.ca>

<http://www.ourontario.ca>

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

www.niagarahistorical.museum

<http://historyniagara.niagara.com/Marshall/MHTMLFolder/index.htm>

<http://www.nflibrary.ca/nfplindex/>

Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library Resources

The Library has a file on Reminiscences that may provide some material
Bi-Centennial Stories of NOTL edited by John L. Field (971.35)
Niagara on the Lake Explore Tour (917.1351)
The History of a Small Town (the collected writing Of Anne Buyers) (971.35)
A child's story of the Niagara Frontier by William Alice
History of Niagara, by Janet Carnochan (971.35)
Handbook of Upper Canadian Chronology by Frederick Armstrong
The military in the Niagara Peninsula
Agriculture and Farm Life in the Niagara Peninsula 1983 Brock History Conference (360.971338)
Life in Upper Canada, by Wesley B. Turner, 971.3

Niagara Historical Society & Museum Resources

The Museum is dedicated to the history of the community. We should be able to provide assistance in any aspect of the town's history. We may not have the specifics, but we would provide you with a start and some context to the topic. We have over 2,500 images in the collection available. Consult the director, visit our website or visit our research room.

Topics to explore

Niagara-on-the-Lake has been a very important community for many aspects of local, national and international history. Below are just some areas that could be examined.

The Villages of Niagara (St. Davids, Queenston, Virgil, Homer, etc...)

Sports and Recreation Native History Black History

Loyalist Migration The Capital Years Trains, Ships and Transportation

Rebuilding after the War of 1812 The Rye Girls Farming history

Early Tourism The Shaw Festival The commons

Niagara during WWI and/or WWII

Camp Niagara People of Niagara Chautauqua

Businesses The Buildings of Niagara - homes, hotels, farms, Queen Street

Geneology - Explore 3 generations of your family (where were they, what did they do, what games did they play as children, what was school like, clothing they wore, jobs or other aspects of their lives and determine how things changed between generations and compared to now.