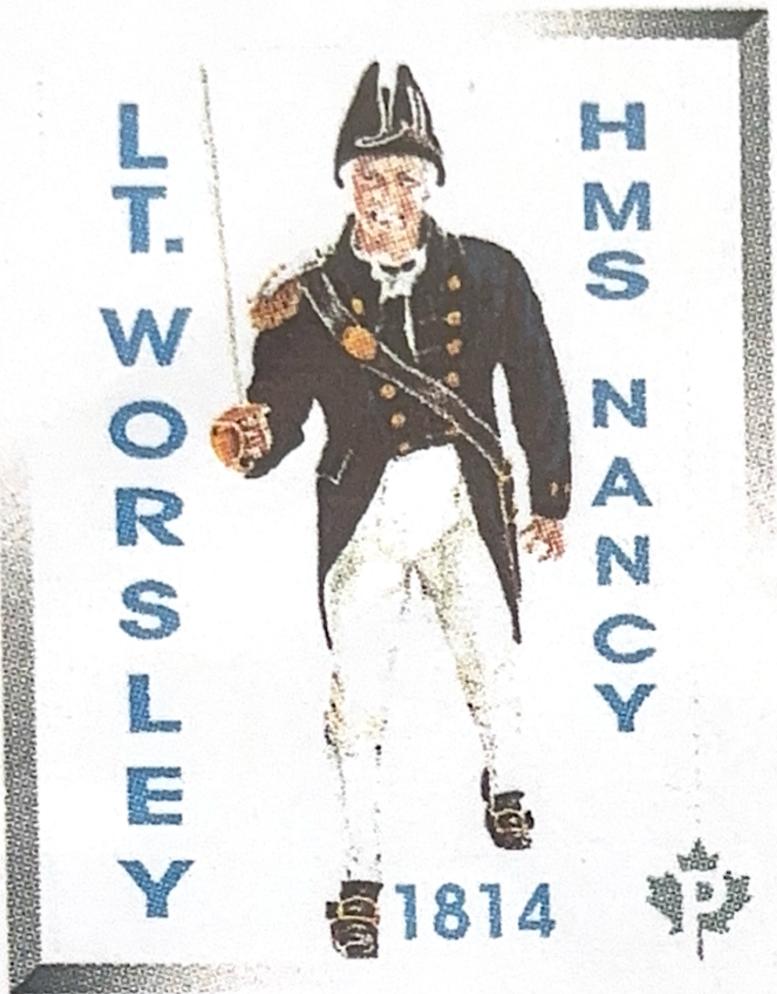


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### *Lt. Worsley of the HMS Nancy*

**July 1814** - Lieutenant Miller Worsley of the Royal Navy had taken command of the HMS Nancy, which was about to sail to Mackinac Island with supplies. He was warned of an American force consisting of three vessels, who had learned of the Nancy's location from a prisoner. Worsley had the Nancy towed two miles up the river, where he hastily built a blockhouse armed with three guns (dismounted from the schooner). His force consisted of 22 sailors, 23 Native Warriors and 9 French-Canadian voyageurs.

On August 14th, Captain Arthur Sinclair led three American ships (Niagara, Scorpion and Tigress) into Nottawasaga Bay and soon discovered the Nancy's hiding place. The next day, three companies of American regular infantry, supported by a 5.5 inch mortar and the guns of Sinclair's ships attacked Worsley's position. The Nancy was hit by an American mortar shell that set her on fire. Her crew escaped but the Nancy sank.

Eventually Worsley and his men travelled on to Mackinac, pursuing the Scorpion and Tigress by paddling and rowing for 360 miles. They subsequently surprised and captured both American gunboats in the "Engagement on Lake Huron".

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#### HMS Nancy's Last Stand

On August 14, 1814, three American warships attacked and destroyed the HMS Nancy. The schooner was blown up, burned to the waterline and sank. Today, the remains of the Nancy are preserved and on display at Nancy Island Historic Site, Wasaga Beach, Ontario.

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