

War of 1812: Where is the Cannonball?

Daniel H. Burritt Jr. commanded the battery at Fort Wellington, while his brother held a senior position as Colonel Stephen Burritt. The cannonball disrupted the officer's breakfast, and Daniel Burritt Jr. ordered the cannon fired back across the St. Lawrence River. In return it was sent back to the Fort in Canada. (Photos by Edwina Mullen)

After this unusual exchange, the cannonball was set aside for Burritt. It remained in the Burritt family in Ottawa, but more recently was donated to the Canadian War. In 2007 it was on display and these pictures were taken. On a recent visit however, it was no longer visible, and it is nowhere to be found at the Museum? Queries are continuing, but if anyone has any suggestions, they would be welcomed.

