

Oath of Allegiance



Men who volunteered to serve with the militia during the War would have to swear an Oath of Allegiance (sometimes referred to as the Oath of Fealty). For volunteers of the 2nd York, this oath would have most likely been sworn at their regimental muster before their officers, and the officers in turn would have sworn their oath before the regimental colonel, Colonel Richard Beasley, and the Justice of the Peace, William Applegarth. For most, the location for swearing the oath would have been at Burlington Heights. Captain Thompson swore his oath before Major General Isaac Brock in York in 1811.

I swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord King George, and to serve him honestly and faithfully, in Defence of His Person, Crown, and Dignity, against all His Enemies or Opposers whatsoever: and to observe and obey His Majesty's Orders. I do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George, and will defend to the utmost of my person against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his person, Crown or dignity; and I will do my utmost to dissolve and make known to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, all treasons and traitorous conspiracies and attempts, which I shall know to be against him or them, so help me God.

~Oath of Allegiance sworn at Chippawa on September 4th, 1812, 2nd Regiment of Lincoln Militia