

Hamilton Military Museum

The building that is now the Hamilton Military Museum started its life as Sir Allan MacNab's gate house. Built in the late 1830s atop a battery from the War of 1812, this building served as a house for his daughters' tutor. The building was sometimes referred to as Battery Lodge because of its location on top of a military defense work.

Originally York Road (now York Boulevard) curved sharply around the earthwork and gatehouse. This sharp curve was the cause of many traffic accidents. In 1976 it was decided to straighten and widen York Road in an effort to improve safety. Battery Lodge was moved 40 metres (150 feet) into Dundurn Park. It was set on a new foundation and an earthen wall was built around it to recreate the appearance of the 1813 earthwork. This building is now the Hamilton Military Museum which first opened its doors in 1976.