



LAURA SECORD *HEROINE*

During the war of 1812, Laura Secord (1775-1868) had American soldiers billeted in her Queenston, Ontario, home. In June of 1813, she overheard their plans for an attack at Beaver Dams and decided she had to warn the British. According to legend, leading her cow, she walked 30 kilometres through enemy lines to warn them. While official historical records have no mention of a cow, the fact remains that Secord's bravery helped the British ambush the American contingent and win the battle. Laura Secord became celebrated as a heroine in history, poetry and drama. Her home in Queenston has been converted into a museum. In 1913, exactly 100 years after her fateful trek, Frank P. O'Connor began a small, Toronto-based chocolate business. He named his store after the Canadian heroine because of her courage, loyalty and devotion.

Most Canadians are aware of the Laura Secord legend with her cow; however, today it seems superseded by our familiarity with her name as a brand of chocolates.

.various woods, sterling silver, 14K gold, pearls, carnelian
24 x 26 x 2.5 cm