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Kentucky's War of 1812: Brownsville, Kentucky

The Kentucky Historical Society's historical marker 802 in Edmonson County notes the establishment of Brownsville, a city that was likely named for a War of 1812 veteran.

During the War of 1812, Gen. Jacob Brown was charged with defending portions of New York State from the British army. He led troops at Ogdensburg, Sackett's Harbor, Chippewa, Fort Erie and Niagara. He was wounded twice at the Battle of Lundy's Lane. In 1814, he was honored for his military service with the Congressional Gold Medal.

According to the historical marker, "Gen. Brown was not a technical soldier; he was a natural leader of men." Brown was the commanding general of the U.S. Army from 1821 until his death in 1828. When Brownsville was established by the Kentucky legislature on Jan. 30, 1828, it was likely named after Brown.

The Edmonson County courthouse, in Brownsville. The town is likely named after a War of 1812 veteran.