

Brockville. It is seldom in the history of any place in this new country that so many descendants of the original settlers are to be found on the site of the settlement, after the lapse of a century, as is the case with Brockville.

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In the troublous times of 1812-13, though very little blood was shed here, the residents of the hamlet had ample opportunity to show their loyalty to their country, an opportunity of which they did not fail to avail themselves, and at the first sound of war the whole adult population was in arms. From its position on the border, Brockville was in the midst of the turmoil of war; was bombarded by an American armed vessel on one occasion, and captured by the American Commandant at Ogdensburg on another. Soon after the declaration of war, it was reported that a fleet of schooners was being fitted out at Ogdensburg for a trip up the river and lakes. Early in July the fleet sailed up the river and passed Brockville, but when a short distance above the town they were overhauled by Canadian volunteers in small boats. Two of the vessels surrendered at once, their crews were landed on an island and the vessels burned. The rest of the fleet went back to Ogdensburg where consternation prevailed. After this three British vessels were sent down the river armed with ten, eighteen and ten guns respectively. On July 29th, 1812, the armed schooner *Julia*, from Ogdensburg, attempted to sail up the river but was intercepted by the British vessels, the *Earl of Moira* and the *Duke of Gloucester*, and ran into the bay at Morristown, opposite Brockville, where a battle