

in the European wars of his time, he might have risen to be another Wellington. But it is doubtful if he would have been long spared in battle. He was almost foolhardy in his courage, and ever felt that he must expose himself where the fight was fiercest in order to inspire his followers to noble deeds.

Brock was descended from an ancient family, just how ancient it is hard to tell. The name is so old that it is quite possible that there were Brocks in England at the time of William the Conqueror. A Sir Hugh Brock fought valiantly in Brittany in the days of Edward III; and when the English armies were forced to withdraw from France, it may be that some of Sir Hugh's family settled in the fertile island of Guernsey in the group known as the Channel Islands.

Isaac Brock was the eighth son of John Brock, who had been a midshipman in the navy and had made a journey to distant India. His mother was Elizabeth de Lisle, whose father was lieutenant-bailiff of Guernsey. Brock was also related to the great English admiral, Lord de Saumarez. Many