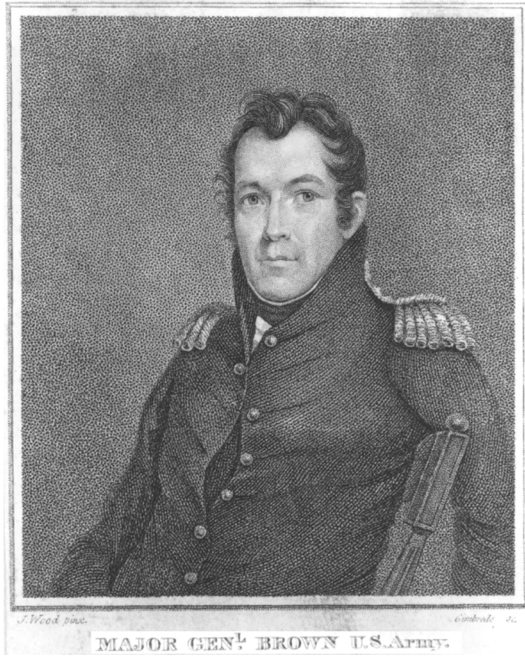


Maj. Gen. Jacob Jennings Brown

(5 May 1775 – 24 Feb 1828)

The National Intelligencer, February 25, 1828

The painful duty devolves upon us of announcing the decease of Major General Jacob Brown, Commander in Chief of the Army of the United States. He expired at his residence in this city, yesterday, after a brief illness of three or four days, preceded by a general indisposition of longer duration.



His name is too intimately interwoven with the history of his country, to make it necessary for us to accompany this annunciation with any reference to his public life or services. His individual merits are too universally appreciated to need to be blazoned by the pen of eulogy. At a future day we shall endeavor to do justice to his eminent desert as a soldier and citizen, and to hold up to his fellow-citizens, in their proper colors, the example of his illustrious deeds and his blameless and virtuous private life.

The Funeral of the deceased friend will not take place, we learn, before Wednesday; so that every opportunity will be afforded to pay due honors to his remains.

The National Intelligencer, Wednesday, February 27, 1828

Funeral Honors

Adjutant General's Office

Washington, February 25th, 1828

The senior officers of the General Staff of the Army and the Commanding General of the Militia of the District of Columbia, will convene at the Adjutant General's Office. This morning, at nine o'clock, to make suitable arrangements for the funeral honors of the distinguished and lamented Major General Brown.

By order of the Secretary of War,
R. Jones, Adj. Gen.

Pursuant to the foregoing instructions, the officers charged with the arrangement, direct the following order of procession, as the last and mournful duty to be paid the mortal remains of the late General-in-Chief of the United States Army.

The funeral escort will be composed as follows:

- A Battalion of Infantry
- A Division of Artillery
- A Squadron of Horse,
- General Staff of the District Militia

Officers of the Militia
Officers of the Navy and Marine Corps
Officers of the Army
Marine Music
Major General Macomb

Order of Procession

1. The Clergy of the District and
Surgeon General of the Army
General's Horse

| Pall Bearers | | Pall Bearers | |
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| Brig. Gen. Thompson | H | Col. Towson | |
| Brig. Gen. Wool | E | Brig. Gen. Gibson | |
| Brig. Gen. Jesup | A | Comm. Warrington | |
| Major Gen. Smith | R | Brig. Gen. Bernrad | |
| Comm. Rodgers | S | Major Gen. Gaines | |
| Gen. Harrison of the Senate | E | Major Hamilton of the House of Reps. | |

2. The relatives of the deceased
His Aids and General Staff of the Army
3. The Marshal of the District
4. The President of the United States (John Quincy Adams)
5. Committee of Arrangements of the Senate and
House of Representatives
6. Sergeant-at Arms of the Senate
7. The Senate of the United States
Preceded by the Vice President and Secretary
8. The Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives
9. The House of Representatives of the United States
Preceded by their Speaker, and Clerk
10. Heads of Departments
11. Chief Justice, and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court
12. Foreign Ministers, their suites, and Consuls of Foreign Powers
13. The Postmaster General, and
Comptrollers of the Treasury
14. Auditors and Treasurer
15. The Register of the Treasury, Commissioner of the General
Land Office and other Civil Officers of the Government
16. Judges and Attorney of the District of Columbia
17. Members of the Bar
18. The Mayors and other civil officers of Washington, Georgetown
and Alexandria
19. Masonic Societies and such other Societies as may join in the procession
20. Citizens and Strangers

Major General Macomb will command the Military escort and Colonel Jones will officiate as officer of the day. Major Cross and Major Hook, Colonel Andrews and Major Randolph, are appointed the marshals of the day.

The troops detailed to form the funeral escort, will assemble on the pavement of the Pennsylvania Avenue, fronting the President's House, at 10 o'clock, on Wednesday, the 27th February and all others are respectfully invited to join the Procession according to the order of arrangement.

The Procession will move at 11 o'clock, from the mansion of the late General-in-Chief, opposite the State Department. Guns at intervals of thirty minutes, will be fired from the rising to the setting of the sun.

R. Jones, Adj. Gen.

Navy Department

26th February, 1828

The Officers of the Navy and Marine Corps of the United States, at present in the City of Washington, are requested to attend the funeral of Major General Brown, on Wednesday next, in uniform.

The National Intelligencer, April 5, 1828

The Late Maj. Gen. Jacob Brown

The following anecdote is adduced to demonstrate the extent of his vital piety; its parallel, perhaps, cannot be found:

In the year 1793, the yellow fever first made its appearance in Philadelphia, and the novelty of the disease, with the terrible fatality which marked its early progress, threw the inhabitants of the city and the surrounding country, into the most excited state of consternation. Several market men from Mr. Brown's vicinity, who had been at the city for the purpose of vending their country commodities, had imbibed the contagion, and become its victims -- a circumstance which highly aggravated the alarm in his immediate section. In the meantime, a man from Philadelphia, who was infested with the raging malady, threw himself into an outhouse, on Mr. Brown's farm, and expired. Mr. Brown was ignorant of the fact until after the man's death, and as soon as he was apprised of it, he expressed, before his family, a determination to perform the ordinary offices of sepulture, though he should necessarily endanger his own life. Young Brown was present, and heard this determination with great solitude. He reflected, that, if his father's life should be sacrificed, the hopes and happiness of his family would perish with him -- and a simultaneous action of his mind was a comparison of his father's importance to the family with his own. The comparison was no sooner made, than his resolution was formed, and without communicating his intention to any one except a negro, whose services he put in requisition, he repaired to the building, carrying a blanket with him, in which, after smearing it with tar, he enveloped the corpse. He then put it into a box which he had hastily constructed of rough boards and making the negro dig a hole, they committed to it the box and its contents, and completed the burial. Young Brown, at this time, was but 17 years of age. -- Poulson's Adv.

The National Intelligencer, April 8, 1828

The family of the late General Brown left this City yesterday, for their future residence at Brownsville, in the State of New York. This interesting family, and especially the amiable relict of our lamented friend, carry with them the warmest esteem, as well as the sympathy of the whole society of this city, where they have made sincere friends of all who have known them. It is an act of kind liberality, which deserves to be mentioned, that the proprietors of the stages and steam boats, through

the whole route, of near 500 miles have, by the friendly agency of the Postmaster General, tendered to Mrs. Brown, the gratuitous conveyance of herself and family, from this City to Brownsville.

Daughter, Mrs. Pamela Brown Vinton, wife of Capt. D.H. Vinton, died at Madison Barracks, Sackett's Harbor, New York 3/22/1845 (N.I. 4/7/1845)", " 57", "150-152"