

## Macdonnell On The Heights

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Another unsung hero of Canadian history . . . The texts give a  
terribly sparse  
Accounting of this man. He was a Major under Brock, and appare  
ntly not a very  
Popular one. He was one of those "good young men" from the "ri  
ght" kind of  
Family with the "right" kind of gentleman's education, a law pr  
actise and te  
ar of influential people of the day. there's nothing to indic  
ate he was not a  
Decent sort, but somebody writing up the accounts didn't want t  
oo much of the  
Glory to be taken from the General! Perhaps this is one way of  
vindicating the  
Historical vagaries of this nation. It gives me no small amoun  
t of  
Satisfaction to think that more people will know that there's m  
ore than just  
Brock under that huge stone monument.]  
Too thin the line that charged the Heights  
And scrambled in the clay.  
Too thin the Eastern Township Scot  
Who showed them all the way,  
And perhaps had you not fallen,  
You might be what Brock became  
But not one in ten thousand knows your name.  
To say the name, MacDonnell,  
It would bring no bugle call  
But the Redcoats stayed beside you  
When they saw the General fall.  
Twas MacDonnell raised the banner then  
And set the Heights aflame,  
But not one in ten thousand knows your name.  
You brought the field all standing with your courage and your l  
uck  
But unknown to most, you're lying there beside old General Broc  
k.  
So you know what it is to scale the Heights and fall just short  
of fame  
And have not one in ten thousand know your name.  
At Queenston now, the General on his tower stands alone  
And there's lichen on 'MacDonnell' carved upon that weathered s  
tone  
In a corner of the monument to glory you could claim,  
But not one in ten thousand knows your name.  
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