



## Kentucky's War of 1812: Hart County

*The Kentucky Historical Society's historical marker 43 in Munfordville commemorates the establishment of Hart County, which is named in honor of a War of 1812 veteran.*

Nathaniel Hart was born in Maryland and moved to Lexington in 1794. He owned a rope factory and studied law under his brother-in-law, Henry Clay. During the War of 1812, he commanded the Lexington Light Infantry and his troops became part of Col. William Lewis's 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Militia.

At the Battle of the River Raisin, Hart was wounded and captured. Despite being promised safe passage away from the area, Hart was found by Indians and was tomahawked and scalped. Hart's body was recovered and his remains were moved to Frankfort in 1834. When Hart County was formed in 1819, it was named in his honor.

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