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Although mostly forgotten in the page of US History, Thaddeus Kosciuszko is remembered in the hundreds of monuments, plaques, and dedications to his courageous fight for human rights everywhere.

- A county in Indiana is named for him.
- A city in Mississippi is named for him.
- He was recognized in the 1967 Polish Biographical dictionary as Poland's and the world's most popular Pole ever.
- In Krakow, Poland a monument was erected in his honor in 1820 with Polish citizens bringing earth from all the battlefields where he fought to place at the memorial.
- In 1959, a twin bridge spanning the Mohawk River in Albany, New York was named for him.
- The house where he lived in Philadelphia in 1796 is now the Kosciuszko Nations Memorials and is part of the US Park System.
- There is a Kosciuszko Museum in Solothurn, Switzerland where he died in exile in 1817.
- In 1925, a Polish-American cultural agency, the Kosciuszko Foundation was formed in his honor.
- Polish Air Force units have borne the name: "Kosciuszko Squadron".
- A historical novel an opera, and several dramas and poems have been written about his life.
- In 1933, the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp in his honor.
- A famous statue of him stands in Krakow, Poland, and replicas of the statue can be found in Boston, West Point, Philadelphia, Detroit, Washington DC, Chicago, Milwaukee, and Cleveland.
- A mountain in Australia bears his name
- An island in Alaska is named for him.
- Too many streets and parks to mention bear his name.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko was a man of great character and conviction. He was a prince of tolerance who stood up for oppressed people: European serfs, American slaves, Native American Indians, Jews, Women, any and all other disenfranchised groups.

Lord Byron wrote perhaps his best epitaph (in "The Age of Bronze"):

That sound that crashes in the tyrant's ear - Kosciuszko!

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Thaddeus Kosciuszko Statue

This sculpture of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko is located in Detroit Michigan. The sculptor was Leonard Marconi, an Italian-Polish artist. This artwork was originally cast in 1889 with the establishment of this copy taking place in 1978. Granite and bronze are the two materials used.

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Kosciuszko: A Man Ahead of his Time

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