

News of Jackson's Victory at New Orleans in Lancaster

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ON Saturday, January 8th, 1815, General Andrew Jackson won his famous victory at New Orleans. It was the last great land battle of the War of 1812, which some historians insist on calling "The Second War for Independence," and was fought more than two weeks after the treaty was signed at Ghent by the appointed representatives of Great Britain and the United States—on December 24th, 1814—news of the treaty not yet having reached this country.

The country was filled with rejoicing over the victory at New Orleans; and Congress honored General Jackson with thanks and a gold medal.

Owing to the slow methods of communication of that day, particulars of the battle did not reach Lancaster until Saturday, February 11th, 1815. There was great rejoicing in the town. The *Intelligencer & Weekly Advertiser* of Saturday, February 18th, 1815, states:

"On Saturday evening last [February 11th] this borough was handsomely illuminated by the citizens in testimony of their joy and gratitude to the good Governor of the Universe for His extraordinary preservation of our brave defenders under command of Gen. Jackson, from the ferocious attack of a desperate and veteran enemy near New Orleans."

Meeting in Lancaster Following Declaration of War in 1812

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ON June 19th, 1812, James Madison, President of the United States, issued a proclamation formally declaring that war existed between this country and Great Britain. This conflict is called in history "The War of 1812," and also "The Second War for Independence." It is not known definitely at what time copies of the President's proclamation reached Lancaster. The *Intelligencer & Weekly Advertiser* issued an "Extra," dated Tuesday, June 23rd, 1812, which gave our citizens their first public information of the startling news.

On Wednesday, July 1st, a large and respectable body of citizens of Lancaster borough and county met at the court house for the purpose of expressing their sentiments on the important measures lately adopted by Congress and the part taken therein by