

topher Mayer, Mr. Boyd, Mr. A. Wilson, Mr. Clendenin, Mr. Cochran and Major John Light. The festivity ended with a volunteer toast by the president, Col. Matlack, as follows:

"May some great occasion, interesting as the present, soon call us together again; and may we then spend another day in harmony, friendship and festivity, as we have spent this day!"

The *Intelligencer* and *Weekly Advertiser* of Tuesday, May 15th, 1804, stated: "The company then separated, in perfect good will to each other."

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## A Jackson Pole at Reamstown

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**I**N the autumn of 1828, Andrew Jackson, the hero of the battle of New Orleans, was elected President of the United States.

Hickory poles in his honor were erected in many places in Lancaster county. Mrs. Anne Royall, America's pioneer woman journalist and at that time doubtless one of the most widely known women in the country, was in Lancaster city during Jackson's political campaign. She wrote:

"As I drove into the principal street I was not a little amused at a large body of men singing Jackson's March, and dragging a great hickory tree, large enough for a mast for a 74 gun frigate. I waved my handkerchief to a uniform company, and was cheered down the street to the tavern. In the evening several called to see me and learn who I was. We passed several of these trees on the way, with green boughs on the top." <sup>1</sup>

In Reamstown, Lancaster county, Pa., on the day following Christmas, an unusually fine hickory pole was erected. It was higher than any similar pole in this part of the state, if we are to believe a statement in the *Lancaster Intelligencer* of Tuesday, December 30th, 1828, which was as follows:

"The young men of Cocalico, for amusement, on the second day of Christmas, raised a splendid hickory pole in Reamstown, which exceeds in height any one we have yet heard of, being 135 feet above ground, and about seven feet set down in the earth. About eighty feet from the ground is a handsome eagle, which swings in a light iron frame, made to turn with the wind. About thirty feet higher up is a beautiful display of General Jackson and the British army at New Orleans. The young men of Reamstown are entitled to much credit for this evidence of mechanical genius. The soldiers are carved out of wood, and placed on a large wheel. General Jackson is on horseback, and, with his hickory boys, is

chasing the British army. This ingenious device is also moved with the wind. On the top of the pole is a bunch of laurel, emblematic of firmness. While this great pole was raising, an exceedingly fine band of music belonging to the village (and supposed by many to be the best in the county), was playing 'Jackson's March,' 'Hail to the Chief,' etc. The concourse of people was immense. After enjoying their jubilee in great harmony and good will, they parted without any circumstance having occurred to mar the pleasures of the day."

<sup>1</sup> "Old Lancaster: Tales and Traditions" page 166.