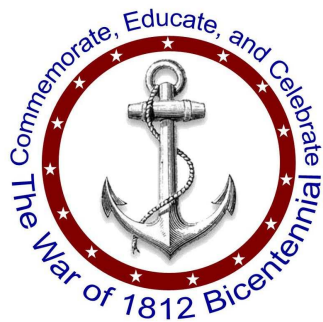
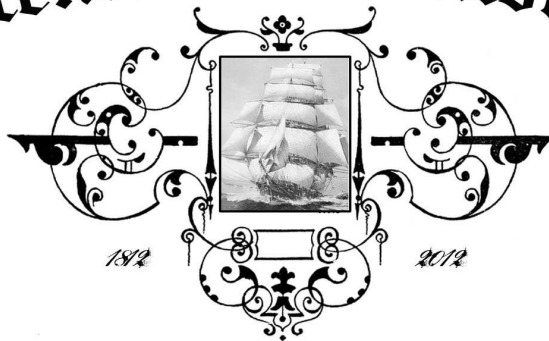


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Battle of Ogdensburg

February 22, 1813



CAPTION: 'A reenactment of the February 1812 Battle of Ogdensburg by the 7/60th (Royal American) Regiment Reenactment Group, 2010 (courtesy 7/60th Regiment Reenactment Group)', found at the Battle of Ogdensburg public internet site: <http://www.eighteentwelve.ca/>

BACKGROUND

When the War of 1812 broke out, a flourishing, illicit trade was soon established between Ogdensburg and Prescott, Upper Canada on the Northern side of the Saint Lawrence River. This was checked early in October 1812 when the Americans reinforced the militia with some of the regular 1st U.S. Rifle Regiment under Major Benjamin Forsyth.

The British made an abortive attack with their own militia on October 3, which was quickly repulsed by the American forces

in Ogdensburg, after which the militia dispersed. During the next few months, Forsyth's riflemen made several raids across the river, sniping at British troops and occasionally capturing boatloads of supplies on their way to Kingston, Ontario.

On February 21, 1813, Lieutenant General Sir George Prevost, the British Governor General of Canada, passed through Prescott on his way to review the situation in Upper Canada, accompanied by several detachments of reinforcements. He appointed Lieutenant Colonel "Red George" MacDonnell as commandant of British troops in Prescott and left him instructions that he was to attack Ogdensburg only if the Americans weakened their garrison.

MacDonnell had other ideas. With the extra troops temporarily available, he determined to seize the opportunity. He planned for a company of the Glengarry Light Infantry, 70 militia and some light guns mounted on sleighs to make a frontal attack on the fort which housed Forsyth's riflemen. The main column, consisting of 120 men of the 8th (King's), 30 of the Royal Newfoundland Fencibles and 230 of the local militia flank companies, would cross the river lower down and attack from the flank (Background information taken from the public internet site: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Ogdensburg).

BATTLE

At approximately 7:00 am on 22 February, Macdonell formed his men on the frozen river. The Americans took no action as the British regularly drilled on the ice. The attackers included 480 regulars and militia who were split into two columns, each supported by guns mounted on sleighs. The right column, under Captain John Jenkins of the Glengarry Light Infantry Fencibles, included a company of infantry and 70 militiamen. They were to move against the American left and cut off their retreat. The larger left column was under Macdonell and included 150 men from the 8th Foot, 30 from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and 230 militiamen. As Forsyth watched the British continue across the river, he realized that they were going to attack and readied his men.

The river was about one mile wide. The ice and snow impeded the advance of both columns. Once halfway across the river, both columns came under artillery fire. Jenkins' slow-moving column ran into heavy opposition at the old French fort. Jenkins was severely wounded and despite the efforts of Lt. James Macaulay to renew the advance, the column fell into disorder and withdrew. Macdonell's column faced less resistance and soon entered the town. Forsyth saw he was outnumbered and ordered his men to withdraw, eventually making their way to Sackets Harbor (Battle information taken from the public internet site: <http://www.eighteentwelve.ca/>).

2013 EVENTS

Battle of Ogdensburg
February 22 - 24, 2013
Raid of Ogdensburg, New York



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Fort La Présentation Association
PO Box 1749
Ogdensburg NY 13669

Other Events at Ogdensburg - 2013:

Primitive Biathlon,
March 2-3
War of 1812 Heritage Talks,
April 26-27
Founders Day Weekend,
July 20-21

Black Rock (New York, US) vs. Fort Erie
March 17 - 18, Artillery duel,
Upper Canada (Ontario, CAN)

Cross Border Observance
April 27, 2013
Anniversary of the Battle of York
(Toronto)

Oswego War of 1812 Symposium
Three days, April 5- 7
Oswego, NY (lectures, demonstrations, exhibits, battlefield tours & educational programming by local, state, and national historians focusing on the War of 1812, with emphasis on the Northern Frontier!
Held at New Convention Center,
26 E. First Street, Oswego, NY

**SIGNIFICANT 2013
EVENT
(COMING IN MAY)**



**Re-Dedication of the
Centennial Monument -
Sackets Harbor, NY**

Start & End Date: Wednesday
May 29, 2013
Location: Sackets Harbor
Battlefield State Historic Site
Price: Free Admission

Re-dedication of the
Centennial Monument and
'Field of Honor' display. Postal
envelope and stamp issue, 2nd
Battle of Sackets Harbor, 200th
Anniversary. **Attendance by
the United States Daughters of
1812, 4th Vice President
National, Jacque-Lynne
Schulman.**

More information
[www.sacketsharborbattlefield.org
schedule.htm](http://www.sacketsharborbattlefield.org/schedule.htm)

**SIGNIFICANT 2013
EVENT
(OUT OF STATE)**



**Battle of New Orleans
Chalmette, LA**

Start Date: January 11, 2013
End Date: January 12, 2013
Location: Chalmette
Battlefield, Jean Lafitte NHP &
Preserve
Price: Free Admission; \$5.00
for Friday evening tours

Return to 1815 with troops
and civilians in period dress,
cannon and musket firings,
military drills, American and
British camps, a "night before
the battle" tour by lantern
light, and a reenactment of the
night battle of December 23,
1814. Annual wreath-laying to
honor troops who fought at
the Battle of New Orleans on
Tuesday January 8.

All programs free except
evening lantern tours.
[www.nps.gov/jela/battle-of-
new-orleans-anniversary-
dates.htm](http://www.nps.gov/jela/battle-of-new-orleans-anniversary-dates.htm)

WANTED:

Your Articles & Photos

1812 DAUGHTERS: If you attend a
War of 1812 Special
Commemorative Event or Re-
enactment during the Bicentennial
Years [2012-2015], please send your
article and photos to
harborside@twcny.rr.com so we
may include the information in our
new "Bicentennial Informer".
Thank you in advance!

**QUIZ FUN:
War of 1812**

Visit [http://www.funtrivia.com/quizzes/
history/war_history/war_of_1812.html](http://www.funtrivia.com/quizzes/history/war_history/war_of_1812.html)
for historic facts.

New Website Highlights War of 1812 Artifacts
NEW YORK State Museum

The New York State Museum, Library and Archives hold a number of historic artifacts related to the War of 1812. Featured on the site are highlights of their collections. You can view all of the artifacts at this public link: <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/Warof1812/artifacts/index.html>.



King's Regiment 68th Plains, ca. 1817



Washington Cracker Mold, 1817
Cambridge, Massachusetts



American Furrier Canister, ca. 1815



Elk Whiskey Metal 1812 Station



68th Plains of the 180th Regiment of Foot



18th Century Saber

Battles of the War of 1812 [In 1813]



Canadian Voltiguers on the March (Parks Canada), image found on the following public internet website: <http://www.warof1812.ca/battles.htm>

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| 1/22/1813 | Battle of Frenchtown | Frenchtown, Michigan |
| 2/22/1813 | Battle of Ogdensburg | Ogdensburg, New York <i>see front page</i> |
| 4/28/1813 | Siege of Fort Meigs | Present-day Perrysburg, Ohio |
| 5/28/1813 | "The Second Battle" | Sackets Harbor, New York <i>summer 2013 event!</i> |
| 7/11/1813 | Raid on Black Rock | Black Rock, New York <i>summer 2013 event!</i> |
| 8/2/1813 | Battle of Fort Stephenson | Sandusky County, Ohio |
| 8/10/1813 | Battle of St. Michaels | St. Michaels, Maryland |
| 12/19/1813 | Capture of Fort Niagara | Fort Niagara, Niagara River, New York |
| 12/30/1813 | Battle of Buffalo | Black Rock, New York <i>winter 2013 event!</i> |

<http://www.theuswarof1812.org/battles.aspx>

**The Battle of Big Sandy
Creek**



**Watch the Video
and Read More**

Video Highlights Daughters of 1812 Plaque -

Mary Raye Casper writes, "I just found War of 1812 info on WCNY's site. Check out the video on Big Sandy Creek. You will see at least two of our Daughters of 1812 plaques!"
<http://www.wcny.org/warof1812>

Credits: This project was funded in part by a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities. WCNY appreciates the contributions of the historians and writers found on this War of 1812 website.

The War of 1812

Recent Events Commemorating the Bicentennial of the War of 1812

Both held on December 15, 2012



Pike's Cantonment Re-Enactment



CAPTION: The Battle of Plattsburgh Association, War of 1812 Museum, re-enact Pike's Cantonment, December 15, 2012, with a wreath laying at Old Post Cemetery (the resting place of 1812 unknown soldiers). Dr. Timothy Abel and Keith Herkalo spoke on the history of Pike's Cantonment and the current Archeological Dig. Photos are thanks to U.S.D. of 1812 Daughter, Sharon Bell. More informaton can be found at <http://www.battleofplattsburgh.org>.



Flames Through Lewiston



CAPTION: Reenactment of the exodus of the citizens of Lewiston, NY, held on December 15, 2012 (third and final re-enactment of) "Flames Through Lewiston" - British redcoats and natives burn Lewiston to the ground while local residents flee for their lives. When all seems lost, the Tuscarora Heroes come to the rescue and save dozens of Lewiston citizens. Thank you to U.S.D. of 1812 Daughters, Doreen Larson Cesari and Jan Johnpier, NYS President, for the above photos. Photo on bottom right located at this public internet site: <http://www.wnypapers.com/flames-through-lewiston-2012>.