

Stewart Countians and the War of 1812

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"The Battle of New Orleans "

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*In 1814 we took a little trip
Along with Colonel Jackson down the mighty Mississip,
We took a little bacon and we took a little beans
And we fought the bloody British in the town of New Orleans.*

*(chorus) We fired our guns and the British kept a-coming
There wasn't nigh as many as there was a while ago
We fired once more and they begin a running,
On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico*

*We looked down the river and we saw the British come
And there musta been a hundred of 'em beatin on the drum
They stepped so high and they made their bugles ring
We stood behind our cotton bales and didn't say a thing.
(chorus)*

*Ole Hickory said we could take 'em by surprise
If we didn't fire our muskets 'till we look 'em in the eyes.
We held our fire 'til we seen their faces well
Then we opened up our squirrel guns and really gave 'em, Well..*

[chorus]

*They ran through the briars and they ran through the brambles
And they ran through the bushes where the rabbits couldn't go.
They ran so fast that the hounds couldn't catch 'em
On down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico.*

[chorus]

*We fired our canons 'til the barrel melted down
Then we grabbed an alligator and we fought another round.
We stuffed his head with cannon balls and powdered his behind,
And when we shot the fire off the gator lost his mind.*

[chorus]

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Quite a few people were settled in the area by the War of 1812, making a militia organization for protection of