One hundred and forty-six years ago, on January 8, 1815, the last major land battle between forces of the United States and Great Britain was fought at Chalmette, near New Orleans. The bloody battlefield where Andrew Jackson’s sharp-shooting Kentucky and Tennessee riflemen teamed up with Jean Lafitte’s buccaneers and a handful of citizens to defeat a crack British force is today a quiet, tree-shaded national park, comprising 66 acres.

Erection of the 100-foot memorial monument pictured on our cover was begun by the State of Louisiana in 1855. In 1907 the State transferred the monument and grounds to the Federal Government, which completed the shaft the following year.

Chalmette National Monument