

## **Inventory Latour Maps – War of 1812**

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Under orders from General James Wilkinson, Major Arsene Lacarrie Latour and Barthélémy Lafon joined forces in 1810 to prepare maps of the Gulf Coast and southern Louisiana. During the War of 1812, as the British approached New Orleans, Latour – Principal Engineer in the Late Seventh Military District United States Army – prepared maps of various areas including Fort Bowyer in Baldwin County. Following the American victory at the Battle of New Orleans, Latour compiled and published his *Historical Memoir of the War in West Florida and Louisiana* (1816), which included eight folded maps. These include:

Plate II. A General Map of the seat of War in Louisiana and West Florida showing all the fortified points and encampments of both the American and British Armies, also the march of General Jackson's army on his expedition against Pensacola.

Plate III. Plan showing the Attack made by a British squadron on Fort Bowyer at Mobile Point on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 1815. [*Note:* The year should be 1814. It was incorrectly inscribed on the map.]

Plate IV. Plan of the Attack made by the British barges on Five American gunboats on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1814.

Plate V. Map showing the landing of the British army, its several encampments and fortifications on the Mississippi, and the Works they erected on their Retreat, also the different posts. Encampments and Fortifications made by the several Corps of the American army during the whole Campaign.

Plate VI. Plan of the Attack made by Gen. Andrew Jackson on a Division of the British Army commanded by Major Gen. J. Keane on the 23d December, 1814, at 7 o'clock at night.

Plate VII. Plan of the Attack and Defence of the American lines below New Orleans, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, 1815.

Plate VIII. Plan of Fort St. Philip at Plaquemines, showing the position of the British vessels when Bombarding the Fort.

Plate IX. Map of Mobile Point and part of the Bay, and of Dauphine Island; showing the position of the British land and naval forces investing Fort Bowyer, the Batteries erected and the Trenches opened when the summons was made to the Garrison.