



## QUICK FACT FRIDAY



### ***War of 1812 Encampment***

Today's *Quick Fact Friday* continues May's theme of "Military Presence in Mount Pleasant", showcasing historic sites and places from the 1700s to the 1900s. This week's *Quick Fact Friday* highlights Mount Pleasant's War of 1812 encampment and the potential mass burial plot for young South Carolina soldiers.

Today, a marker stands on Carr Street outside the town's Confederate Cemetery (Stop #14 on the Old Village Tour) commemorating the encampment of one of the first units to be mustered into service after the United States declared war against Great Britain in the War of 1812: the Third Regiment of South Carolina Militia. The regiment was stationed at Mount Pleasant's Haddrell's Point, a fortification along the east side of Pitt Street that stretched from Shem Creek to Cove Inlet. Other local fortifications constructed for the War of 1812 include Fort Sumter.

The soldiers of the Third Regiment, however, were believed to have died from disease while stationed at Haddrell's Point and buried in a mass burial plot at the corner of Pitt and King Streets near the fortification. A monument was erected at the intersection but was later relocated to inside the Confederate Cemetery for protection just prior to the Civil War. Still extant, the monument reads: "On the 18th, June 1812 the United States of America declared war against Great Britain. At the first Sound of Trumpet, the Patriot Soldiers who sleep beneath this monument flew to the Standard of Liberty. Here they fell beneath the scythe of Death. The sympathies of the Brave, the tear of the Stranger, and the Slow Dirges of the Camp attended them to the tomb."

For more information: [Historic Markers in Mount Pleasant \(#11\)](#), [Historic Markers Map \(#11\)](#), [mountpleasanthistorical.org](http://mountpleasanthistorical.org), [Old Village Tour \(Stop #14\)](#) and [Town of Mount Pleasant website - Timeline \(1812\)](#).

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