Geography

Captain André Cailloux died at Port Hudson, Louisiana, and was buried in New Orleans in 1863. A correspondent described civic societies lining Esplanade Street for more than a mile. The two locations and the street tell this story at different map scales.

Read the 1863 newspaper account

Materials Use a Louisiana map showing the Mississippi River, Port Hudson, and New Orleans, and a street map of New Orleans showing Esplanade Avenue. Both need a scale bar. Search those place names in the map below and zoom as needed.

Open a map of Louisiana

Map it On the state map, label both places and trace the river between them. Which is farther upriver? On the city map, trace one mile along Esplanade Avenue, using the scale bar. Explain which map you would choose to show the funeral crowd and why.