## The Great Louisiana Hurricane of 1812 - Aug. 19 **New Orleans** A hurricane struck just to the W of here. Winds out of the NE at 1700 on the 19th. Winds increased to hurricane force by 2300. Strom began to abate at 1430 the next day. Nearly all of the buildings were damaged. As much as 15 feet of water inundated the area. 53 boats damaged. The levee was destroyed causing severe flooding to the southern parts of the city. Sugar crops devastated. 100 lives lost. Damage estimates were approximately \$6 million. This hurricane was moving at a fast pace at landfall, and was large in areal extent. It contained very destructive winds in the eastern sector. The center likely moved inland over Louisiana to the west of the Mississippi River.