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## **CENAC FAMILY, OYSTER INDUSTRY EXHIBIT AT LOUISIANA STATE ARCHIVES**

Secretary of State Tom Schedler invites the public to attend the opening of “The Celebrated Houma Oyster: The History of the Cenac Family and Early Oyster Industry in Southeast Louisiana” exhibit during a reception on Sunday, July 22 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Louisiana State Archives. The exhibit documents the oyster industry in Houma and Terrebonne Parish as well as the instrumental role the Cenac family played in its growth and development.

Dr. Christopher E. Cenac Sr., born and raised in Houma, developed an interest in his family’s history at a young age. He later began collecting documents and stories that traced the Cenac family to its origins in France. The display includes personal photographs and artifacts such as china oyster plates, crystal oyster goblets and silver oyster forks as well as memorabilia accumulated by Cenac during his research for the upcoming book “Eyes of an Eagle, Jean Pierre Cenac, Patriarch.”

“We are pleased to host an exhibit featuring a family with deep ties to our state,” Secretary Schedler said. “The Cenacs are an integral component in the history of both southeast Louisiana and the oyster industry.”

Admission to the Archives is free and the building is wheelchair accessible. The exhibit will be on display at the Archives through Friday, Aug. 24 during operating hours: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 225.922.1000 or visit [www.sos.la.gov/archives](http://www.sos.la.gov/archives).

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