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St. John the Baptist Parish

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Our subject came to America in 1846, and settled in St. John Baptist parish, La., in the same year. He was educated in Montauban, France, and completed the regular collegiate course, taking the course in the chemical sciences. He had a profound education, having discovered photography on copper. He was married in 1850 to Miss Amelie Becnel, who was born February 20, 1832, in St. John Baptist parish. She is a daughter of Ramire and Constance (Gaudet) Becnel, natives of Louisiana. She is the fourth in a family of five children, named as follows: Amedee, deceased; Theophile, deceased; Amelie, the wife of the subject of this notice; Aimee and Felix, the latter also being dead.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mialaret were born four children, namely: Hippolyte; Emma; Felix, deceased, and Prosper, married to Miss Julia Martin. Mr. Mialaret was killed in a cyclone November 22, 1884, at his home. His house, all the buildings and fences were blown down and his wife somewhat injured.

He spent two years of his life in St. Louis, Mo., as a photographer, and after his removal to Louisiana he followed the same business for some time. He was well versed in this art, having been considerable of a scientist. He was also a teacher for a number of years. He also owned a good plantation, on which he raised rice, cane and corn. This fine plantation is situated on the west bank of the Mississippi river, and is now overseen by his widow, who lives there with two of her children. Her daughter, Emma, is married, being the wife of P. A. Becnel. They live on a farm in St. John Baptist parish, and have a family of four children--three boys and one girl. Mrs. Mialaret and all of her family are members of the Catholic church. She has lived on the same plantation ever since her marriage in 1850.

Mr. Mialaret was very favorably known in St. John Baptist parish as an honest, well-to-do citizen, and well deserved the respect with which he was always regarded. His character was stainless and his gentle influence, was widely felt.

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