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Louisiana Day, August 10, 1893

at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago

With music, military display, dedicatory ceremonies, and a social gathering, the people of Louisiana filled their day. Governor Murphy J. Foster and staff were present, and the attendance of several companies of Louisiana militia added to the brilliance of the occasion.



Original 1893 halftone print of the Louisiana State Building at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.



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The order of the day began with a Creole concert at noon, given by artists from New Orleans, at the Woman's Building. At 3 pm., Governor Foster arrived at the Louisiana Building, and the dedicatory ceremony took place. The exercises opened with the welcoming address by Captain Thomas J. Woodward, of New Orleans. John C. Wickliffe presented the building and its contents to the Governor, who, being temporarily indisposed, called on Colonel F. C. Zacharie for a response.

Colonel Zacharie reviewed the resources and history of the State, from the date of the "Louisiana purchase" (1803) down to the present time, showing the great improvement that has been made since the civil war. Other addresses, interspersed with music, filled out the program, after which a reception was held.