Dedication Held at Centenary

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SHREVEPORT, La. — An official State of Louisiana historical marker designating Centenary College as the oldest privately owned liberal arts college west of the Mississippi River, was dedicated on the Centenary campus Sunday.

The marker was erected near the Atkins entrance to the college and was formally accepted from the North Louisiana Historical Association at the ceremony.

The marker was proposed by the association four years ago by Mrs. D. H. Perkins, and was recently approved by the Louisiana Tourist Development Commission, and the State Highway Department.

The inscription on the marker, written by Dr. Walter Lowrey, professor of history at Centenary, reads, "Centenary College of Louisiana. Founded 1825 at Jackson, La., by the State of Louisiana, the college was transferred to the Methodist Church in 1845. Relocated at Shreveport in 1908, Centenary is the oldest privately operated liberal arts college west of the Mississippi."