The Old State Capitol, on the corner of North Plvd. and St. Philip Street, is one of the most interesting buildings in Baton Rouge, both from the architectural and historical viewpoints.

The building, which was planned by James Harrison Dakin, was started in 1847 and completed in December 1849 at a cost of $396,000. It was outfitted with furnishings, shipped from Europe to the Emperor Maximilian of Mexico, but which had arrived after that unhappy ruler's death.

From 1850 to 1862, when Baton Rouge was captured by the Federal troops, the building housed the La. State Government. Following the Federal occupation, it was used for several months as a military prison, but later a garrison for the negro troops. In the month of December, 1862, a fire almost destroyed the entire building. Only the walls remained standing. It was not until 1882, that the building was reconstructed and another story was added. Again it served as the State Capitol until the completion of the present Capitol in 1932.
The building was rehabilitated in 1946-47 and dedicated as a memorial to the Veterans of World War II, who made the supreme sacrifice, on November 11, 1947 by Governor Jimmie Davis and the Board of Commissioners: L. P. Baham, Chairman, F. S. Craig, Vice-Chairman, L. P. Murphy, Secretary, N. P. Evans, and T. M. Inge.

The pink marble monument located on the North side of the building was dedicated in memory of Henry Watkins Allen, Brig. General in the Confederate Army and the last Governor of Louisiana under the Old Regime. Also located on the North side of the building, at the corner of St. Philip Street and North Blvd., is the Louisiana Box Car of "The Marci Train" from France expressing the gratitude of the people of that nation in appreciation of the generosity of the American people. It was presented to Governor Earl K. Long by Consul General Lionel Vasse on February 22, 1949. The dedication was made on these grounds by Drew Pearson on June 12, 1949. The erection of this monument was made by the Old State Capitol Memorial Commission.

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