Author Writes About The Men Of Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — There is a definite difference between north Louisiana men and south Louisiana men, according to a Louisiana woman who has interviewed enough of them to know.

“All Louisiana men take themselves seriously,” said Patsy Kelley Powell, “but the men in south Louisiana do know where to draw the line and know when not to take themselves too seriously. North Louisiana men are more intense.”

Mrs. Powell is the author of “It’s Official: Louisiana Men Are Dinamight,” published recently by Elm Publications in Knoxville, Tenn.

After spending much of her life juggling a home with overlapping careers that included eight years as a building contractor, and jobs as an English teacher at the high school and college levels, she decided to write the book.

“My life had been spent cheering my own men on,” she said. “I’ve lived in a role of constantly giving to them, to my students, to my friends, and, in January 1982, I decided to do something I wanted to do, just for me — write this book — and I did.”

She interviewed hundreds of men, she said, before choosing 250 for the book.

She began the interviews on Jan. 7, 1982, and finished the book exactly two years later — after covering 25,000 miles in the state.

She is highly complimentary of the men in her book. She singles out Grambling State University’s head football coach, Eddie Robinson as “a magic person, a masterful person.”