

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

FOUNDED 1874



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, RICHMOND, KENTUCKY, WAS THE PRODUCT OF THE CIVIL WAR AND THE SUBSEQUENT CONFLICTS; SPECIFICALLY, IT CAME OUT OF A SCHISM IN THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD OF KENTUCKY. WHATEVER THE DEPTH OF THOSE DIFFERENCES, CHANCELLOR ROBERT L. BRECK LAUNCHED THE INSTITUTION ON NOBLE, NON-SECTARIAN PRINCIPLES WITH THIS EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGE:

"WE FLING TO THE BREEZE OUR BANNER BEARING THE WORDS WE HAVE PUT ON THE TABLE IN FRONT OF THIS EDIFICE. HEM RES—CRUX LUX, WE HAVE NO SECTARIAN OR PARTISAN ENDS TO ACCOMPLISH HERE. THESE ARE OUR ONLY DISTINCTIVE PRINCIPLES: THE LAW IS OUR KING, THE CROSS IS OUR LIGHT."

THE INSTITUTION WAS IN CONTINUOUS OPERATION FROM 1874 TO 1901. ITS TWO OUTSTANDING LEADERS WERE CHANCELLOR ROBERT L. BRECK, D. D. (1874 - 1880), AND CHANCELLOR LINDSAY H. BLANTON, D. D. (1880 - 1901). THE COLLEGE OF PHILOSOPHY, LETTERS AND SCIENCE, AND THE COLLEGE OF LAW WERE LOCATED HERE. THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE (1874) AND THE COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY (1886) WERE ESTABLISHED IN LOUISVILLE. THERE WERE ALSO FOUR COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOLS: ONE HERE, WHICH BEGAN SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE UNIVERSITY (1874); THE JACKSON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, BREATHTOWN, COUNTY (1890); THE HARDIN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, ELIZABETHTOWN (1892); AND THE MIDDLESBORO UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL (1896).

BY THE TIME OF ITS MERGER WITH CENTRE COLLEGE IN 1901, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY HAD EXPANDED ITS PHYSICAL PLANT FROM THE NUCLEUS OF THE UNIVERSITY BUILDING TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURES: MEMORIAL HALL, A DORMITORY ORIGINALLY LOCATED ON THE PRESENT SITES OF MILLER, BECKHAM, AND McCREARY HALLS; A MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING, EVENTUALLY KNOWN AS THE OLD INDUSTRIAL ARTS BUILDING, LOCATED ON THE SITE OF THE KEEN JOHNSON STUDENT UNION BUILDING; A GYMNASIUM, WHICH ONCE STOOD ON THE SITE OF THE CRABBE LIBRARY; FOUR BRICK COTTAGES KNOWN AS FACULTY ROW, ORIGINALLY LOCATED ALONG THE EASTERN SIDE OF UNIVERSITY DRIVE BETWEEN THE SITES OF BURNAM HALL AND TURLEY HOUSE, AND BLANTON HOUSE, THE ORIGINAL HOME OF CHANCELLOR BLANTON, WHICH STILL STANDS, AND IS THE RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF EASTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE.

WALTERS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE (1901 - 1906), NAMED IN HONOR OF SINGLETON P. WALTERS, TRUSTEE AND ENDOWER OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, PRECEDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EASTERN KENTUCKY STATE NORMAL SCHOOL IN RICHMOND ON MARCH 21, 1906. WALTERS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE WAS ESTABLISHED AS A CONTINUATION OF THE PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, AND THE MODEL SCHOOL OF EASTERN KENTUCKY STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, IN TURN, WAS A SPIRITUAL CONTINUATION OF WALTERS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE. IN FACT AS WELL AS IN SPIRIT, THEN, HIGHER EDUCATION IN VARIOUS FORMS HAS EXISTED ON THE CAMPUS OF EASTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE SINCE 1874. EASTERN TODAY, WITH FILIAL DEVOTION AND GRATITUDE, RECOGNIZES ITS OWN GENESIS IN THIS EDIFICE BEFORE YOU, AND IN THE ENDURING ACADEMIC HERITAGE OF OLD CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.



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STATE: Kentucky CODE 21 COUNTY: Madison

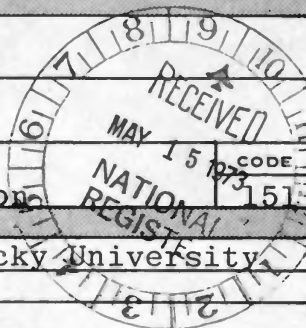
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Marker telling the history of Central University. Located a few feet outside of the northwest door of Old Central University Building

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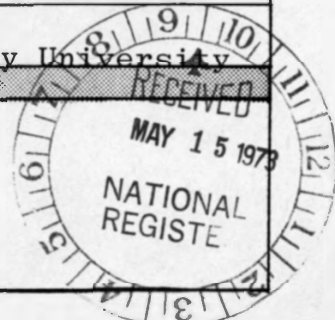
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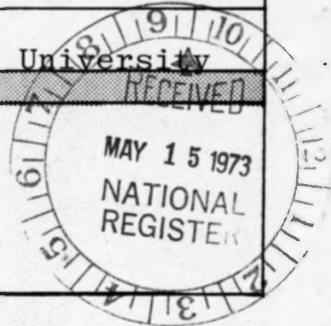
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Front and side view, looking South.





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