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Marengo will dedicate state historical marker

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for April 29, 2006. The state historical marker honoring Marengo Academy will be dedicated at 1:00 pm EDT, at the former site of the private school, on Meridian Road, Marengo, Indiana.

The text follows for the state marker entitled "Marengo Academy":

John M. Johnson opened a private school in Marengo 1869 with 60 students. He designed a course of study to provide an opportunity for students to move beyond common school (elementary) education. In 1874, Johnson renamed it Marengo Academy in a new building located here. School open to all students, male and female, regardless of ability to pay. Courses included algebra, geometry, surveying, German, Latin, Greek. Johnson retired from teaching 1902. By 1910, Marengo Academy building had been torn down. Johnson died 1918. Academy was one of many private institutions that provided expanded educational opportunities for Indiana students before public secondary education was widely available.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication recognizing an important 19th Century educational institution.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience.

For more than 80 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are more than 470 of these markers across the state.

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