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**M-303 MERLIN W. MERRILL, LOUISIANA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE,
PRESIDENT E.S. RICHARDSON'S MORTARBOARD, [1936-1941]**

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

After his death, E. S. Richardson's daughter gave his mortarboard and commencement gown to Rev. Merrill, then pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston. Rev. Merrill wore the gown when he preached on Sundays until it became threadbare. He wore the mortarboard to receive his Ph.D. and in ceremonies at Centenary College, where he serves on the board of trustees.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Mortarboard belonging to Louisiana Polytechnic Institute President E.S. Richardson. 1 item.

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001		Mortarboard belonging to L.P.I. President E.S. Richardson. [1936-1941].