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Relationship to nominated individual:

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Nominated Individual's year of birth:

3-25-1899

Nominated Individual's year of death:

11-9-1966

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Brady Preston Gentry was born on March 25, 1896 on his family's farm near Colfax in Van Zandt County, Texas. He was educated at East Texas State College, Tyler Commercial College and Cumberland University Law School in Tennessee. After receiving his law license he set up practice in Tyler with a fellow classmate from Cumberland, Gallaway Calhoun.

In 1917, he entered military service in Europe and rose to the rank of Captain. After WWI he returned to Tyler and was Smith County Attorney from 1921-1924 and was Smith County Judge from 1931-1939. From 1939-1945 he was Chairman of the Texas Highway Commission where he was instrumental in developing the state's farm to market road system . He became an authority in highway development and policy, and served as president of the American Association of State Highway Officials in 1943. He served from 1953-1957 as a U.S. Congressman for the Third Congressional District. As a member of the House Committee on Highways and Roads, he helped design regulations creating our national system of interstate highways. He chose not to run for office again after serving two terms.

In the 1930's, Mr. Gentry became interested in Tyler Junior College athletics. During Coach Floyd Wagstaff's successful tenure as coach at TJC, Gentry was Wagstaff's most active recruiter and fundraiser, often contributing his own money to create scholarships for student athletes. He created the Brady P. Gentry Trust in his will to continue to support the college after his death in 1966. In 1995 Gentry was included in the first class of inductees in Tyler Junior College's Sports Circle of Honor. One of the gyms at TJC is named after Mr. Gentry.

Mr. Gentry also provided in his will for the establishment of the Brady P. Gentry Endowed Scholarship Fund at Southern Methodist University for qualified students from eight East Texas counties, including Smith County. The fund contributed approximately \$5 million to the university.

Brady never married. After leaving congress he practiced law until his death on November 9, 1966 at age 70. He is buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler.

In 1967, a Texas State Historical Marker honoring Brady Gentry was installed at a westbound rest area near the intersection of I-20 and FM 16.

**RECCOMENDED MARKER CAPTION**

Brady P. Gentry

3-25-1896 to 11-9-1966

- Texas Highway Commission Chair
  - U.S. Congressman
- Instrumental in Development of Texas Farm Roads and Interstate Highway System
- Major Benefactor to Tyler Junior College

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## Brady Preston Gentry

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Birth: Mar. 25, 1896  
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US Congressman. He was born in Colfax, Texas, attended Tyler Commercial College, East Texas State University and Tennessee's Cumberland University Law School, afterwards beginning a law practice in Tyler. Gentry enlisted in the Army for World War I, served as an Infantryman in Europe and attained the rank of Captain. After the war he worked for the tax collectors of Van Zandt County and the City of Tyler. From 1921 to 1924 he was Smith County Attorney, and he was County Judge from 1931 to 1939. Gentry was Chairman of the Texas State Highway Commission from 1939 to 1945. In 1952 he was elected to the US House of Representatives as a Democrat and served two terms, 1953 to 1957. He did not run for reelection in 1956, afterwards practicing law until his death in Houston. A lifelong bachelor, Gentry was active in education as a supporter and benefactor of Southern Methodist University and Tyler Junior College. The trust established by his will made regular donations after his death, and its 2006 termination resulted in a final bequest of \$2.5 million to SMU's Brady P. Gentry Scholarship Fund, bringing its endowment to over \$5 million. (bio by: [Bill McKern](#))



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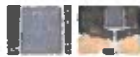
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# Brady P. Gentry

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**Brady Preston Gentry** (March 25, 1896 - November 9, 1966) was a U.S. Representative from Texas.

Born in Colfax, Texas, Gentry attended the public schools and East Texas State College, Commerce, Texas. He graduated from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee. He studied law. He was admitted to the bar and began practice in Tyler, Texas. Enlisted in the United States Army in 1918. He served in Europe and rose to the rank of captain of Infantry. County attorney of Smith County 1921-1924. County judge of Smith County 1931-1939. He served as chairman of the Texas State Highway Commission 1939-1945.

Gentry was elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth Congresses (January 3, 1953-January 3, 1957). He was not a candidate for renomination in 1956 to the Eighty-fifth Congress. He resumed the practice of law. He died in Houston, Texas, November 9, 1966. He was interred in Rose Hill Cemetery, Tyler, Texas.

## Source

- Brady P. Gentry at the *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*

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# Farm to Market Road 1

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**Farm to Market Road 1**, or **FM 1**, is a farm-to-market road, a state maintained road which serves to connect rural and agricultural areas to market towns, in the U.S. state of Texas. The road was the first farm-to-market road to be designated in Texas at the request of local industry for a paved road. The 18.6-mile (29.9 km) road provides access to rural areas of East Texas from U.S. Highway 96.

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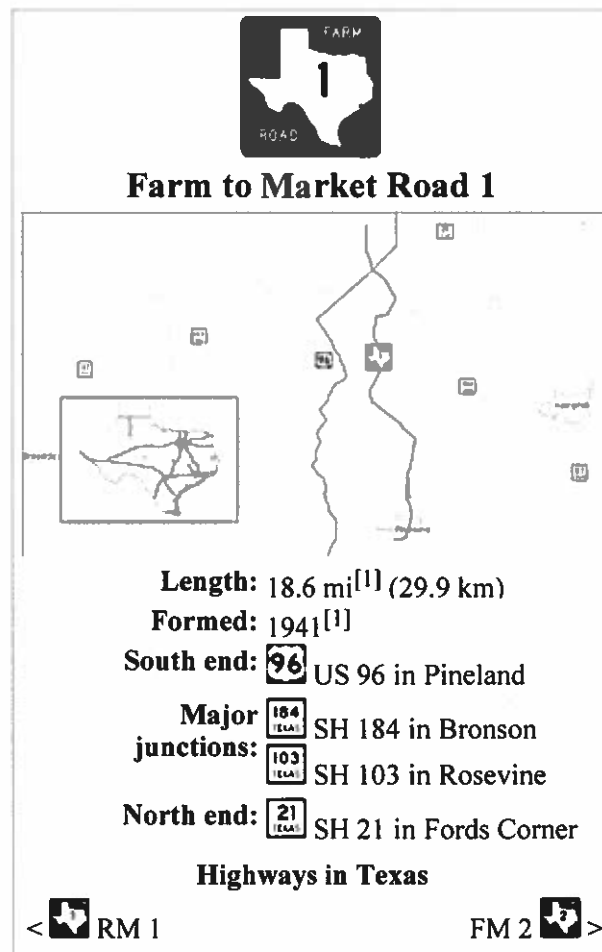
## History

The road was designated on April 23, 1941, the first Farm to Market Road to be designated in Texas. It was designated shortly after it was upgraded from a dirt road to a paved road at the request of The Temple Lumber Company and two gas companies.<sup>[2]</sup> It wasn't until eight years later that legislation to establish the farm-to-market road system was passed.<sup>[2]</sup> FM 1 originally ran from Pineland northward to Magasco from its inception in 1941 until 1954 when FM 1776 was cancelled and combined with FM 1.<sup>[1]</sup> Throughout its history the road has predominantly served the logging industry.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Route description











FM 1 begins in southwestern Sabine County near Pineland at a junction with U.S. Highway 96.<sup>[1]</sup> In Pineland, FM 1 is known as Temple Avenue and travels eastward and then northward through the town. North of Pineland, the road's name changes to Magasco Drive as it travels northward to the town of Magasco. Just south of Magasco, FM 1 has a short spur that travels on the west side of the BNSF Railway tracks as the main road crosses the tracks and parallels the spur to the east of the tracks.<sup>[3]</sup>

FM 1 continues northward through Sabine County then turns to a more northwesterly route after its junction with FM 2024. FM 1 is known as North Temple Road as it enters the town of Bronson. A short break occurs in the road as it intersects SH 184 in Bronson. FM 1 begins again at a point farther north on SH 184 and heads north as Bronson Road.<sup>[3]</sup>



FM 1 heads north from Bronson until it intersects with SH 103 west of Rosevine. At this point another break in the road occurs. FM 1 begins again at a point farther east along SH 103. The road heads to the northeast and is known as Rosevine Road. The road changes course to the north-northwest after a junction with FM 1592. FM 1 leaves Sabine County northwest of Rosevine. Only a couple of miles of FM 1 exist in San Augustine County. The road enters the northeastern portion of the county heading north until it terminates at State Highway 21 at Fords Corner.<sup>[1][3]</sup>

## Junction List

County	Location	Mile <sup>[3]</sup>	Destinations	Notes	
Sabine	Pineland	0.0	 US 96		
		0.7	 FM 2426		
		1.1	 FM 83		
		5.8	 FM 2024		
	Bronson	8.8	 SH 184	SH 184 continues to the west and north	
		<b>Break in route at SH 184<sup>[1]</sup></b>			
		8.8	 SH 184	FM 1 continues to the north SH 184 continues to the east	
		13.4	 SH 103 / FM 3229	SH 103 continues to the east and west FM 3229 continues to the north	
		<b>Break in route at SH 103<sup>[1]</sup></b>			
		13.4	 SH 103	FM 1 continues to the north-northeast SH 103 continues to the east-northeast	
Rosevine	14.4	 FM 1592			
San Augustine		18.6	 SH 21		

## External links

- Photos of FM 1

## References

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## Circle of Honor Inductees

(Induction Year in Parenthesis)

### Legends

Floyd Wagstaff, football and basketball coach and athletic director, 1946-84 ('95)

Brady P. Gentry, special contributor, 1930-66 ('95)

### Coaches

Herbert Richardson, basketball player, 1948-49 and coach, 1957-62 & 1976-83 ('95)

Robert Cox, tennis player, 1974-76, and coach, 1984-87 ('06)

Charlie McGinty, football player, 1949-51, and coach, 1978-90 ('97)

Billy Jack Doggett, basketball player, 1953-55, and athletic director, 1988-2000 ('08)

James "Babe" Hallmark, head football coach, 1950-68 ('98)

Lee Ann Riley, basketball player, 1980-82, and coach, 1994-2000 ('09)

Fred Kniffen, tennis coach, 1974-84 ('01)

Wayne Hill, football player, 1954-55, coach 1969-78 ('12)

Roy Thomas, basketball player, 1969-71, and coach, 1984-94 ('03)

Delton Wright, football coach 1981-95 ('13)

### Men's Basketball

Harry Bostic, 1966-67 ('95)

Milton Williams, 1954-56 ('00)

David Rodriguez, 1947-49 ('09)

O'Neal Weaver, 1950-51 ('95)

Johnny Johnston, 1956-58 ('01)

Jack Sweeny, 1965-67 ('09)

James "Poo" Welch, 1968-69 ('95)

Jesse Marshall, 1966-68 ('01)

Acker Hanks, 1946-48 ('11)

Russell Boone, 1954-56 ('97)

Kelly Chapman, 1955-57 ('02)

Burl Plunkett, 1951-53 ('11)

V.C. "Buck" Overall, 1940-42 ('97)

Robert Pack, 1987-89 ('03)

Tommy Sawyer, 1952-54 ('11)

Jose Palafox, 1948-49 ('97)

Bryan Miller, 1948-49 and 1953-54 ('06)

Jimmy Edelen, 1952-54 ('12)

Van Samford, 1937-39 ('97)

Ardie D. Dixon, 1959-60 ('08)

Vern Lewis, 1964-66 ('12)

Foster Bullock, 1940-42 ('98)

C.L. Nix, 1952-54 ('08)

Terry Stillabower, 1964-66 ('13)

### Women's Basketball

Bonnie Buchanan Gray, 1978-79 ('95)

Scotti Wood, 1981-83 ('09)

Janice Mulford, 1977-79 ('97)

Rosalyn Aldridge Smart, 1979-81 ('11)

Jana Crosby Russell, 1986-88 ('05)

Charlotte Reescano, 1982-84 ('12)

Evelyn Joe Troell Newman, 1975-77 ('08)

### Football

Jimmy Dickey, 1952-53 ('95)

Dwain Bean, 1960-61 ('98)

Lloyd L. Pate, 1958-59 ('08)

Bill "Tiger" Johnson, 1947 ('95)

Lawrence Strickland, 1950-52 ('98)

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### *Sports Circle of Honor*

In 1995, the College established the Sports Circle of Honor to recognize outstanding achievements in athletics, personal, and civic life by former TJC students, coaches and supporters. Legendary coach and athletic director Floyd Wagstaff was the charter inductee in January 1995 and the first class of inductees was recognized in the fall of 1995.



#### *FLOYD WAGSTAFF*

Few people have had a greater impact on the lives of student-athletes than Floyd Solomon Wagstaff, who served as Tyler Junior College coach of men's basketball and football and athletic director, 1946–1975.

Wagstaff's career accomplishments include two national junior college championships, induction into the Texas Sportswriters, the National Junior College Athletic Association and Naismith Memorial basketball halls of fame and 743 wins. He also played a major role in the establishment of the NJCAA, the first junior college athletic association.

To his players, "Wag," as he is affectionately called, was more than a coach—he was their mentor, a disciplinarian who would do anything to see to it that his players were treated fairly.

"Wag wanted you to think he was tough, and he'd chew you out if you got out of line, but he had a lot of compassion and concern," recalled Russell Boone, a former player and a 1997 Sports Circle of Honor inductee.

Wag joined Tyler Junior College in 1946. His teams won national junior college championships twice, in 1949 and 1951, and finished one win short in 1960 and in 1961. His teams won the conference 10 times and tied for the conference championship four more times. They played in the National Junior College Tournament in Hutchinson, KS, 11 times.

So impressive were his accomplishments at TJC that the gymnasium was named in his honor. Wagstaff was also the College's first football coach and the school's first athletic director. His football teams won 130 games and lost 36. Twice they played in the Little Rose Bowl.

Wagstaff remains one of the winningest coaches in the history of junior college athletics, and is the only junior college coach ever to be inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

He was named Coach of the Year by Texas sportswriters in 1949, 1953, and 1960 and shared the honor in 1971.

Wag retired from the College in 1984, but remained an asset to junior college athletics, academic excellence and Tyler Junior

College until his death in February 2000.

In 1993, the Nell and Floyd Wagstaff Endowed Athletic Scholarship fund was established with the Tyler Junior College Foundation, a fund which represents potential scholarships for deserving student athletes.

Fittingly, Wag was the first inductee to the Tyler Junior College Sports Circle of Honor in 1995.

### *BRADY P. GENTRY*



The late Brady Preston Gentry was born in Colfax, Van Zandt County on March 25, 1894. His father, Benjamin, was a farmer and good business man who planned his children's work duties each day, making young Brady no stranger to hard work. The family was generous with what they had, since it was well known, no indigent person was ever turned away from their home hungry. These examples of hard work and generosity molded Gentry's future.

Mr. Gentry attended the rural school at Colfax and attended Wills Point High School where he boarded with a cousin. During these years he developed his skills as a baseball player and his interest in sports continued throughout his life. His mother, Virginia, saw the potential young Brady had for learning and convinced her husband that he should attend Mayo Normal School in Commerce, now known as East Texas State University. From there, he went to Cumberland University Law School at Lebanon, Tennessee.

A fellow classmate, Galloway Calhoun and Brady, established a successful and therefore prosperous law practice in Tyler. In 1917 he entered the military and rose to the rank of Captain. It was about this time, after World War I, that Gentry entered politics, being elected County Attorney of Smith County and later County Judge. He served on the Texas State Highway Commission as Chairman for the most important years of highway development in Texas. In 1952 he was elected to Congress for the 1953-54 term, and in 1956 Brady retired from Congress and returned home to his room in the Blackstone Hotel.

During the early 1930's, Mr. Gentry became very interested in TJC athletics, first luring Coach Bill Ward, along with most of his Whitehouse players, to the College. This recruitment launched the championship teams that were to follow. After World War II, Coach Floyd S. Wagstaff began a long and successful tenure as coach of both football and basketball at TJC. Mr. Gentry acted as Wagstaff's most active recruiter and was the fund raiser for the teams, managing to produce—much of it from his own pocket—what was needed to create scholarships for student athletes. Gentry passed away in 1966 but his generosity lives on through the Brady P. Gentry Trust, established by his will. Mr. Jack White, executor of the trust and nephew of Mr. Gentry, has carried on his benevolence to the College through the Gentry Trust and through the Whites' generous personal support. In private life, Congressman Gentry never married. However, the number of young men and women he helped to educate and give a start in life is untold and perhaps even unknown, except by those who were the beneficiaries of his benevolence.

## *2003 SPORTS CIRCLE OF HONOR INDUCTEES*

### *ROY THOMAS, Basketball, 1968-70*

Thomas, who was named to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, served as TJC's head coach of men's basketball from 1984- 1994

Jan. 11, 2007

## **\$2 MILLION BEQUEST SUPPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EAST TEXAS STUDENTS**

DALLAS (SMU) — A new bequest distribution of more than \$2 million to Southern Methodist University from the will of former U.S. Congressman and Judge Brady P. Gentry will double the size of a scholarship fund for students from several East Texas counties.

Gentry, who died in 1966, included in his will a trust that established the Brady P. Gentry Endowed Scholarship Fund at SMU, which provides scholarships for qualified students from Smith, Van Zandt, Gregg, Wood, Upshur, Camp, Panola, and Rusk counties, all in East Texas. Through the years, SMU has received grants from the trust worth more than \$2.5 million. In October 2006, the trust was terminated and the proceeds were distributed. At that time, the University received more than \$2 million for the Gentry Scholarship Fund, which now totals approximately \$5 million.

"We are deeply grateful for Brady Gentry's foresight and generosity in creating a trust in his will enabling future generations of East Texas students to benefit from an SMU education," said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "Planned giving through bequests, charitable trusts, gift annuities, and other vehicles allows individuals to leave a lasting legacy that benefits future generations."

Individuals who help to ensure SMU's future through planned gifts are members of the Dallas Hall Society, which has more than 450 current members. The organization, established in 1995, bears the name of SMU's first building. Dallas Hall was named in recognition of the local residents whose gifts brought the University to Dallas and funded the construction of its first building. Dallas Hall, which opened in 1915, remains the physical symbol of the University.

Gentry, who began his career as an attorney in Smith County of East Texas, became one of the nation's foremost authorities on highway development and administration. He served as county judge for four terms in the 1930s before being appointed in 1939 to chair the Texas Highway Commission. Serving in that role until 1945, he was instrumental in developing the state's farm road system. In 1952 Gentry was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, and as a member of the House Committee on Highways and Roads, played a major role in shaping the national system of interstate highways.

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*Tyler Commercial College* was one of the largest business training schools in the country in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The school's original location was the Texas Fruit Palace until a brick building was built at 115 S. College Ave. in 1904, right next to the newly constructed Carnegie Public Library.

TCC remained downtown until 1956, when the Rutherford Metropolitan School of Dallas bought it. The new owner, Tracy Rutherford, moved the college from its 1904-vintage building to a facility at 235 S. Broadway Ave. The old downtown building on College Avenue was razed in 1963 to make way for a drive-thru bank.

*Brady Preston Gentry* was born on March 25, 1896 on his family's farm near Colfax in Van Zandt County. Career highlights include serving as Smith County Attorney, Smith County Judge, chairman of the Texas Highway Commission, and U.S. Congressman for the Third Congressional District from 1953 to 1957.

In the 1930s, Gentry became interested in Tyler Junior College athletics. During Coach Floyd Wagstaff's successful tenure as basketball coach, Gentry served as an avid supporter of Tyler Junior College athletics.

After leaving Congress, he practiced law until his death on Nov. 9, 1966 at the age of 70. He is buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler.

*Hampson Boren Gary*, soldier, public servant, and diplomat, was born in Tyler on April 23, 1873. After graduation from the University of Virginia in 1894, he practiced law in Tyler. During the Spanish-American War, Gary was captain of Company K, Fourth Texas Volunteer Infantry Regiment. After the war, he served in the Texas National Guard as colonel of the Third Texas Infantry Regiment. Gary was a member of the Texas House of Representatives and the board of regents of the University of Texas.

In 1914, he was appointed special counsel to the State Department to assist in matters arising out of the war situation in Europe. A year later, he was appointed assistant solicitor for the State Department. By 1917 he was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson as diplomatic agent and consul general to Egypt in charge of American interests in Palestine, Syria and Arabia. Later, he was appointed minister to Switzerland by President Wilson. Gary attended the First Assembly of the League of Nations in Geneva as an observer for the United States.

He resigned from diplomatic service and practiced law in New York and Washington, D.C., from 1921 to 1934. He died in Palm Beach, Florida on April 18, 1952, and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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*in honor of*

*Tyler Commercial College  
Brady Preston Gentry  
Hampson Boren Gary*

*Thursday, May 30, 2013*

*Opening Remarks: Mayor Barbara Bass*

*Half Mile of History honoree histories by:*

*Historical Preservation Board Member Danny Noteware  
Historical Preservation Board Chair Mike Patterson  
Historical Preservation Board Member Brooke Droptini*

*Unveiling of Markers and Certificate Presentation*

*Responses*

*Special Announcements*

*Adjourn; reception following*



## *About the*

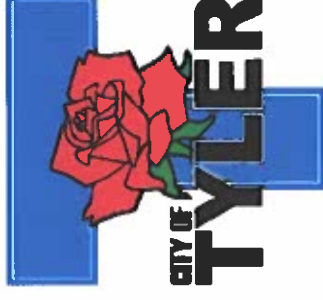
# *Half Mile of History*

The City of Tyler's historic preservation program, the Half Mile of History, resulted from a recommendation that came out of the Tyler 21 planning process. The fifth goal of the Historic Preservation Chapter is:

*"Promote and display diverse aspects of Tyler's history to enhance resident and visitor awareness of its importance."*

The goal of the Half Mile of History is to pay tribute to people, places and events that have contributed to the rich history of Tyler and Smith County.

The Half Mile of History is a permanent, outdoor, half-mile loop that surrounds the square in the heart of downtown Tyler. Stone plaques are placed in the sidewalk along the Half Mile of History to commemorate significant people, places or events.



*A Natural Beauty*

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