

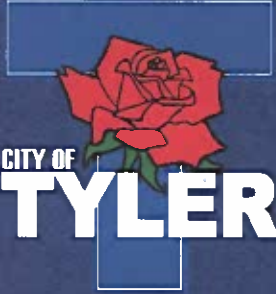
Reflections Reflections

In accordance with the Tyler 21, the City launched a three year program in 2009 to promote Tyler Historic Landmarks status and installation of historic markers and plaques at North End locations important to city history, including the history of the African-American community.

The Reflections Program encourages citizens or interested organizations to submit nominations for the designation in the North End as Tyler Historic Landmarks, Tyler Historic Subject Markers, or Half Mile of History.



To learn more about the Reflections Program and Historic Preservation visit our website at www.tylerpz.org!



CITY OF
TYLER

PRESENTS THE

**HENRY
MILLER
MORGAN**

**HISTORICAL
SUBJECT MARKER
UNVEILING**

**JULY 26, 2010
10:30 A.M.**

HENRY M. MORGAN PROGRAM

OPENING REMARKS

BARBARA HOLLY

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

COUNCILMAN MARTIN HEINES

PROCLAMATION

COUNCILMAN DONALD SANDERS

SUBJECT MARKER

DANNY NOTEWARE
TYLER HISTORICAL PRESERAVATION
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UNVEILING

CLOSING REMARKS

JOHNNY CRAWFORD

REFRESHMENTS

HENRY M. MORGAN BARBERS MUSEUM



HENRY M. MORGAN



August 25, 1895 - May 9, 1961

"A Legend Gone, but not Forgotten"

Henry M. Morgan was born in Smith County, Texas. Mr. Morgan furthered his education at East Texas Academy, later named Butler College. He received a LLB degree from Summerville Law College, Dallas, Texas, and also studied at Wiley College.

Mr. Morgan was actively and politically involved in various organizations including organizing the H. M. Morgan Lodge, serving as Exalted Ruler; President of the Tyler Chapter of the NAACP; Vice President of the 1936 Tyler Negro Chamber of Commerce, and elected chairman of East Texas District at the State Republican Convention, San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Morgan worked at Star Barber Shop as a barber and an entrepreneur in dry cleaning, construction and radio repair.

He was a member of St. Louis Baptist Church, trustee of Butler College, President of National and Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists, President of Tyler Democratic Progressive Voters League, and Vice-President of Texas Association of Barber Schools.



July 26, 2010

James Edward Smith

Trailblazer (trá'blá'zer) n. A pioneer in the field of Tonsorial blazing a trail for all Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists, Barbers and Cosmetologists.

**For your support in making the Fifth Annual
Henry M. Morgan Historical Marker Event
a success.**

**James Edward Smith
Historical Marker
Certificate**



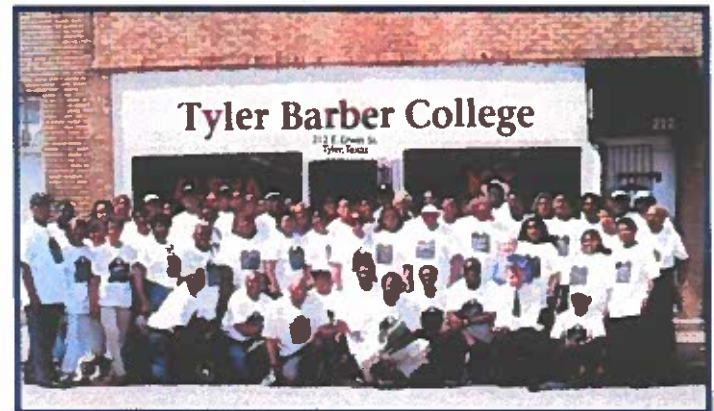
Acknowledgments

We thank God for this historical day in the life of the late Henry Miller Morgan. We admire his strength and courage in creating the Tyler Barber College to help better mankind. We also wish to thank the following people with their talents and efforts to make this dedication a reality: Johnny Crawford, Linda Adams, James E. Smith, Mary Joe McNamara, Pene Bridges, Texas Association of Tonsorial Memberships, Professional Barbers Stylists Inc. Membership, T.A.O.T.A. Charter Members, Geraldine Gilbert, Cables Graves, Vernor Kennedy, Maxine Mason, Jessie Mayes, George Walker, Harold White, Paul White, Sam Woods & Rufus Whitaker, T.A.O.T.A. Chapters; Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Longview, Lubbock, Odessa, Texas City, Tyler, Waco, Chapters of the T.A.O.T.A., The State of Texas Senate, The State of Texas House of Representatives, The City of Dallas, The City of Tyler, Tyler Chamber of Commerce, Bev Wright & Minnie Aldrige, Young Trailblazer, Platinum Sponsors, Gold Sponsors, Silver Sponsors, The Honorable Representative Dr. Jessie Jones, Dr. Ron Victor UT Southwest Medical School, Past President of T.A.O.T.A.; Charles Williams, George Walker, Thelma Walker, Johnny Crawford, James E. Smith, Doris Frazier is the First Black Appointed to the Texas State Board of Barbering, Mr. Glenn Parker with TSBBE, Pastor James E. Price, The Whole Staff of Smith County Historical Society, Earl Nicks, Clint Gibson, J.K. Kennedy, J. B. Derrick, Annie Kemp, Henry Bell, Shanika Adams, Dorothy Wanza, Willie Bailey, Tyler Metro, Texas Historical Commission Austin, Texas and especially the Tyler Chapter # 114 and the Newspapers, TV's Stations Citizens, Churches, Pastors, Ministers & Officials of Tyler, Shirley Crawford, Sherri Crawford, Lillie Mae Smith, Gwendolyn Elliby, George Smith, Jimmie Smith, Pastor RD Smith, Dr. Roscoe C. Smith, Charles English, Tyrus Smith and our family and friends throughout the United States. God Bless You!

smitty1@taotabarbers.com - email
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Texas State Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony



**Monday, July 25, 2005
10:30 am
212 E. Erwin Street
Tyler, Texas**



July 25, 2005
212 Erwin Street

Historical Landmark Legacy A Live

On August 25, 1895, Henry Miller Morgan was born in Tyler's St. Louis community to Henry and Alice Ingram Morgan. He attended school in the St. Louis community, completing his education at East Texas Academy, which later became Butler College. He is listed as a barber in Tyler's 1918 city directory. He and his wife, Mabel (McClellan), had two daughters and one son.

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Agenda

Welcome and Acknowledgments

James E. Smith, President
Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists

Invocation

Reverend James E. Price
Bethlehem First Baptist Church

Remarks

Mary Jane McNamara
Smith County Historical Society/Commission

Personal Tribute

Charles Williams
Owner of Williams Barber College

Unveiling

Geraldine Gilbert, Cable Graves, Vernor Kennedy,
Maxine Mason, Jessie Mayes, George Walker, Harold White,
Paul White, Sam Woods and Rufus Whitaker
Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists Charter Members

Reading of the Marker

Linda Adams, Executive Secretary
Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists

Comments

Johnny Crawford and James E. Smith
Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists

Benediction

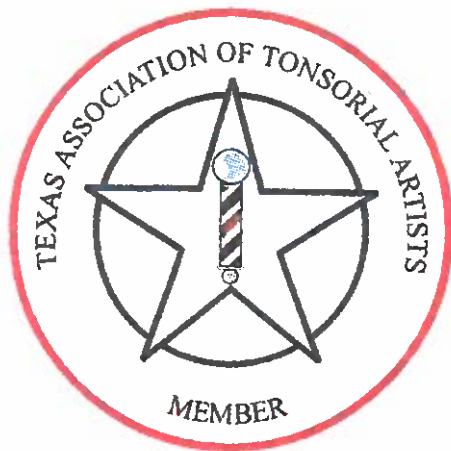


Half-Mile History in honor of

Mr. Henry M. Morgan

The City of Tyler will unveil a permanent Stone Plaque for H. Morgan in the Half-Mile History loop that surrounds the square in the heart of downtown Tyler. This plaque commemorates significant people, places, or events.

Henry M. Morgan was definitely one of those people who contributed to the City of Tyler socially, politically, educational, and economically.



Members & Friends,

The Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists/Henry M. Morgan Historical Landmark Committee invites you to attend any or all of these events that are listed on this brochure.

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

A response will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,
Henry M. Morgan Historical
Landmark Committee

T.A.O.T.A.

**Henry M. Morgan Historical
Landmark Committee**

4th Annual

Walkathon/Picnic



“The Legacy of a Legend”

July 19-20, 2009

Tyler, Texas 75712

Sunday, July 19, 2009

Registration

Check In.....3 p.m.

Worship Hour.....4-5 p.m.

Historical Tour.....6-7 p.m.

Hospitality Hour.....8-10 p.m.

Hotel Information:

Studio Suite - \$79.00

**Queen Bed, fireplace,
Complimentary Hot Breakfast
Buffet**

Residence Inn Marriott

3303 Troup Hwy

Tyler, Texas 75701

903-595-5188

Marriot.com/TYRTH

Monday, July 20, 2009

Prayer

Walkathon - 9 a.m.

Greater St. Mary Baptist Church

**Unveiling Portrait of Charter
Members - 10:00 a.m.**

**Stone Plaque unveiled Half-Mile
History Plaque City of Tyler - 11:00
a.m.**

**Glass Recreation Center
Programme**

Picnic - 12:00 p.m.

M.C. - Johnny Crawford

Prayer

Welcome

Recognition of Special Guest

Remarks

Honors

**Texas Historical Marker
Dedicated July, 2005**



**Henry Morgan Barbers'
Museum
Dedicated July, 2007**



**Half-Mile of History Stone Plaque
to be unveiled on July 20, 2009 at
the corner of Erwin and Spring
St., Downtown Tyler**





Historical Subject Marker
Application Form



SM07-09-003

Henry M. Morgan
City of Tyler

This form constitutes a public request to the City of Tyler to consider approval of an Official City of Tyler Historical Subject Marker. The City of Tyler Historical Preservation Board will review the request and make the final determination of eligibility and therefore may approve the Subject Marker designation. Filing of the application is for the purpose of providing basic information to be used in the evaluation process. This form is to be used for subject marker requests only. Please see separate forms for either City of Tyler Landmark or Half-Mile of History Programs.

Subject Marker Definition

Subject markers are educational in nature and reveal aspects of local history important to a community or region. These markers honor topics such as church congregations, schools, communities, businesses, events and individuals. Subject markers are placed at sites that have historical associations with the topics, but no legal restriction is placed on the use of the property or site, although the Historical Preservation Board must be notified if the marker is ever to be relocated. **The Historical Preservation Board will only consider topics which do not have an existing State or National Subject Marker.**

Application Requirements

Any individual or group may apply to the City of Tyler to request a City of Tyler Historical Subject Marker for what it deems a worthy topic. Only complete marker applications that contain all the required elements can be accepted or processed by the Historical Preservation Board.

The required elements are:

- Application Form
- Narrative History
- Supporting documentation, including photographs

Photographs are required. Do not send original photos. All submitted materials will become property of the City of Tyler and its Historical Preservation Board.

- Narrative histories must include separate sections on:
 - a. **Background** which represents a broader set of facts that explain why the event, site or structure should be considered historic and the enduring contributions to the area.
 - b. **Overview of the key facts** in chronological order with clearly documented historic connections to the area.

Historical Subject Marker

Criteria

1. **Age:** Most topics marked with subject markers must date back at least 50 years, although historic events may be marked after 30 years, and historic individuals may be marked, or may be mentioned in a historical marker text, after they have been deceased 10 years. The Historical Preservation Board may waive age requirements for topics of overwhelming local, state or national importance, although exceptions are rarely granted and the burden of proof for all claims and documentation is the responsibility of the narrative author.

Subject age or event date:

Henry Miller Morgan was born August 25, 1895
Opened first Barber College for African Americans in 1933

2. **Historical significance:** A topic is considered to have historical significance if it had influence, effect or impact on the course of history or cultural development; age alone does not determine significance. It is expected that most historical markers will deal with local history and a local level of significance; however state and national importance can be considered.

Provide summary of historical significance:

Deemed a "Friend of Man", Henry Miller Morgan not only left a legacy in the city of Tyler, but nationally as well. Mr. Morgan completed his education at East Texas Academy (later known as Butler College). In the 1920's Texas enacted laws requiring licenses for barbers, but African Americans were excluded for the requisite education. 1933, Mr. Morgan opened a five chair barber college on Erwin Street and later established dormitories for the college, housing both male and female students. The college quickly expanded throughout the mid to late 40's, as Mr. Morgan established branches in Little Rock, Houston and Jackson. At one point in time, the barber college was responsible for training a majority of the nation's African American barbers. Henry M. Morgan's many achievements include helping to establish the Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists, serving as Vice President of the Texas Association of Barber Schools, and also as a Trustee of Butler College.
(attach additional sheets if necessary)

Proposed Marker Topic (Official title will be determined by the Historical Preservation Board):

Henry M. Morgan

Street Address of Marker Site: _____

Will the marker be placed at the actual site of the topic being marked? Yes No

If the answer is no, provide the distance and directions to the actual location from the marker (i.e. 100 yards east).
N/A

Marker Placement:

Include a map that indicates where the subject marker is to be placed with a precise verbal description of marker placement (e.g. northwest corner of 3rd and Elm, or FM 1411, 2.6 miles east of McWhorter Creek): Near Barber College location on Erwin

Historical Subject Marker

TYPE AND SIZE OF SUBJECT MARKER

As part of its review process, the Historical Preservation Board will determine the appropriate size of the marker and provide options, if any, for the approved topic based on its own review criteria, including, but not exclusive of, historical significance, replication of information in other markers, and the amount of available documented information provided in the application narrative.

*For markers without posts, the applicant must receive special approval from the Historic Preservation Board. Such approval shall be based upon the following:

- Submittal of a detailed plan for where the marker will be mounted, including the surface to which it will be placed (masonry, metal, wood); and
- A statement of why a marker with a post is not feasible or preferred.

Nominator's Information

Name of person making nomination: Linda Adams (Prepared by City of Tyler - Historic

Preservation Officer)

Address: 319 E 25th

City: Tyler

State: TX **Zip:** 75702

Daytime telephone: (903) 597-1235 or 526-0710

Email: ladams319@yahoo.com

Please submit application to:

Mail to: _____ **OR** _____

Hand Deliver to:

City of Tyler
Planning and Zoning
Department
Attention: Subject Marker
P.O. Box 2039
Tyler, Texas 75710

City of Tyler
Planning and Zoning
Department
Attention: Subject Marker
Tyler Development Center
423 W. Ferguson
Tyler, Texas

Case Number: _____ **Date Received:** _____

Historic Preservation Board Date: _____ **Signed By:** _____

City Council Date: _____

OVERVIEW

HENRY M. MORGAN

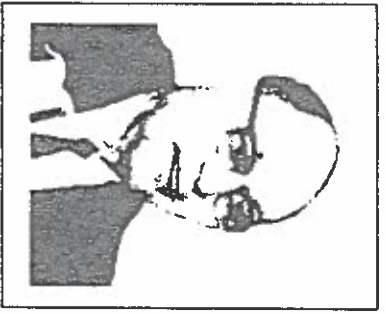
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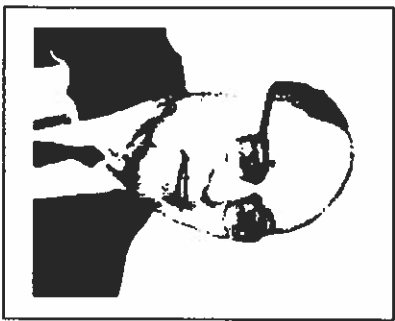
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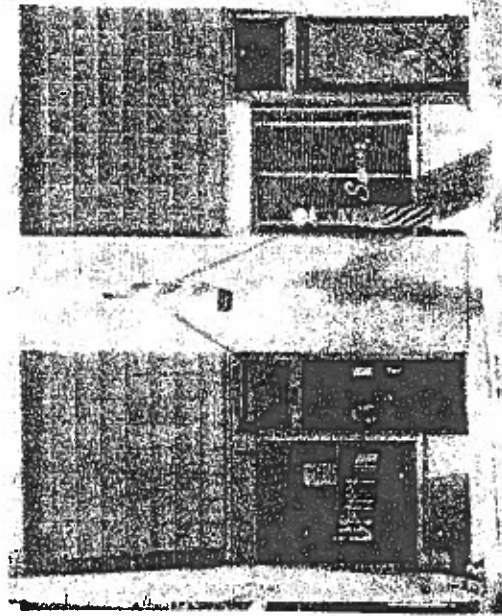
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The Parent Unit of the CHAIN OF TYLER BARBER COLLEGES, located in Tyler, Texas, a few years ago completed a very modern Administration Building, modernly equipped with the most luxurious and extravagant equipment found. It is claimed by men who know, to be the most modern Institution of its kind in America. Then, too, men who have traversed this country from Canada to Mexico and from the Pacific to the Atlantic, say that Tyler Barber College, Tyler, Texas, is the most modern of any Business Institution of its kind in the United States. No schools have been found anywhere to equal Tyler Barber College—let alone surpass it.

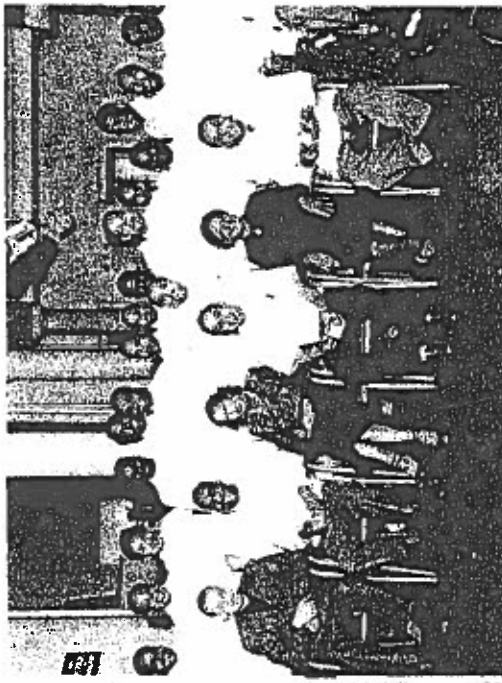
Today, Tyler Barber College has more than 15,000 college-trained graduates fortified with the Science of Dermatology and the latest techniques of practical barbering, practicing their profession in the forty-eight states of the Union. Every state in the union recognizes the Tyler Barber College Chain. It is regarded with high esteem as a school of the first class by the International Journeyman Barbers' Union and by the Master Barbers' Association of America. A diploma from the Institution is sufficient to get a permit to Barber in many states without even a Barber's examination. The Institution has more than three thousand applications on its files for trained barbers that we are unable to fill. Some of these Proprietors are offering up to seventy-five dollars per week—guaranteed. These applications come from many towns and cities in the United States, and a few have even come from Canada and Mexico.

At this time, the School is training 80 per cent of all Negro Barbers in America. The President of the Institution feels that with the help of a very alert personnel force who have a keen insight and fine business technique, the school is destined to become one of the largest Business Institutions in America—regardless of COLOR.

Administration Building—Houston, Texas



Recent Graduates—New York, N. Y.





At Home in Texas

**NOMINATION FORM
HALF MILE OF HISTORY**

Section A: Nomination Information

Name of Nominated person, place or event:
Myrtle Henry, Myrtle Henry Program

The nominee is being honored for outstanding contributions in the area(s) of (please check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropy
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Government/Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
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Nominated Individual's year of death: May 1961

HENRY M MORGAN (Proposed Presentation – July 20th) 11:00 am
1895 -1961

Mr. Morgan founded the first African American Barber College in the nation and is remembered as a civic and political activist, as well as a leader in his profession.



JULY 25, 2005
212 Erwin Street

Historical Landmark Legacy Alive

On August 25, 1895, Henry Miller Morgan was born in Tyler's St. Louis community to Henry and Alice Ingram Morgan. He attended school in the St. Louis community, completing his education at East Texas Academy, which later became Butler College. He is listed as a barber in Tyler's 1918 city directory. He and his wife, Mabel (McClellan), had two daughters and one son.

In the 1920s, Texas enacted laws requiring licenses for barbers, but African Americans were excluded from the requisite education. In 1929, Morgan began developing ideas for a barber college for African Americans. By 1933, he opened a college on Erwin Street with five chairs. He established male and female student dormitories, and in 1937 opened a branch in Houston. In 1945, he opened a location in Jackson, Mississippi, adding a branch in Little Rock, Arkansas the next year. In 1948, his Manhattan location opened, and a Dallas branch opened in 1949. The Tyler headquarters quickly grew to accommodate the expanding business, and at one time the school reportedly was training a majority of the nation's African American barbers. The school's curriculum included subjects ranging from Scalp and Skin Disease to Electricity, Chemistry and Anatomy.

Morgan went on to help found the Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists, a professional barbers organization, as well as the Tyler Chapter of the Democratic Progressive Voters League. He also served as Vice-President of the Texas Association of Barber Schools and a Trustee of Butler College. He was an active member at St. Louis Baptist Church. Morgan died in 1961 and is buried in Tyler's Evergreen Cemetery. Today, he is remembered as a Civic and Political Activist, as well as a leader in his profession.



**CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**



Agenda Number:

Date: May 27, 2009

Subject: Request that the City Council consider designating Henry Miller Morgan as a Half Mile of History recipient.

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Item Reference: Half Mile of History Preservation Program

The Half Mile of History is a cultural and historic landmark program paying tribute to people, places and events that have contributed to the City of Tyler and/or Smith County. The Half Mile of History is a permanent, outdoor walk-around loop that covers an approximate one-half mile stretch of sidewalk surrounding the square in the heart of downtown Tyler. People, places and events chosen for the Half Mile of History are honored with a commemorative plaque placed in the sidewalk.

One of the responsibilities of the Tyler Historical Preservation Board is to recommend people, places and events to be included in the Half Mile of History Preservation Program. On May 6, 2009, the Tyler Historical Preservation Board voted unanimously to recommend Henry Miller Morgan for inclusion in the Half Mile of History Preservation Program. A brief narrative taken from the application follows:

On August 25, 1895, Henry Miller Morgan was born in Tyler's St. Louis Community to Henry and Alice Ingram Miller. He attended school in the St. Louis Community, completing his education at East Texas Academy later known as Butler College.

In the 1920's, Texas enacted laws requiring licenses for barbers. Due to segregation, there were no schools that admitted African Americans, so they were excluded from the practice of barbering. In 1929, Morgan conceived the idea of a barber college for African Americans. By 1933, he opened the first college for African Americans and located it on Erwin Street. It opened with only five chairs. Within just 16 years, Mr. Morgan had branches of his barber college located in such cities as New York City; Jackson, Mississippi; Little Rock, Arkansas; and Dallas, Texas.

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In addition to his legacy to the barber industry, Mr. Morgan helped found the Tyler Chapter of the Democratic Progressive Voters League. He was also a Trustee of Butler College. In addition, he was an active member at St. Louis Baptist Church. He died in 1961 and is buried in Tyler's Evergreen Cemetery. Today, he is remembered as a civic and political activist, as well as a leader in his profession.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Tyler Historical Preservation Board, by a unanimous vote, request that the City Council approve the designation of Henry Miller Morgan as a Half Mile of History recipient.



Drafted/Recommended By: **Barbara Holly**
Department Leader

Edited/Submitted By:
City Manager

Henry Miller Morgan

A LEGEND GONE BUT FORGOTTEN

Sunrise: August 25, 1895 Sunset: May 9, 1961

A FRIEND OF MAN, Henry Miller Morgan was born in Smith County, Texas, and reared in the St. Louis Community residing at 412 N. Ross, "Morgan" as he was often called began a journey that would never be forgotten. He was the first Negro to open a barber school in the states of Texas "Tyler", and also on a national level.

Henry united with St. Louis Baptist Church at an early age, there he remained a faithful member until his death.

After completion of primary and grade school, he completed his educational background at East Texas Academy which was later called Butler College.

Mr. Morgan was founder and president of the Tyler Barber College chain, and probably the most widely known and influential Negro political figure in the United States.

Mr. Morgan lived a devoted and dedicated life in the service of his race.

In 1932, H.M. Morgan reconized an urgent need and concieved an idea. The idea was the organization and opening of a barber school.

Tyler Barber College, located at 212 E. Erwin Tyler, Tx. was the first barber school opened for teaching the science and practice of barbering to members of the

Negro Race exclusively.

Tyler Barber college was the largest barber college chain in the world.

Later a chain of schools were opened in:Houston, Texas;Dallas,Texas;Beaumont,Texas;Jackson, Mississippi;Little Rock,Arkansas;Nashville,Tenn.; Chicago,Illinois.

A school was also established in New York City, New York.

At his demise,he was a member of St.Louis Baptist Church,trustee of Butler College,president of both the National and Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists, president of the Tyler Democratic Progressive Voters League,vice president of the Texas Association of Barber Schools which including both colored and white members.

Historical Marker Committee

Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists

Linda Adams Chairperson

Nominee: Henry Miller Morgan

NARRATIVES

Impact and Contributions:

Mr. Henry M. Morgan was described as a very mild mannered man with a genuine love for mankind.

By opening a barber school for training and practice of barbers, citizens were able to contribute to the society on a social, spiritual, educational, political, and economical level.

The inscription on his grave reads a "Friend of Man." This not only left an impact in the city of Tyler, but at a National level for eight years.

Mr. Henry Miller Morgan was born August 25, 1895 in Tyler, Texas. He was a resident of the city until his demise in May 1961 in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Morgan's education began in the St. Louis Community, with completion at the East Texas Academy, which was later named Butler College.

Honors Received:

Historical Marker dedicated July 25, 2005

Henry Miller Morgan Barbers Museum dedicated July 2007

Proclamation, Dallas July 25, 2005

Proclamation, Tyler July 25, 2005

Organizations and Leadership Roles:

Founder, organizer and President of the "Tyler Barber College" chain.

President - Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists

Tyler Democratic Progressive Voters League

Vice President - Texas Association of Barber Schools

Member - St. Louis Baptist Church

NAACP

Historic Significance:

Opened the first barber school for African Americans in city of Tyler
Historical Marker

Henry M. Morgan Barbers' Museum

Housing addition called "Morgantown" (*Hubbarta Street*)

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First Barber School for Blacks Converted into Museum Honoring its Founder, His Legacy

Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2007
By Jackie Jones, BlackAmericaweb.com

Before the 1930s, there were no barber colleges exclusively for black students. In fact, there were few barber colleges period. Many barbers hung out their shingles without being required by law to have a license.

In 1933, Henry M. Morgan opened Tyler Barber College, the first known barber school for blacks in Tyler, Texas, eventually branching out to open schools in Houston, Dallas and several states, including Arkansas, Mississippi and New York.

"In 1929, the idea came to Mr. Morgan to open a barber school for blacks because the law in Texas required that you had to have a license to cut hair, and from 1929 until Mr. Morgan opened the first barber college, there was no way for what you then called Negroes to get a license," said Johnny Crawford, a barber since 1960, an attendee of Morgan's school and member of the historical landmark committee that worked to convert the old barber college into the H.M. Morgan Barber Museum.

The museum was dedicated on July 23 in Tyler, and the city of Tyler declared July 16, 2007 as Henry Miller Morgan Day.

Morgan was born in Tyler in 1895 and grew up in the St. Louis neighborhood of Tyler. He attended East Texas Academy, which later became Butler College. By 1918, Morgan was listed as a barber in the city directory. By the 1920s, however, Texas enacted laws requiring barbers to be licensed and excluded black Americans from qualifying for such licenses.

Morgan began formulating his plan to open a barber school to help black barbers become licensed, and on Nov. 22, 1934, the state of Texas Board of Barbering Examiners granted Morgan a certificate of approval for the school.

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This poster capturing graduates of the Tyler Barber College founded by Henry M. Morgan hangs on the wall of the newly-dedicated H.M. Morgan Barber Museum in Tyler, Texas

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"I enrolled in 1959 and finished my course in June 1960," Crawford told BlackAmericaWeb.com. "I heard about it on this radio station. Blacks would listen to that particular station because it had the kind of music we would listen to, and (Morgan) would advertise on it nightly, about 9 or 10 o'clock, and would stay on until midnight."

"I lived in Tampa, Florida, and I drove to Tyler to go to that particular school," Crawford said. At one point, Crawford said, there were 1,500 applicants on the waiting list to get into one of Morgan's schools.

Crawford, his wife and daughter all moved to Tyler while he attended barber school. After graduation, he worked in Tyler for three years before moving to Dallas with his family.

Crawford described Morgan as a low-key, determined and generous man who was actively involved in his community and assisted people wherever he could.

"He was involved in the political circles," Crawford said. In addition to the barber colleges, Morgan organized the Tyler Chapter of the Democratic Progressive Voters League and was vice president of the Texas Association of Barber Schools, a trustee of Butler College and an active

member of St. Louis Baptist Church.

Additionally, Crawford said, "He had real estate. In fact, in our application when we were trying to get landmark status for the building, we found out he owned seven buildings on one street they called Morgantown."

Crawford said a woman who still lives in one of the homes in Morgantown told him "when she didn't have money, (Morgan) allowed her to continue to live in it until she could get the money. She owns the home now."

In 1952, Morgan organized the Texas Association of Tonsorial Artists, a professional barbers organization.

"He knew that by barbers communicating together as an organization they could be politically strong," Crawford said.

Crawford said the primary reasons for the formation of the association, which are also listed on its [WFO](#) site, were:

- That we may raise the standards of barbering profession, thus making ourselves become better respected as professional men and women.
- To promote the educational skills among its members.
- That we may demand of ourselves the best of service and may share in the theories and experiences of our community.
- That we may raise both our professional and civic status by utilizing the economic and political power which unity will bring us.

Crawford, who is now chairman of the historical committee, joined the association in 1973 and by 1988 had become its state president. At the time, he said, there was no chapter in Tyler, and he suggested that the group not only start a chapter there, but also build some sort of memorial to Morgan.

By 2004, the group won approval to put a historical marker at the site of the old barber college at 212 E. Irwin St.

"The idea went from a landmark, and we got to meet the man who owned the building, and he cooperated to let us put a small museum in the building," Crawford said. "Someone planted that idea, and now we want to restore the building back to (an operating) school."

The museum will be officially open for its first tours on Labor Day weekend, Crawford said. Alumni and visitors are invited, and information on the history of the college will be dispensed.

He added that the museum is looking for photos, tools, mementos and letters from all barbers -- not just graduates of the Tyler Barber College -- that can be donated, loaned or copied to be included in the museum's exhibits about the history of black American barbers.

For more information, visit the [TAOTA](#) Web site, or contact Crawford directly at 508 Meadow Heath Lane, Dallas, TX 75232. He can also be reached at (214) 331-1094.

"All we want to is give honor to the man who had given out so much to so many people," said Crawford. "We owe it to barbering because that's all I've done for 47 years."

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St. Mark's Cemetery

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Heather Nick

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Pieter,

We need to order our second Subject Marker. Our ceremony is set for Monday, July 26th. I've attached the language as well as the photo.

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Could you email a proof to me prior to production?

I'll work with you on placement prior to the ceremony.

Thanks,
Heather

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“Picture”

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