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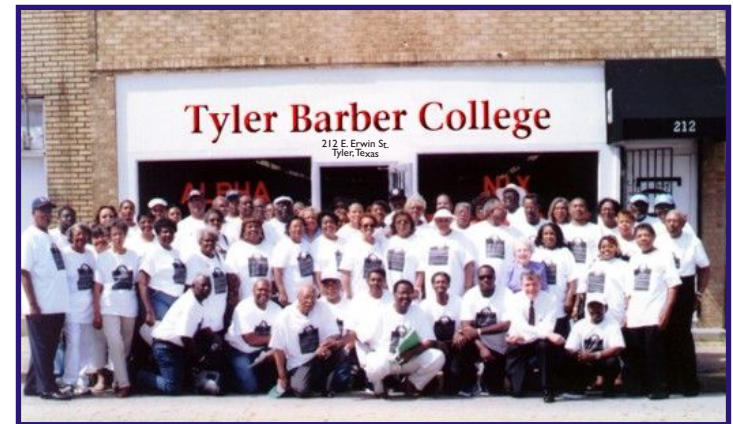
We thank God for this historical day in the life of the late Henry Miller Morgan. We admire his strength and courage in creating the Tyler Barber College to help better mankind. We also wish to thank the following people with their talents and efforts to make this dedication a reality: Johnny Crawford, 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!

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Texas State Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony



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



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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.

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 he 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 schools' 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.

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