

Approved
Heather Nick
7/7/10

6/22/2010

Fort Worth Monument Company
5811 Jacksboro Hwy
Fort Worth, TX 76114
Main Number: (817) 625-2721
Fax Number: (817) 624-8428

James,

Please remit proofs to 903-531-1170.
We are expecting to have our ceremony on July 29th.
Please let me know when these will be ready for shipment.

Note: NEW Shipping instructions.
Please call the day before delivery.
Deliver to Street Department, 3305 Frankston Highway, Tyler, Texas
Phone: (903) 531-1393 or (My direct line) 903-531-1174
Deliver between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

HORACE CHILTON

1853 – 1932

Mr. Chilton was the first native born Texan to serve in the United States Congress. Born near Tyler, he served as a U.S. Senator and Assistant Attorney General of Texas.

Thanks,
Heather
Senior Planner
903-531-1174

3/11/10

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James,

Please see the change to the date (highlighted).
Our original request listed the date as 1832. It should have been
1853.

Please remit proofs to 903-531-1170.

Note: We have new shipping instructions.
Deliver to Gallery Main Street, 110 W. Erwin, Tyler, Texas
Phone: (903) 593-6905 or (My direct line) 903-531-1174
Deliver between 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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James,

Please remit proofs to 903-531-1170.
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Please let me know when these will be ready for shipment.

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Heather Nick

From: Heather Nick
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2009 11:57 AM
To: Heather Nick
Subject: Half Mile of History Ceremony Proposed date

her address was BCC.

Congratulations! Your nomination was approved by City Council this morning.

The proposed ceremony date is Friday, December 3rd, 2009.

I will send the HMH Stone Language at a later date for your approval.

Thanks,
Heather

Heather Nick

Senior Planner
Historic Preservation Officer
Metropolitan Planning Organization

City of Tyler

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**NOMINATION FORM
HALF MILE OF HISTORY**

Section A: Nomination Information

Name of Nominated person, place or event: Horace Chilton

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
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science
<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention/Innovation	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports
<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Corporate Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil/Gas	<u>Politics</u>

Section B: Nominator's Information

Name of person making nomination: Ellen Musselman

Address: 700 S. Broadway

City: Tyler State: TX Zip: 75701

Daytime telephone: 903-597-4279 Email: ellen@southwestpaperking.com

Relationship to nominated individual:
John & I own the home which they built & use as office

Nominated Individual's year of death: 1932

Section C: Narrative

The narrative section of the application is the most important. It is the primary source of information judges use to make their selection of new inductees. Two (2) typed pages of 12-point type is the maximum acceptable length of the narrative. Any additional material will be referred to only for verification of accuracy of the nomination. No submitted materials will be returned.

The narrative section must contain an explanation of the nominee's enduring contribution that make this person/place/event worthy of the honor. Please describe the impact the nominee has had on the community, county, region, nation and/or world. For Individuals, please include any honors earned by the nominee as well as a list of organizations in which the nominee has been involved. Also, please indicate their educational background as well as the length of time the individual has lived in Smith County. Inclusion of photos is preferred but optional. Do not send original photos. All submitted materials will become property of the City of Tyler and its Historical Preservation Board.

Please submit nominations to:
City of Tyler Historical Preservation Board
Attention: Half Mile of History
P.O. Box 2039
Tyler, Texas 75710



THE CHILTON HOUSE
South Chilton and West Phillips Streets / Tyler

Outside appearance of this colonial house is little changed from the time in 1888 when it was built. U. S. Senator and Mrs. Horace Chilton purchased the lot in February, 1887. The house plans follow closely those of Mrs. Chilton's girlhood home in Virginia. The finest of Tyler architects were employed.

The colonial columns are of wood decorated with metal, and the doors employ beveled glass. Architecturally, the house has been described as "modified Georgian".

Today, the building houses Caldwell Playschool No. 2. Thus the interior has been changed from days of old. Gorgeous chandeliers once hung in every room. The stairway had a mahogany balustrade and the library boasted a hand-painted picture of the Alamo on its plastered walls. The picture was done by an Italian artist, but is now covered by several coats of paint.

The barns and servant houses have long been town down, as has the Senator's office, which once stood across the street.

Horace Chilton was born on a plantation near Tyler, December 29, 1853. He was married to Mary W. Grinnan at the Grinnan family home on North Broadway.

Chilton, for whom Tyler's Chilton Street is named, was the first native Texan to serve in the United States Senate. He was appointed in 1891 to fill the unexpired term of John H. Reagan.

In 1903, Horace Chilton sold the property to J. Lipstate, who transferred it to W. P. Douglas in 1909. The late Tyler banker, Gus Taylor, purchased the place from Douglas in 1910 and it became his home. D. K. Caldwell, who operates the Caldwell Playschool now located in the building, bought the property in 1955 from the Taylor heirs.

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CHILTON, HORACE (1853-1932). Horace Chilton, lawyer and statesman, son of Ella (Goodman) and George W. Chilton,^{qv} was born on December 29, 1853, near Tyler, Texas. His mother taught him at home until he began attending local schools, including Charnwood Institute,^{qv} at the age of ten. He later spent one semester at Lynnland Institution in Glendale, Kentucky. He learned the printing business and at the age of eighteen published a tri-weekly newspaper at Tyler, the *Tyler Sun*. Later he studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1872, and began his practice in Tyler. Chilton was assistant attorney general of Texas from 1881 to 1883, delegate to the Democratic national conventions of 1888 and 1896, and the first native Texan to sit in the United States Congress. Governor James Stephen Hogg^{qv} appointed him to succeed John H. Reagan^{qv} in 1891. Although he sought election to the position, Roger Q. Mills^{qv} defeated him to replace Reagan. In March 1895 Chilton was elected to follow Richard B. Coke^{qv} in the Senate and served until March 3, 1901. He returned to his law practice in Tyler, but moved to Beaumont later in 1901 to become Governor Hogg's office manager for his oil operations at Spindletop oilfield.^{qv} He returned to Tyler, and in 1906 he represented the city in his most famous case, a successful fight to keep the offices of the Cotton Belt (St. Louis Southwestern) Railroad in that town. Chilton married Mary W. Grinnan on February 20, 1877; they had five children. He moved to Dallas in 1906 and lived there until his death on January 12, 1932. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler. He was an Episcopalian.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: *Biographical Directory of the American Congress*. Robert W. Glover, ed., *Tyler and Smith County, Texas* (n.p.: Walsworth, 1976). C. W. Raines, *Year Book for Texas* (2 vols., Austin: Gammel-Statesman, 1902, 1903). Vertical Files, Barker Texas History Center, University of Texas at Austin. Albert Woldert, *A History of Tyler and Smith County* (San Antonio: Naylor, 1948).

Anne W. Hooker

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Horace Chilton

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Horace Chilton (December 29, 1853 - January 12, 1932) was a printer, lawyer, and Democratic United States Senator from Texas.

Chilton was born near Tyler, Texas, and by age 18 was publishing the tri-weekly Tyler *Sun* newspaper. At 19 he was admitted to the bar and served as assistant attorney general of Texas between 1881 and 1883 and as a delegate to the Democratic national conventions of 1888 and 1896.

Appointed to the Senate upon John H. Reagan's resignation in 1891, Chilton was the first native Texan to serve in the United States Congress. Although he was defeated in the 1892 election for the seat, Chilton was successfully elected to the Senate in 1894.

Chilton decided not to run for reelection in 1901, returning to practice law in Tyler and later Beaumont, Texas, where he worked with Spindletop oilfield operations. In 1906 he moved to Dallas, Texas, where he lived until his death.

- Horace Chilton (<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=C000357>) at the *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*

Preceded by John H. Reagan	United States Senator (Class 1) from Texas 1891–1892 Served alongside: Richard Coke	Succeeded by Roger Q. Mills
Preceded by Richard Coke	United States Senator (Class 2) from Texas 1895—1901 Served alongside: Roger Q. Mills, Charles A. Culberson	Succeeded by Joseph W. Bailey

References

- Horace Chilton (<http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/CC/fch30.html>) from the *Handbook of Texas Online*
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**CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**



Agenda Number:

Date: August 12, 2009

Subject: Request that the City Council consider designating Horace Chilton 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 June 3, 2009, the Tyler Historical Preservation Board voted unanimously to recommend Horace Chilton for inclusion in the Half Mile of History Preservation Program. A brief narrative taken from the application follows:

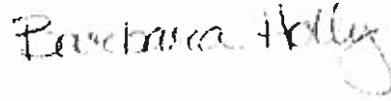
Horace Chilton was known as the first native born Texan to serve in the United States Congress. He served as a United States Senator from 1895 to 1901. He was born near Tyler in 1832 on a plantation near Tyler. He obtained his education from various public and private schools including the Charnwood Institute. At age 18, he published a tri-weekly newspaper, the Tyler Sun. He later went to law school and practiced in Tyler. He was appointed as Assistant Attorney General of Texas from 1881 to 1883. In 1888, he and his wife, Mary W. Grinnan, built the Modified Georgian style home with eight large columns surrounding the porch which closely followed the plans of Mrs. Chilton's childhood home in Virginia. He moved to Beaumont, Texas in 1901 to manage Governor Hogg's oil operations at the Spindletop oilfield. In 1906, he returned to Tyler and represented the city in his most famous case, a successful fight to keep the offices of the Cotton Belt Railroad in Tyler. Later that year he moved to Dallas and lived there until his death in 1932.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Holly".

Drafted/Recommended By: Barbara Holly
Department Leader

Edited/Submitted By:
City Manager

HORACE CHILTON (1853-1932)

CONTRIBUTIONS OR IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY, STATE, & NATION:

1. **Born on a plantation near Tyler** on December 29, 1832, to Ella (Goodman) and George W. Chilton.
2. Education was from various public and private schools including the **Charnwood Institute**.
3. Learned the printing business and at 18 published a **tri-weekly newspaper** in Tyler, the *Tyler Sun*.
4. Later went to **law school** and practiced in Tyler.
5. Appointed **Assistant Attorney General of Texas** from 1881 to 1883.
6. In 1888, he and wife, Mary W. Grinnan, built the **imposing modified Georgia home** with eight large columns surrounding the porch following closely the plans of Mrs. Chilton's childhood home in Virginia on Mary Street.
7. Mary Street's name was later changed to **Chilton Avenue** in the late 1920's.
8. Appointed to the U.S. Senate upon John H. Reagan's resignation in 1891. Chilton was the **first native born Texas to serve in the United States Congress**.
9. **United States Senator from 1895 to 1901**.
10. Moved to Beaumont in 1901 to **manage Governor Hogg's oil operations at the Spindletop oilfield**. This was the Texas Company that later became Texaco.
11. 1906 returned to Tyler and represented the city in his most famous case, a successful fight to **keep the offices of the Cotton Belt Railroad in town**.
12. Later in 1906 he moved to Dallas, practiced law and died in 1932. He is **buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, Texas**.



HORACE CHILTON (1853-1932) followed his father and grandfather into politics and the law. O. M. Roberts appointed him Assistant Attorney General of Texas and in 1891 James S. Hogg appointed him to the U.S. Senate, making him the first Texas-born senator from the state. (courtesy Mrs. Roger Kemp)

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CHILTON, Horace, (1853 - 1932)

Senate Years of Service: 1891-1892; 1895-1901

Party: Democrat; Democrat



CHILTON, Horace, (grandson of Thomas Chilton), a Senator from Texas; born near Tyler, Smith County, Tex., December 29, 1853; received private instruction; attended the local schools in Texas and Lynnland Institute, Glendale, Ky.; learned the printing business and published a tri-weekly newspaper in Tyler; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1872 and commenced practice in Tyler, Tex.; appointed assistant attorney general of Texas 1881-1883; appointed as a Democrat to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of

John H. Reagan and served from June 10, 1891, to March 22, 1892, when a successor was elected; unsuccessful candidate for election to this vacancy; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1894 and served from March 4, 1895, to March 3, 1901; withdrew as a candidate for reelection; resumed the practice of law in Tyler and Beaumont, Tex.; moved to Dallas, Tex., in 1906 and continued the practice of law; died in Dallas, Tex., June 12, 1932; interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, Tex.

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CITY OF TYLER
HALF MILE OF HISTORY
CHECKLIST

Please check level of significance where applicable:

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Local Contribution		
State/Regional Contribution		
National Contribution		
Participation in Organizations		
Leadership Roles within Organizations		
Honors Received		

Horace Chilton

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