

#TXGOPTRAILBLAZERS

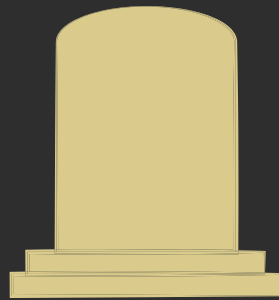
MATTHEW GAINES



"IN THE EYES OF GOD, BLACKS ARE AS GOOD AS WHITES; THEY SHOULD HAVE PRIDE AND HOLD THEIR HEADS UP EVEN IN TROUBLED TIMES."



BORN INTO SLAVERY
AUGUST 4, 1840, IN
PINEVILLE, LA



DIED JUNE 11, 1900,
IN GIDDINGS, TX

NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS

POLITICIAN | MINISTER | REFORMER

- ★ ELECTED SENATOR OF 16TH DISTRICT IN THE 12TH TX LEGISLATURE
- ★ SPONSORED BILL FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS GROUPS
- ★ FOUGHT VEHEMENTLY AGAINST SEPARATE SCHOOLS FOR WHITES AND BLACKS
- ★ TAMU CAMPUS STATUE DEDICATED TO HIM & BUS ROUTE 36 NAMED AFTER HIM
- ★ INSTRUMENTAL IN MAXIMIZING USE OF LAND-GRANT COLLEGE ACT (MORRILL ACT)
- ★ ADDRESSED PUBLIC EDUCATION, PRISON REFORM, PROTECTION OF BLACK VOTERS, & TENANT FARMING



NOTED FOR HIS EMPHASIS ON
"LAW & ORDER" VIA THE MILITIA
BILL



PROPONENT OF EDUCATION,
INSTRUMENTAL IN THE
FOUNDATION OF TEXAS A & M

#BLACKHISTORYMONTH



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS