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# NORRIS WRIGHT CUNEY



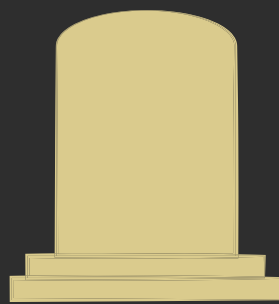
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF  
THE FIRST BLACK CHAIRMAN OF THE  
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS



BORN INTO SLAVERY  
MAY 12, 1846, IN  
HEMPSTEAD, TX



AT HIS DEATH ON  
MARCH 3, 1898, HE HAD  
A NET WORTH  
EQUIVALENT TO \$4.4M  
IN TODAY'S CURRENCY

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## NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS

BUSINESSMAN | POLITICIAN | STATESMAN | FREEMASON

- ★ — 1871: APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF THE GALVESTON UNION LEAGUE
- ★ — 1873: APPOINTED STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY
- ★ — 1872 TO 1892: DELEGATE TO EVERY NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION
- ★ — 1883: GALVESTON CITY COUNCIL ALDERMAN (12TH DISTRICT)
- ★ — 1886: TEXAS NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN & CHAIR OF THE RPT
- ★ — 1884 - 1896 DUBBED "THE CUNEY ERA" BY TEXAS HISTORIANS



NOTED FOR CREATING  
FREE-MARKET COMPETITION



PROONENT OF EDUCATION,  
SERVING AS A GALVESTON  
SCHOOL DIRECTOR & A  
SUPPORTER OF PRAIRIE VIEW  
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#BLACKHISTORYMONTH



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