



# Fifty Images From Fifty Years

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**CLOCKWIS FROM LEFT:** Colonel Sealect ridden by officer Griffin sidepasses up the steps at the Albany, New York, Capitol Building; Townshend Coramike and Amy Neifert; Prince Charlie.

**T**he *Morgan Horse* magazine celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1991. The first issue had been compiled by Owen Moon in newsletter format and was published on October 15, 1941. The staff of the magazine produced, in 1991, a photo essay to commemorate the milestone. The American Morgan Horse Institute was the sponsor.

Stephanie Lile, the Associate Editor of the magazine, wrote the introduction. Here is an excerpt:

“Looking back 50 years, to the time Owen Moon, then chairman of The Morgan Horse Club’s Board of Directors, published the first issue of *The Morgan Horse*, the immediacy of people’s words seemed to be quieter, less peppered with visual stimuli. The television had yet to become a household fixture and pocket cameras were a gadget collector’s luxury. As America teetered on the edge of World War II, the populous stood at

the threshold of new technologies, yearning for the visual and drinking in the media. The nation’s newspapers and magazines served as unifiers of the nation. *The Morgan Horse* did the same for the Morgan community. It was to tie a scattered group of breeders and owners together, bringing news, and to the group’s delight and surprise, pictures.”

Chauncey Stillman, as registrar from 1915 to 1919, encouraged photographic portraits of Morgans to establish true to life records, which were photographic documentations of the horses of the day. The attached photos were part of the photo essay. ■

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*Note: The Museum’s Archives include extensive photo files, which need to be updated. Please send us photos or digital files of your Morgan horses, past and present, for inclusion in the Archives.*