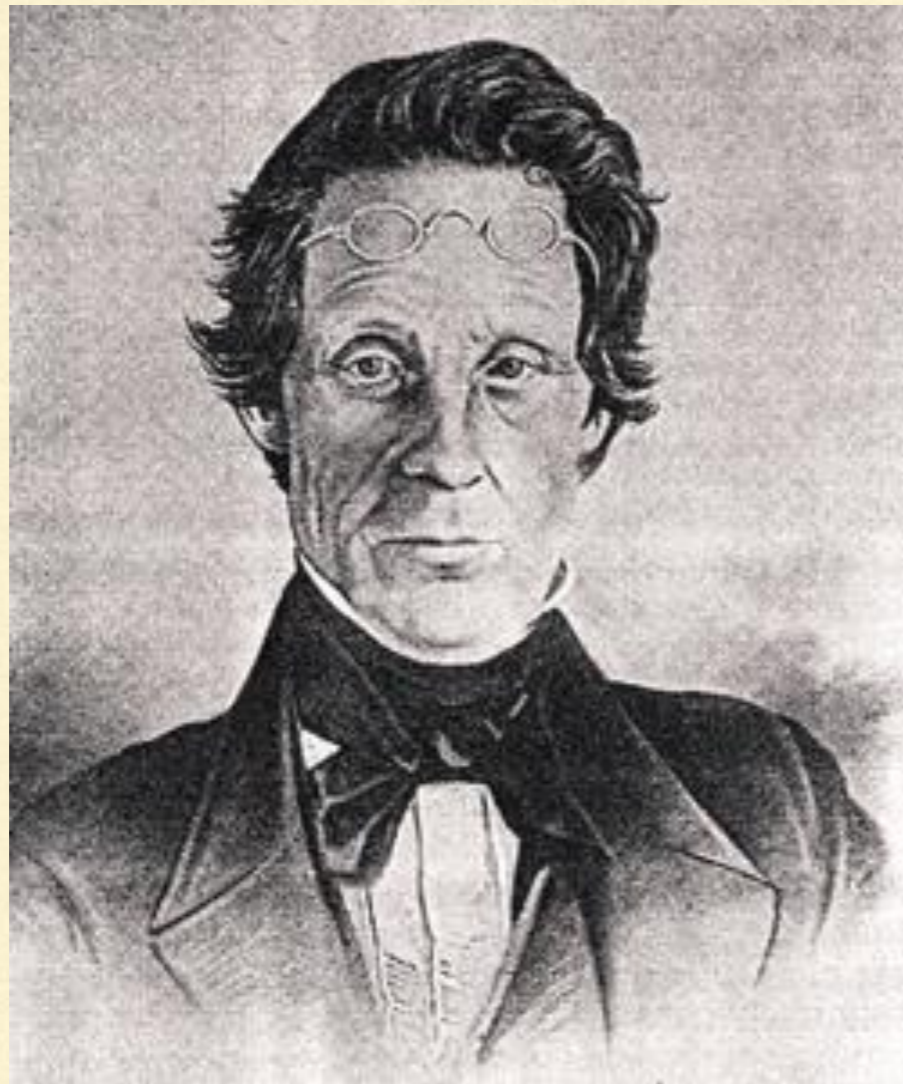




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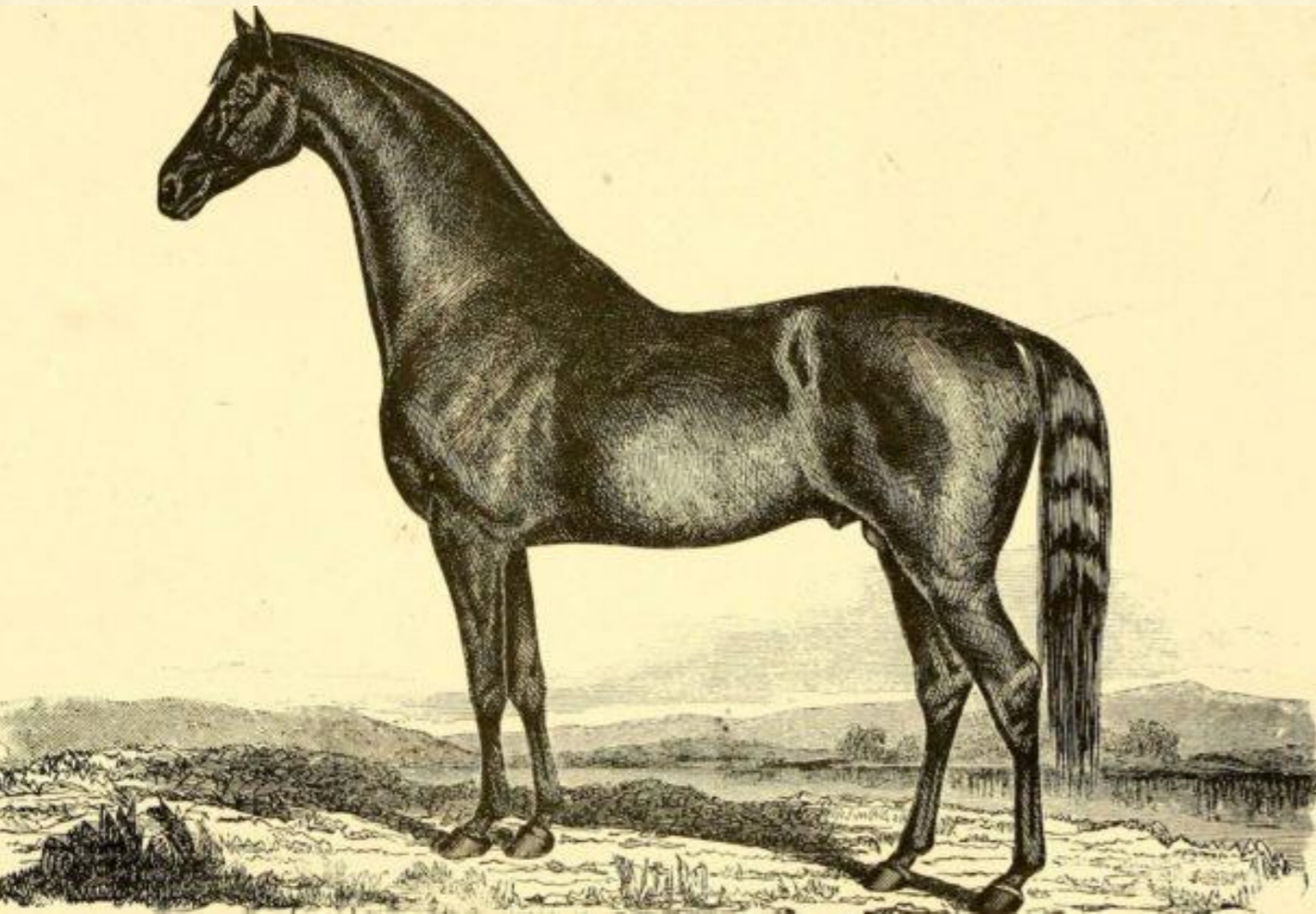
America's Oldest Breed

JUSTIN MORGAN



- The person
 - Born in 1747
 - Teacher, composer, businessman, and horseman
 - From Springfield, Mass.
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ORIGINS



- 1789
 - West Springfield, Massachusetts
 - Bay colt named Figure is born
 - Figure and a gelding were given to Justin Morgan in lieu of cash for an old debt
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FIGURE

- Believed to be about 15hh and 1,000lbs (Not very big, Average)
 - Light Bay
 - Became known as “Justin Morgan Horse”
 - Extremely versatile
 - Strong enough to pull tree stumps on the farm
 - Quiet enough to stand tied outside the church house on Sunday
 - Fast enough to win races through town
 - Lineage is heavily disputed, but it is believed that he was a mix of Arabian and Thoroughbred primarily
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WHY WAS HE SO GREAT?



- Heavy chest
 - Average size
 - Ability to outwalk, outtrot, outrun, and out pull other horses was legendary
 - Able to pass out his distinguishing characteristics for to his offspring through several generations
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PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS



- Height 14.1 – 15.2 hh
 - 800 – 1,200 lbs
 - All solid colors
 - Compact body
 - Muscular, but refined build
 - Expressive head
 - Well Arched Neck
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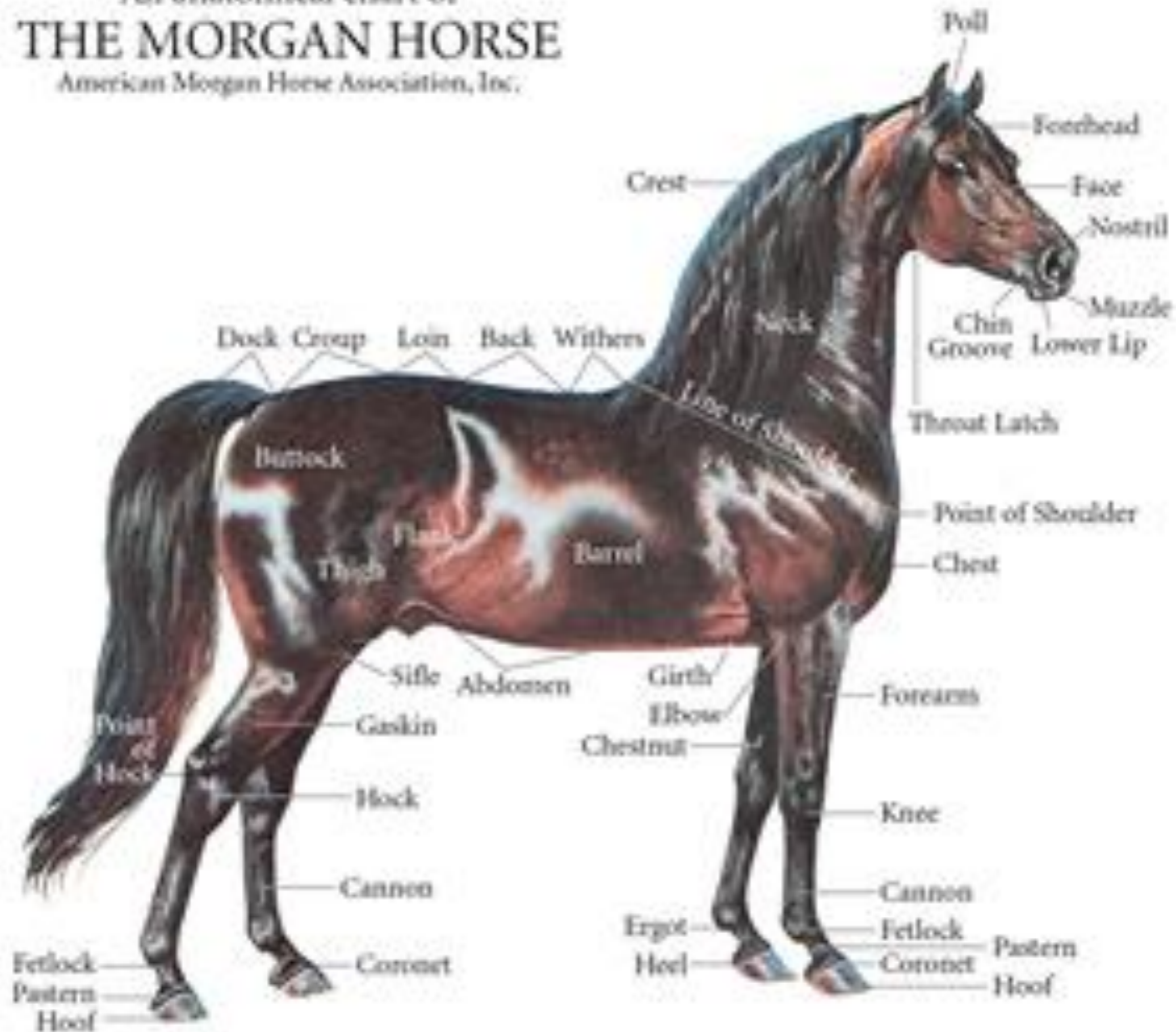
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS



- Broad forehead, Slightly dished head and Large nostrils
 - Deep throatlatch
 - Upright, thick neck
 - Short back
 - High tail carriage
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An anatomical chart of THE MORGAN HORSE

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BEHAVIOR CHARACTERISTICS



- Highly animated
 - Alert
 - Great adaptability
 - Good attitude
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ASSOCIATIONS



- American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA)
 - Started in 1909
 - Purpose is to register and promote Morgan horses
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