## **Defining the Morgan Gene Pool** Time Line **Bright Line Rule** After May 6, 1995, in spite of any provisions of the Rules and Regulations or these Rules for Hearings and Appeals to the contrary, no registration of any animal registered as set forth in the records of the Association in effect on December 31, 1991 shall be corrected or expunged for any reason without the consent of all persons interested /oluntary as a matter of record. <-- BRIGHT LINE DNA May-98 Bright Line Rule Adopted Rule II On Jan 1, 1921 The following registration requirements were made effecitive: 1995 Rule I. - The produce of a sire and dam both registered in the American Morgan Horse Register. Rule II.- To register any horse in the American Morgan Horse Register which is not the produce of a sire and dam both registered therein, application with full particulars Blood Type All Foal Bearing Mares DNA should be made to the Executive Committee of the Morgan Horse Club at 3 East 44th Street, New York, NY whose decision will be final. 100% Foals Tested to Sire & Dam Sire and Dam 1994 and Foal Jan 1 2002 Blood Type Producing Maiden Mares Maiden Mares Tested to Sires Figure's Linsley's Battell's Rule II Rule II 1986 Birth Rescinded Book Registry Adopted Blood Type All Producing Stallions 1789 1857 1894 1948 1921 Random 1% of Foals Tested To Sire & Dam 1981 <---Breeder Warranty---> <---Breeder Warranty---> <---Breeder Warranty---> Blood Type All Registration Applicants 100% Foals Tested to Sire 1992 1789 1860 1900 1921 1950 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2002 Forward

Linsley's "Morgan Horses: A Premium Essay" in 1857 was the first significant attempt in writing to identify the Morgan gene pool.

Col. Joseph Battell's registry volume of 1894 was the first formal definition of the Morgan gene pool.

Rule II, adopted in 1921, was the first rule exception to Battlell's registry criteria.

Rule II was rescinded in 1948. Since 1948, registration required produce to be from registered sires and dams.

Breeder Warranty was the primary identity criteria for almost 200 years.