Civil War & Emancipation - With biography of T. Morris Chester

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Tanner’s Alley, an important station on the Underground Railroad, now under the park south of Irvis Office Building (photo, c. 1911, courtesy of Pennsylvania State Archives)

THE CIVIL WAR & EMANCIPATION

“From barber shops and hotels, from Tanner’s Alley to South Streets, from ‘Bull Run’s’ classic ground, from suburban settlements and subterranean ‘dives’ and rookeries, their beauty and their chivalry had flocked.”

–Patriot Newspaper, June 10, 1863, commenting on the rallying of Black soldiers at a recruitment meeting led by T. Morris Chester

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