

The E.H. Childress Endowed Scholarship

Elmer Hardy Childress was born January 11, 1890 near Flynn in Leon County, Texas. He moved to Coleman County in 1892 and then to Swisher County in 1904. He attended both elementary school and high school, but his father took him out of these schools before he was able to graduate. He also attended Wayland Baptist College, finishing his grade school, high school, and junior college work there. He received his degree from Wayland in 1911—as Wayland’s FIRST graduate. He borrowed money from S.F. (Rack) Flores of Tulia to pay for his education at Wayland and also worked at any available odd jobs on campus during his years as a student.

On June 13, 1918, he married Addie E. Brown of Santa Anna, Coleman County, Texas. In 1925, he moved to Stamford, Texas, where he lived until his death on March 18, 1972. The Childress family was blessed with three children: Robert F., a farm manager and rural mail carrier in Delhi, Louisiana; William B., a doctor in Tulia, Texas; and E. Hardy Jr., a minister at Southwest Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas.

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