

January 7, 2010

Dear PW Historians,

I am Helen Glass, your new Tres Rios PW Historian. I have been appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of Starling Edwards. I met with Starling in November to learn about this job. I have some big shoes to fill! Starling did such a great job!

I have copied and included in this packet Starling's 2008 history for Tres Rios PW. It is so impressive to see how much our women accomplish in one year! As Marj Carpenter once said, "We're better together." I hope this will inspire you to write your histories and/or fill out your statistical reports for 2009. We want every PW group to be included in our PW history for Tres Rios.

**Your written history and/or statistical report for 2009 should be mailed by January 31, 2010.**

You have some options in compiling this history for your church. You may write a narrative history OR you may use the enclosed Annual Statistical Report Form OR you may do both. I personally think the best way is to do both because you can fill out the report form, then write the narrative portion about the highlights of your year, or even about one very special event.

**If you choose to write a narrative history:**

- ~It must be written on acid-free paper available at Wal Mart or office supplies.
- ~Typewritten histories should be single-spaced and on one side of the paper.
- ~Hand written histories should be done in black ink.
- ~At top left of every page write your church name, city & state, year, topic (PW).
- ~At the end of the document sign your name, title, and date in ink.
- ~Send your written history to:  
Linda K. Davis, Special Collections Librarian  
John Bulow Campbell Library  
Columbia Theological Seminary  
P.O. Box 520  
Decatur, GA 30031
- ~Send a copy of your written history to me (it can be electronic if you choose):  
Helen Glass  
801 Overton Road  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
432-398-5565  
[ranchgal2@aol.com](mailto:ranchgal2@aol.com)
- ~Keep one copy for your records.

**If you choose to fill out the Statistical Report Form just send it to me. You do not send the statistical reports to Decatur.**

In other words, I want everything—Columbia Seminary only wants written histories. If your handwriting is semi-legible I will be glad to decipher, type, and mail it to Columbia for you. I have been deciphering my husband's handwriting for 40+ years!!

I look forward to receiving your histories and/or reports which I will compile and send to the PW Synod Historian. I hope to hear from every church! If I can assist you in any way please feel free to get in touch with me.

Love,  
Helen Glass

P.S. Please keep me updated on the contact person for your PW—either the historian, or if there is not an historian, then your secretary. Thank you!!