

HOW TO BECOME A WHB-B SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The WHB-B Scholarship is administered by Women of Tres Rios Presbytery available to men and women of Tres Rios Presbytery.

1. Must have completed two or more years of college or university studies.
2. Has dedicated his or her life to full-time Christian service or exploring full-time Christian service as an inquirer.
3. Also may be enrolled in presbytery approved seminars or other institutions of higher learning.

About The WHB-B Committee

WHB-B Committee votes on candidates and announces recipients at the Spring Gathering. The WHB-B Committee shall keep Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry informed of all grants.

FUNDS FOR WHB-B SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by women of Tres Rios Presbytery:

- By budgeting in local churches.
- By individual donations.
- By memorial gifts.



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Introducing Willie Hall
Black



**A unique Presbyterian
Women mission of Tres
Rios Presbytery**

Remembering Willie Hall Black

Written by Clara Lynn Black (Wife of Vance Black)

Mrs. Willie Hall Black was born Willie Lucretia Hall in Turnersville, Texas May 25, 1887. The oldest of 10 children, she was the daughter of William Wallace Hall and Sarah Forte. Her ancestry goes back many generations to Scotland and Ireland and includes more than 150 ministers. The Hall family was also involved in the establishment of the Presbyterian Church in America.

She later lived in Winters, TX. Willie was reared in a strict loving home of staunch Presbyterian parents, who took their family to church every Sunday in a wagon, stopping at the last stream just before the church to wash the dust off themselves and the children. She memorized the Children's Catechism and the Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Confession at a young age, and much scripture. Even in her old age when her rational mind was gone, she still bore testimony to her Lord and Savior by quoting whole chapters of the bible. When her family would visit her, she might not know them, but would answer questions from the Shorter Catechism verbatim. She would sing hymns during the night and pray aloud. She was a blessing to all around her, even until her death of February 17, 1973. As one patient said of her, "I don't know who she is, but I know where she is going."

As a young woman Mrs. Black attended Daniel Baker College and the University of Texas and was certified to teach. She taught in little one-room schools near her home and then moved to Barstow in 1909. She taught there

until her marriage to Preston A. Black on December 26, 1912. In caring for her husband and family, she put the church as a focal point of her activities and her families' life. They moved to El Paso.

There they helped start Logan Heights Presbyterian Church. From there they moved to Nogal Canyon Ranch, one of those beautiful hidden, spring-fed valleys between Alamogordo and Ruidoso, NM. The Mescalero Indian Reservation was eleven miles away. While they were up there, a new Presbyterian church was started in Ruidoso about 25 miles away. The weather was so icy they decided to join their son Vance and Clara and attended church on the Indian Reservation. She did everything she could to help those Indian ladies. On Sundays after lunch Willie and Preston would hit the trail for mission services in the small Indian community of White Tail.

Because of Preston's ill health they moved to Las Cruces and lived the rest of their lives there. Besides her own family, one of her fondest endeavors was to encourage young men and women to enter into full-time Christian service. At the end of her year as president of Presbyterian, her husband gave money in her honor to be used as a scholarship. Thus began the WHB Scholarship.

Mrs. Black's grandson Ron Jones was recipient of this scholarship when he was studying to become a youth minister.

One other aspect of their lives was that they always attended the Bloys Camp Meetings. Always with their children, Sarah, Oscar, Vance, and Lila. The family tradition continues until this day.

Barstow Presbyterian Church



Barstow Presbyterian Church is the home church of Willie Hall Black. The cornerstone says simply "Erected AD 1900." There is a flattened oval stained glass window on the front porch.

WEST TEXAS CONGREGATION SHARES

PROCEEDS OF SALE

Since 2007 Willie Hall Black Scholarship is renamed Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship. When Presbytery approved the sale of the manse at Barstow, TX, the members of Tres Rios PW did not realize how much it would be affected. The Barstow Presbyterian congregation asked that half of the money from the sale be given to the Willie Hall Black Scholarship Fund. With thanks for their generosity, the PW of Tres Rios accepted their offer. In addition, the PW agreed to change the name of the scholarship to Willie Hall Black-Barstow Scholarship.