The Dr. J.H. Wayland Endowed Scholarship

Dr. J.H. Wayland, physician and founder of Wayland Baptist University, was born in Missouri on April 22, 1863. Upon graduation from the Kentucky School of Medicine, he moved to Texas in 1883, and on December 27 of that same year, married Sarah Frances Tucker. After practicing medicine in Parker and Hunt counties, he moved to Plainview in April of 1891. His practice covered a radius of 250 miles of unbroken territory, with no roads across the prairie. He founded Wayland Baptist University with a gift of twenty-five acres of land from his ranch and $10,000 in cash. Dr. Wayland ultimately gave a total of forty-two acres of land and $100,000 to help realize his dream. He died in Plainview of February 6, 1948. Dr. Wayland believed strongly in integrating faith with academic excellence. His bold, visionary commitment to establish a Christian education institution for the people of the South Plains is the reason Wayland exists today. Wayland Baptist University is the oldest institution of higher learning on the high plains of West Texas. This scholarship was funded in loving memory of J.H. Wayland by his granddaughter, Beulah W. McInnish.