The Robert C. and Bessie M. Malone Endowed Scholarship

In a dugout in the Texas Panhandle in 1893, a boy was born. Five years later, a girl was born in Central Texas but soon moved to the Panhandle. These two, Clint Malone and Bessie May, attended a one–teacher school in Milo.

About 1912, Clint first attended Wayland Baptist College, taking courses in the Academy. Bessie longed to join him there, but was denied that privilege. Because of his father’s illness, Clint went home to manage the farm.

In November 1914, Bessie and Clint were married; she became the anchor as they labored with his parents under their care. After four children were born, Clint moved his family to Plainview, where he again attended Wayland, preparing for the ministry. He graduated in 1931.

The greatest sorrow came to the Malone’s in 1943 when R.C. Jr. was killed over Sicily as he served his country during the war.

Brother Malone pastored churches within a convenient range of Plainview. Again, Bessie was the anchor as she cared for their eight children, did what she could to earn a little money, still burning with the desire to attend her chosen school. Perhaps it is out of her desire that all eight children were able to earn college degrees.

According to one granddaughter, “strength of mind, body, and character epitomized our grandparents.”