

James Douglas "J.D." Hazlewood was born October 26, 1908, on Oak Creek in Coke County (now Tom Green County), Texas. He was the fourth of five sons of farmer and rancher William Temple Hazlewood and his wife Lula Douglas Hazlewood. J.D. grew up on the family ranch on Oak Creek until 1914 when the family moved to Silverton, Texas. His mother had a teaching certificate from the college at Buffalo Gap and taught elocution and piano. She believed in and fought for a good education for all of her sons. About 1920, as the sons approached college age, the family again moved to Canyon, Texas. They bought a ranch northwest of town on the Palo Duro Creek and later built a house in town.

J.D. attended Canyon High School and worked on the family ranch. To earn money for college, he had various jobs which included hauling ice for the citizens of Canyon, shoveling sand and gravel for Wallace and Braden Construction Company, and working on a highway project between Happy and Canyon.

After completing four years of college at West Texas State College (now West Texas A & M University) in Canyon, J.D. taught civics and government for one year in the Canyon public schools. Then he returned to college, attending the University of Texas Law School while working at the United States Employment Service office.

J.D. graduated from law school in 1935 and was admitted to the Texas State Bar on April 4th of that same year. The following year he returned to the Texas Panhandle and continued his position with the U.S. Employment Service in Amarillo. Then, later in 1936, he returned home to Canyon and began the private practice of law. On January 1, 1937, J.D. took the oath of office for Randall County Attorney. And on February 7, 1937, he married Mary Frances Gowen in Austin.

In 1942, during World War II, J.D. received a commission in the Navy and was assigned to Operations, Main Division, US Naval Intelligence, stationed mostly in Washington, D.C.

After the war, J.D. became a staff attorney for the Veterans Administration in Dallas. He and Mary lived in Dallas, then later moved to Waco where he had been transferred with the VA. He retired as assistant district counsel on December 31, 1974. After retirement from the VA, he engaged in private law practice in Waco. Mary Hazlewood preceded J.D. in death on November 16, 1990, and J.D. passed away on July 22, 1997.

The J.D. and Mary Hazlewood Memorial Fellowship was established in 1998 for graduate students at Texas Tech University. J.D. gave the money to Texas Tech University in honor of his brother, Emmett.

Dr. Emmett Hazlewood received his master's and doctorate from Cornell University and taught at New Mexico State University and Mansfield State College in Pennsylvania prior to joining the Texas Tech Mathematics Department in 1939. In 1942, Emmett joined the U.S. Air Force and taught cadets at West Point for four years. Upon which time, he returned to Texas Tech in 1946 and served as the Mathematics Department Chair from 1948 until he retired from that position in 1966. Following retirement, he continued to teach as a full professor until 1974. Emmett also had a dedication to education and established a scholarship for students in the mathematics department.

J.D. followed in the footsteps of a Hazlewood family tradition of recognizing the value of and in actively supporting continued education. This endowment stands as a testament to his belief in the power of education in the lives of all people in bettering the future.

Ms. Elaine Hazlewood, J.D. and Emmett's niece, is our contact for this scholarship and she receives yearly thank you notes from the student recipients of the James D. and Mary Hazlewood Memorial Fellowship.